



## DÁIL ÉIREANN

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a schedule of the amounts paid to independent experts by a commission (details supplied) from since it was formed to date, including the amount by year and expert name. — Catherine Murphy. [26617/23]

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

\*2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if passports will issue for children (details supplied) in County Donegal on time for their travel date of 8 June 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26476/23]

\*3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number and name of public authorities which requested passport application form and passport document data under the provisions of section 41 of the Data Protection Act 2018 for the period 1 January 2020 to date in 2023, inclusive; the number of requests received and declined in respect of each public authority; the data set information sought from each in each instance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [26592/23]

\*4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the breakdown of the information requested by public authorities, departments and An Garda Síochána from the Passport Office data set in the past three years to date in 2023; the number of requests for access to data in the past three years to date in 2023; the number of times his Department has refused access; the schedule of bodies and number of requests made over the timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [26593/23]

\*5. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the status of the passport application for a child (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. [26598/23]

\*6. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a first-time passport application will issue for a child (details supplied) who is travelling in early June; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26643/23]

\*7. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue on time for a child (details supplied) travelling to a family wedding abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26689/23]

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

\*8. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the staffing levels of the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities, 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. [26408/23]

\*9. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total amount of solar PV capacity that there was by the end of 2022; and the amount of new solar PV capacity that is expected to be installed by the end of 2023 and 2024 respectively, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [26413/23]

\*10. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total amount of solar PV capacity that is expected to be installed by the end of 2023, 2024 and 2025 respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26414/23]

\*11. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total amount of onshore wind capacity that there was by the end of 2022; and the amount of new onshore wind capacity that is expected to be installed by the end of 2023 and 2024 respectively, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [26415/23]

\*12. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total amount of onshore wind capacity that is expected to be installed by the end of 2023, 2024 and 2025 respectively, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [26416/23]

\*13. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a breakdown of capital and current funding allocated to the solar PV scheme in each of the years 2021 to 2022 and to date in 2023 respectively, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [26417/23]

\*14. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a breakdown of capital and current funding expended under the solar pv scheme in each of the years 2021 to 2022 and to date in 2023 respectively, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [26418/23]

\*15. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average value of grants awarded under the solar pv scheme in each of the years 2021 to 2022 and to date in 2023 respectively, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [26419/23]

\*16. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of solar PV capacity that has been supported by grants provided under the solar PV scheme in each of the years 2021 to 2022 and to date in 2023, respectively, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [26420/23]

\*17. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 111 of 4 May 2023, the specific provisions under European Union law which require the separation of ESB's generation and retail supply arms specifically, irrespective of ESB's role as the Distribution System Operator (DSO). — Darren O'Rourke. [26426/23]

\*18. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason (details supplied) in Cork Harbour has been sanctioned despite two of the rivers flowing into the harbour are not meeting their conservation limits; if he would review this decision, given the risk to fish being caught in the nets and the precautionary principle; his views on whether the sanctioning of draft nets in Cork Harbour is in breach of Inland Fisheries Ireland protocols and commitments to conservation under the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [26450/23]

\*19. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason a draft net fishery has been sanctioned in Castlemaine Harbour given one of the rivers flowing into the common embayment area, the Behy river, is closed to angling for several years and the harbour is a mix stock fishery; if he will endorse scientific monitoring samples from intercepted fish in the Behy river; his views on whether the sanctioning of draft nets in Castlemaine Harbour is in breach of Inland Fisheries Ireland protocols and commitments to conservation under the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [26451/23]

\*20. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of complaints received by the National Waste Collection Permit Office in 2020, 2021, 2022 and in Q1 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26464/23]

\*21. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the staffing levels at the price-monitoring group; the estimated cost per year to fill each position, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26465/23]

\*22. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of home energy upgrades/retrofits supported by the Government in conjunction with SEAI in County Wicklow in the first quarter of 2023; if a breakdown, in tabular form of the work carried out will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [26494/23]

\*23. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will take steps to ensure the progress of a project (details supplied) that will deliver significant economic, social and environmental benefits to Wicklow, and which is currently delayed due to a situation which has arisen under his Department and agencies under its remit, whereby a “demand-side strategy for large energy users”, as required under the Climate Action Plan 2023, has not been completed, leading to a situation whereby this project cannot progress under the current policy framework which is the responsibility of his Department, and which has the potential to put this project in jeopardy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [26510/23]

\*24. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the funding provided to the Irish Environmental Network in 2022; if he plans to commit to funds in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26618/23]

\*25. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress to date on the Government commitment to expand the role of the NWCPO to become a market collection oversight body to include data analysis on the operation of the market, oversight of charging structures and penalties, oversight of service provision, management of consumer rights and a complaint escalation mechanism and data protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26634/23]

\*26. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress to date on the Government commitment to expand the role of the Price Monitoring Group, as noted in A Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26635/23]

\*27. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how the data being collected by the Price Monitoring Group are informing the data analysis role of the NWCPO, as noted in A Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26636/23]

\*28. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress to date on the review of existing incentivised charging systems as noted in A Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26637/23]

\*29. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress to date in the standardisation of incentivised pricing structures for recycling and waste prevent, as noted in A Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26638/23]

\*30. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress to date on the Government commitment to require waste collectors to ensure staff are fully trained to provide accurate pricing information to the public, as noted in A Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26639/23]

\*31. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress to date on the Government commitment to strengthen the customer service charter with penalties, including fines, as noted in A Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26640/23]

\*32. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress to date on the Government commitment to facilitate households and businesses to easily access their waste data and pricing plan, as noted in A Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26641/23]

\*33. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress to date on the Government commitment to require waste collection firms to ensure they provide accurate and timely pricing information to the public, as noted in A Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26642/23]

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

\*34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the procedure in place where a member of the Defence Forces submits a resignation; the grounds on which such a resignation can be refused.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26632/23]

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

\*35. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a breakdown of penalty points issued to motorists caught driving without insurance in each of the years 2018 to date in 2023. — Alan Farrell. [26554/23]

\*36. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will receive a date for a driving test; if consideration will be given to circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [26436/23]

\*37. To ask the Minister for Transport who the four representatives from the taxi industry on the NTA advisory committee on SPSV are; and if any of the four represent the sizeable amount of leasing drivers. — Robert Troy. [26473/23]

\*38. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of a consequence of delays in NCT testing whereby people who have had to wait a number of months to access an NCT test are then due for their annual NCT again a short number of months later; if it is correct that this results in two tests within the same 12-month period; and if there are plans to address this issue given the delays currently faced within the booking system. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26482/23]

\*39. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for when a contactless payment system will be in place on public transport in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [26531/23]

\*40. To ask the Minister for Transport further to correspondence from a person (details supplied), the steps he is taking to address the ongoing issue of the dangerous use of scrambler bikes in communities; the current level of progress on this issue in respect of the passage of the Road Traffic and Roads Bill 2021 through the Oireachtas; when he expects this legislation to be signed enacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [26562/23]

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

\*41. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide details on how tax credits can be claimed for a married couple, unmarried couple and an individual; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26753/23]

\*42. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider ringfencing a section of the Budget surplus to invest in critical wastewater and water infrastructure (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [26431/23]

\*43. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of primary medical certificate appeals that are currently registered; when it is anticipated the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeals will recommence appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26434/23]

\*44. To ask the Minister for Finance the tonnage and value of gold held in reserve by the Central Bank as of month end in May 2023; if he will identify the sources and/or origin of the gold held in current reserve; the date on which the Central Bank disposed of gold and value and weight disposed of; and the state and/or body that received it. — Catherine Murphy. [26442/23]

\*45. To ask the Minister for Finance the date on which NAMA will be dissolved; and if he and/or his officials have prepared the heads of a NAMA-dissolution Bill. — Catherine Murphy. [26616/23]

\*46. To ask the Minister for Finance if serious consideration will be given to the pre-Budget submission of having 0% VAT applied to sunscreen (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [26685/23]

*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.*

\*47. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if individual property owners can extend their boundaries by 100 sq metres, as per exempted regulations, given that there have been no major costal protection and reclamation works in east Meath since the area was hit by floods in 2013; if they can individually or collectively apply to the EU for funding to carry out protection work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [26532/23]

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

\*48. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a breakdown for the current and capital budget allocations for the Skills for Better Business Initiative of the Revised Estimates for 2023; the number of staff required to support the delivery of the initiative; the current pay scale of the staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [26443/23]

\*49. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a breakdown for the current and capital budget allocations for the Digital Start Initiative of the Revised Estimates for 2023; the number of staff required to support the delivery of the initiative; the pay scale of the staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [26444/23]

\*50. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a breakdown for the current and capital budget allocations for the Enterprise Ireland Innovation Voucher Scheme of the Revised Estimates for 2023; the number of staff required to support the operation of the scheme; the pay scale of the staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [26445/23]

\*51. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a breakdown for the current and capital budget allocations for the Enterprise Ireland National Graduate Programme 2023-2025 of the Revised Estimates for 2023; the number of staff required to support the operation of the programme; the pay scale of the staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [26446/23]

\*52. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a breakdown for the current and capital budget allocations for the Climate Toolkit4Business of the Revised Estimates for 2023; the number of staff required to support the operation of the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [26447/23]



\*53. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the list of current schemes and programmes to support workers with disabilities at the workplace; the steps his Department is taking to support workers with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [26448/23]

\*54. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the interactions he and his Department have had with the employees who have recently lost their jobs in a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [26456/23]

\*55. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the interactions he and his Department have had with the employees who have recently lost their jobs in a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [26457/23]

\*56. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the interactions he and his Department have had with a company (details supplied) following the recent redundancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [26458/23]

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\*58. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he intends to accredit independent assurance services providers to carry out the assurance of sustainability reporting, alongside statutory auditors and audit firms, as part of the transposition of the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive into Irish law; if he intends to advocate for other states to accredit independent assurance services providers to ensure harmonised implementation of the Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [26647/23]

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

\*59. To ask the Minister for Education when the funding scheme for schools to install rooftop solar and other forms of solar PV panels will be open; and what will be required for the schools to access the scheme. — Holly Cairns. [26524/23]

\*60. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the contractual situation for non-ETB tutors, teaching in private colleges, sports therapy and beauty training academies, and so on; if she has examined the possibility of a contract which would offer more security to tutors in such a situation, which may include supports during seasonal holidays, vacation pay cover and pension entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [26438/23]

\*61. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update in relation to the intended works for the previously approved additional school accommodation application of a school (details supplied); if her Department will update the school as to the timeline for these works in the context of the addition of an ASD unit to the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [26439/23]

\*62. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware that a child (details supplied) cannot attend school due to a lack of nursing care; and the measures she is taking to resolve this. — Thomas Gould. [26441/23]

\*63. To ask the Minister for Education if universities will be able to avail of Government plans to provide solar photovoltaic panels as part of the summer works scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [26480/23]

\*64. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that her Department and the State Examinations Commission do not allow for extra examination time to be offered to students with dyslexia through the reasonable accommodations at State examinations (RACE) scheme; if she is aware of the recent campaign by an organisation (details supplied) that is supporting the need for RACE to be offered to students with dyslexia; if she agrees that continuing to deny these students RACE puts them at a disadvantage when sitting State examinations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [26487/23]

\*65. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to concerns regarding special-needs-assistant pay for home-based summer provision; if the basis for the discrepancy in pay between SNAs and teachers for doing broadly similar work could be outlined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [26498/23]

\*66. To ask the Minister for Education the number of secondary school pupils enrolled in the 2022-2023 academic year. — Thomas Gould. [26505/23]

\*67. To ask the Minister for Education the number of secondary school pupils enrolled in DEIS schools in the 2022-2023 academic year. — Thomas Gould. [26506/23]

\*68. To ask the Minister for Education her views on reviewing the requirements for compulsory subjects as part of the Leaving Certificate examination; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26523/23]

\*69. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will consider a review of the DEIS scheme to ensure all schools who need additional resources are provided the assistance they need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26542/23]

\*70. To ask the Minister for Education the turnaround time for the exceptional review process once an application is made by a school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26543/23]

\*71. To ask the Minister for Education if data is collected from schools on how many children they have enrolled with special educational needs in a mainstream setting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26544/23]

\*72. To ask the Minister for Education if she will advise on the procedure for a rural school to apply for the DEIS rural scheme. — Peter Burke. [26557/23]

\*73. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the finalised SPHE curriculum was changed from the published draft in order to remove the terms 'LGBT', 'transgender', 'cisgender', 'homophobia' and 'racism' from the appendix 2, glossary of key terms (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [26558/23]

\*74. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 303 of 9 May 2023, the estimated extra cost to her Department of putting in place a 50+ seater bus service to transport second-level students on a route (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [26599/23]

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

\*75. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the staffing levels of the National Waste Collection Permit Office, 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. [26454/23]

\*76. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current vacancies at the National Waste Collection Permit Office, by job title; the estimated full-year cost of filling each position, in tabular form; the average time it takes to fill each position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26455/23]

\*77. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the staffing levels in An Bord Pleanála, 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. [26410/23]

\*78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the staffing levels in the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, 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. [26411/23]

\*79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the staffing levels in the local authority biodiversity officer programme, 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. [26412/23]

\*80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost to retrofit a home to a building energy rating of B2 or higher under the energy-efficiency retrofit programme in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [26425/23]

\*81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm that residential developers still have to pay Irish Water upfront and that the recent announcements by the Government will not give any immediate relief to developers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [26475/23]

\*82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider an expansion of the Tyrrelstown Amendment of the Residential Tenancies Act 2016 to allow local authorities step in and purchase multiple-occupied units when they are put up for sale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [26495/23]

\*83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding allocated by his Department to each local authority in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [26496/23]

\*84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the staffing levels in the local authority biodiversity officer programme, 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. [26499/23]

\*85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the expected waiver of the planning development fee (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [26530/23]

\*86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the legislation for a directly-elected mayor for Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [26564/23]

\*87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans to install public wastewater treatment plants in the villages of Corofin and Abbeyknockmoy in County Galway to enable the delivery of new housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [26600/23]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide clarity on the exemptions from the residential zoned land tax for landowners actively farming their lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26601/23]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of taxpayers' money that has been spent on coming up with a new name for An Bord Pleanála; the rationale behind it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [26648/23]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ban the sale of rhododendron ponticum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26733/23]

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

\*91. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will further expand the hot school meals programme to secondary schools. — Holly Cairns. [26522/23]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the projected cost of extending the fuel allowance to all recipients of the working family payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [26703/23]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a social welfare payment can issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26508/23]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an appeal for disability allowance in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26509/23]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reduce waiting times for parents seeking additional needs payments where children are at risk of going without essentials. — Holly Cairns. [26527/23]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will increase the qualified child payment in line with inflation. — Holly Cairns. [26528/23]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of her engagement with the Minister for Health on designating long-Covid as an occupational illness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26646/23]

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

\*98. To ask the Minister for Justice when an application by an organisation (details supplied) will be processed and a decision made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [26435/23]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision will be made on a residency application by a person (details supplied), bearing in mind the considerable distress it is causing to the applicant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [26463/23]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Justice the costs incurred in respect of the use of a company (details supplied) in the context of its review and report regarding the international investor programme; and if the company continues to provide support in respect of the winding-down of the IIP. — Catherine Murphy. [26474/23]

\*101. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision will be made on a visa application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [26481/23]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the citizenship application of a person (details supplied) who applied in July 2021, and is therefore beyond the average processing time. — Paul McAuliffe. [26483/23]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 5 of 25 May 2023, if he will clarify the apparent contradiction in the numbers provided, given that in his reply he states the number of people in 2023, to the end of April, who arrived at Dublin Airport and were refused leave to land on the basis of no documentation is 1,010, and those refused for being in possession of false documentation is 281, while an FOI request released to an organisation (details supplied) states that between January and April this year, 1,465 asylum seekers arrived into Dublin Airport with no travel documents, while 354 arrived with false documents in the same period. — Carol Nolan. [26504/23]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of his commitments to restorative justice (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [26515/23]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26534/23]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a breakdown on the number of Garda traffic corps vehicles installed with automatic number plate recognition systems in each of the years 2019 to date in 2023. — Alan Farrell. [26549/23]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question 37 of 20 October 2022, if he will provide an update on plans to equip all Garda vehicles with automatic number plate recognition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26550/23]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a breakdown of the number of handheld devices with automatic number plate recognition technology that are in operation by An Garda Síochána. — Alan Farrell. [26551/23]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the roll-out of automatic number plate recognition technology across An Garda Síochána to assist in detecting uninsured drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26552/23]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a breakdown on the number of offences recorded by an Garda Síochána for driving without insurance in each of the years 2018 to date in 2023. — Alan Farrell. [26553/23]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a breakdown of fines issued to motorists caught driving without insurance in each of the years 2018 to date in 2023.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26554/23]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of drivers disqualified for driving without insurance in each of the years 2018 to date in 2023. — Alan Farrell. [26555/23]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Justice if he was consulted or engaged by Garda management in respect of members of uniformed gardaí in 2021, 2022 and 2023 being deployed in France and in any other European Union member state. — Catherine Murphy. [26565/23]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will clarify the procedures and protocols that are in place for the deployment and operational use of members of An Garda Síochána outside of this jurisdiction. — Catherine Murphy. [26566/23]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí and the number of instances in which gardaí were deployed outside of the State in the past five years to date in 2023, in an official and unofficial capacity. — Catherine Murphy. [26567/23]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of police officers and the number instances in which police officers were deployed from outside this jurisdiction inside of this State in the past five years to date in 2023, in an official and unofficial capacity. — Catherine Murphy. [26568/23]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will clarify the procedures and protocols that are in place for the deployment and operational use of police officers from other jurisdictions in this State. — Catherine Murphy. [26569/23]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of breaches of orders made under the Domestic Violence Act 2018 which were reported to An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2016 to 2022, and to date in 2023, inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26627/23]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of breaches of orders made under the Domestic Violence Act 2018 which were prosecuted in the District Court in each of the years 2016 to 2022 and to date in 2023, inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26628/23]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will clarify the process for proscribing organisations; and his views on the adequacy of the mechanism in place. — Ivana Bacik. [26629/23]



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

\*121. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider pausing the proposed amendments to the VCI code of conduct in relation to issuing temporary COS licenses to cooperatives (details supplied) to give further consideration to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [26437/23]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of parcels of land, and size of the land, that Coillte purchased in 2020, 2021 and 2022 that is not suitable for planting forestry, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [26501/23]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of parcels of land, and size of the land, that Coillte sold in 2020, 2021 and 2022, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [26502/23]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of parcels of land that Coillte is renting to farmers; the number of these that are rented on leases of five years or longer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [26503/23]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 443 of 25 April 2023, if he will clarify the methods used to kill badgers snared by Departmental operatives; what happens to the remains of the badgers; and what terms and conditions are attached to the licence issued by the NPWS which facilitates the killing. — Holly Cairns. [26521/23]

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

\*126. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will assess the case of a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [26430/23]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will sanction a nursing post to a child (details supplied) so that they can attend school. — Thomas Gould. [26440/23]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a breakdown of the amount of rehabilitation training funding allocation per school-leaver and adult service-user accessing HSE-funded training and day services, within each county, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [26513/23]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the services and therapies in place for a child (details supplied) in Dublin 9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [26556/23]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a new scheme will be introduced to replace the motorised transport grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26729/23]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will clarify whether a young person who has reached the age of 18 years but is still in school must transition from disability child services to disability adult services. — Holly Cairns. [26732/23]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the HSE has paid any professional service for children who are awaiting a service from the CDNT and have completed their assessment of needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26751/23]

\*133. 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; the achievements of his Department to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [26460/23]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure that a child (details supplied) will be given an assessment appointment at an early date, following commitments made in Dáil Éireann in relation to the provision of publicly funded autism assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [26478/23]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unaccompanied minors referred to Tusla for eligibility assessment who were found to be adults (ineligible); and the number who were found to be minors (eligible) between 2021 to date, broken down by nationality of applicants. — Neasa Hourigan. [26486/23]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if it is now the policy that children accessing CDNT services are transferred to HSE community services if they have not been seen or have not received an appointment for services for six months; if so, the rationale for this change in policy; and if he will provide a breakdown of the number of children who have been waiting for more than six months for each specialised service, including waiting times, by each CDNT, and each county within each CDNT, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [26490/23]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of staff for each specialised support service within each CDNT for each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [26491/23]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the 12 respite beds will re-opened in St. Aidan's Day Care Centre, Millands, Gorey, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [26518/23]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will immediately intercede to alleviate the current closure of 12 respite beds in St. Aidan's Day Care Centre, Millands, Gorey, County Wexford, which have been closed for three months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [26520/23]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he has taken in response to a Health Information and Quality Authority inspection report concerning



a home (details supplied) where children were confined upstairs for days on end due to a broken lift; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26526/23]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports that are in place for parents struggling to afford infant baby formula, particularly where such formula is essential; and if he plans to increase such supports. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [26529/23]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will consider extending the AIM programme to school-age childcare for children in receipt of the support for ECCE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26545/23]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will consider extending the AIM programme to allow providers to hire an SNA through the AIM scheme given their skillset; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26546/23]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will consider changes to the school-age childcare staff-to-pupil ratio to allow the provider to apply the ratio based on age groups similar to the creche model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26547/23]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has recently engaged with the Dublin city childcare committee to identify vacant places for early learning and childcare in their catchment area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26578/23]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will confirm the current number of early childhood education and care places currently available in Dublin Central; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26579/23]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline any plans his Department is currently engaged in to address any issue of under supply of early childhood education and care places in Dublin Central; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26580/23]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports available for early childhood education and care services who are experiencing sustainability issues; and the steps a service can take to access these supports. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26581/23]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will set out the early childhood education and care vacant places, the enrolled places, and the overall capacity for places in Dublin Central for the years 2020 to 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26582/23]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will confirm the number of new early childhood care and education scheme classes that have opened in Dublin Central for the years 2020 to 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26583/23]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department is considering any plans to provide new childcare places in light of the pressure on childcare places and the closure of some services in Dublin Central; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26584/23]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of early childhood education and care services that have raised viability concerns with the Dublin city childcare committee in the years 2020 to 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26585/23]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is satisfied with the adequacy of the investigative powers of Pobal where a breach of the core funding model is reported; his views on the procedure which is in place; and his plans to strengthen investigative and remedial mechanisms in place for alleged breaches of the core funding model. — Ivana Bacik. [26633/23]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures his Department has undertaken to alleviate the pressures of the recruitment and retention crisis in the childcare sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [26701/23]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the ratification of the Optional Protocol of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26726/23]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he has taken in response to a report (details supplied), including any actions to ensure immediate reforms within the organisation. — Holly Cairns. [26735/23]

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

\*157. To ask the Minister for Health if he was made aware of reports of a recent visit by Ireland's National Ambulance Service to Israel to study the operations of Magen David Adom, Israel's national emergency medical service established by the Israeli government; his views on whether such a visit was appropriate in view of reports of repeated attacks by Israeli forces on Palestinian emergency relief rescuers and health personnel as well as numerous attacks by illegal Israeli settlers on Palestinian ambulance cars with the acquiescence and support of Israeli security forces; if he is concerned that such a visit might be seen to justify these Israeli actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26586/23]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Health if additional investment will be made for cancer services so that everyone can access timely treatments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [26684/23]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update in relation to expediting the emergency department at Mayo University Hospital. — Alan Dillon. [26752/23]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Health when the medication fenfleuramine, used in the treatment of severe epilepsy - Dravet syndrome, will be approved for reimbursement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [26429/23]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for a mobility scooter for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26453/23]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to reschedule the chemical compound psilocybin for medical research and medicinal purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [26461/23]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) who worked on the frontline will receive the pandemic bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [26466/23]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant psychology roles in children's primary care services in CHO1; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26467/23]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant psychology roles in children's primary care services in CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26468/23]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant psychology roles in children's primary care services in CHO5; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26469/23]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant psychology roles in children's primary care services in CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26470/23]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant psychology roles in children's primary care services in CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26471/23]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant psychology roles in children's primary care services in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26472/23]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any schemes which can assist an organisation (details supplied) to get permanent accommodation for its work assisting people in the Tallaght area. — Paul Murphy. [26477/23]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Health if the accident and emergency department in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda has been closed to new patients at any point over the past two years; if so, when it was closed; the length of time it was closed for; the reasons; and if his Department has received forms or letters of complaint from patients due to these closures. — Peadar Tóibín. [26488/23]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Health the role his Department plays in determining the income guidelines for eligibility for a medical card; the reason that the value of financial assets, including investment type and details of financial institutions, must be provided by applicants when applying for a medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [26489/23]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff for each community care service within HSE community services for each CHO area for each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [26492/23]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the number of people waiting for each community care service within HSE community services, by each CHO area and each county, including waiting times, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [26493/23]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Health the additional community health services being provided in each county in CHO8 since 2020, in tabular form. — Joe Flaherty. [26497/23]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Health if the Patient Safety (Notifiable Incidents and Open Disclosure) Act 2023 applies to cervical cancer screening. — Alan Kelly. [26500/23]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Health with respect to section 6 of the NIRP Report of 23 February 2023 HSE Safety and Quality Committee Minutes (details supplied), if he will identify the facility that is referenced with respect to a “governance review that has been requested by the HSE following a serious reportable event (SRE) in a HSE community nursing home for older people”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [26511/23]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive a date for a procedure in Sligo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26512/23]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Health whether plans are in place to address the lack of carers available in north Kildare, specifically Kilcock, Kill and Naas, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [26516/23]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Health the reason children who have received apologies from the HSE for significant deficits in care are not being added to the CAMHS compensation scheme and offered the same securities and non-adversarial mediator options as children from south Kerry. — Pa Daly. [26533/23]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the plans to further expand free GP care to children aged seven and older; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26535/23]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for paediatric ophthalmology services across Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26536/23]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made in his Department since the formation of Government to promote women’s health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26537/23]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made in his Department since the formation of Government in implementing publicly-funded fertility treatment services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26538/23]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the National Cancer Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26539/23]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the National Dementia Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26540/23]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurse vacancies currently in each CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26541/23]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to include the i-port advance injection device on the long-term illness scheme for the treatment of persons with type 1 diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [26563/23]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to make a product (details supplied) available under the long-term illness scheme to treat type 1 diabetes and administer insulin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [26570/23]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the recently reported visit by Ireland's National Ambulance Service to Israel to study the operations of Magen David Adom, Israel's national Emergency Medical Service established by the Israeli Government; his views on whether this visit was appropriate in view of the many recent reports of a dramatic increase in attacks by illegal Israeli settlers in the Palestinian Territory on treatment centres and health workers, and the daily obstruction of the movement of ambulances and paramedics with the compliance of the Israeli military, and the unwillingness of the Israeli authorities to uphold their obligations as the occupying power, as reported by the UN General Assembly last October; if this visit was approved by him beforehand; if the Minister for Foreign Affairs was consulted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26587/23]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Health if the access to care fund could be accessed by the family of a patient (details supplied) who has ARFID and autism, who cannot gain access to a dietitian with knowledge of ARFID, who cannot gain access to a psychologist and who has been deemed unsuitable for CAMHS on the basis that ARFID is not a mental health issue; if he will outline a scheme that would provide financial assistance to enable the family to access services abroad in the event that no treatment is available in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [26614/23]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug, fenfluramine, will be funded and be made available in Ireland to a child (details supplied) for the treatment of a rare form of epilepsy called Dravet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [26615/23]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied with the adequacy of supports for persons with a foetal alcohol syndrome diagnosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26630/23]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that graduates of the military medicine training scheme are sufficiently enabled to register as a general practitioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26631/23]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff presently availing of the special scheme of paid leave in respect of long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26644/23]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of his engagement with the Minister for Social Protection on designating long-Covid as an occupational illness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26645/23]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider amending the long-term illness scheme to include inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [26649/23]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will look at abolishing the car parking rates for cancer patients in all HSE and local authority car parks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [26686/23]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1475 of 18 April 2023, if he will clarify whether he has plans to recruit more personnel beyond the 'two clinical genetic consultants and six genetic counsellors' in response to population growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26730/23]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure all maternity hospitals and units are permitting partners to attend all of the labour process and visit during set hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26731/23]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to review the planning policy and guidelines regarding the establishment of new hospitals and new healthcare centres to ensure they are aligned with the Climate Action Plan, the National Planning Framework's compact-growth objective and the Government's Town Centres First policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [26750/23]

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

\*202. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide annual funding for an inclusive dance course (details supplied) which accommodates people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26525/23]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [26683/23]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a breakdown for the current and capital budget allocations for the Apprenticeship Employer Grant of the Revised Estimates for 2023; if there are plans to increase the grant amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [26449/23]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update with regard to the technological university development fund, the proposed successor to the technological university transformation fund; if this fund will be made available in advance of the expiration of the TUT fund on 31 August 2023, specifically in relation to the position of IR facilitators, who are employed on a seconded basis under this fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [26514/23]



\*206. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will respond to concerns raised by a person (details supplied) in respect of the student contribution charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26559/23]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the technological university development fund, the successor to the technological university transformation (TUT) fund; if this fund will be made available in advance of the expiration of the TUT fund on 31 August 2023, specifically in relation to IR facilitators, who are employed on a seconded basis under this fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [26572/23]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, in relation to SI (No. 94 of 2023) and the issue of postgraduate funding, there is any derogation from the rules whereby, for example, someone may have had their fees paid for one year through a scholarship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [26619/23]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the childcare support that students are eligible for who are undertaking FET courses in Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [26702/23]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the distribution of the devolved capital grant; the amount that has been allocated to the Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [26717/23]

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

\*211. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will confirm that the grant offer of €200,000 to an organisation (details supplied) under the town and village scheme in January 2021 will remain in place, as the project has been delayed but is now almost ready to be commenced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [26432/23]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide in detail the funding amounts that are allocated to various organisations (details supplied) and other charity groups working directly in suicide care in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [26507/23]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,  
FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 1 JUNE, 2023**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the progress being made to develop a National Sexual Health Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26756/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline his ambition for the development of services from community pharmacists, and the challenges in meeting them. — Richard Bruton. [26596/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Health if he will appoint a HSE patient liaison team official with a special focus on rare disease patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [26591/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the timeline and delivery of the elective hospital and the regional eye care facility in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [26659/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to raising the income threshold for qualification for medical cards, with particular reference to persons who may be suffering from life-changing or life-threatening conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26657/23]

6. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the progress made with regard to the pay parity claim by medical scientists, one year after they suspended their industrial action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [26661/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that an organisation (details supplied) recently reported that the number of long-waiters for hospital treatment has increased by 12% since start of 2023 and has risen 22-fold over the past decade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [26577/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Health when a substantive reply will issue to correspondence on 23 August 2022 and 17 May 2023 from this Deputy in relation to the provision of GP services by Cuban doctors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [26675/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Health if he has taken action to address the long delays in accessing equipment for children with disabilities. — Thomas Gould. [25904/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking ensure that hormone replacement therapy medication is available without charge for persons going through menopause. — Holly Cairns. [26394/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Health the options, if any, there are for multiannual, core funding for a network (details supplied) based in Dundalk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [25206/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Health when the opening hours of the minor injuries unit at Monaghan Hospital will be extended to include weekends and public holidays. — Matt Carthy. [26741/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the recent resignation of two consultant endocrinologists from Letterkenny General Hospital; the plans that are being put in place to address this lack of care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26678/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a new building (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [26375/23]



15. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the emergency department development in Mayo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26715/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Health if he can clarify the position in relation to a person carrying prescribed medicinal cannabis products from an another state, specifically in relation to Article 75 of the Schengen Implementing Convention, which states that it is permissible to transport drugs and psychotropic substances needed as part of medical treatment if the person concerned has a certificate issued by a competent authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [26688/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the injury clinic unit for Carlow town and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [26700/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Health if he anticipates that legislation to reform the abortion law will be passed within the lifetime of this Dáil; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [26705/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the pay claims by Section 39 workers following the meeting of officials from his Department, the HSE, the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and Tusla with union representatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [26663/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Health when the current contract for the provision and repair of wheelchairs is due to end; if he will detail the procurement process involved in selecting the company that gets the contract; if a monitoring process is in place to examine the efficiency, value for money and outcomes delivered for wheelchair users by the contract holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [26725/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to increase access to eating disorder services in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26405/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Health what oversight he has of pandemic special recognition payments to ensure that those who are entitled to this payment have received it; if there is a process in place for healthcare workers who believe they are entitled to the pandemic special recognition payment but have not received a payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [26724/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Health the reason HSE enhanced community care consultant posts will only be allocated to model 4 hospitals; if he will address concerns by consultants in the area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [26590/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the funding and resourcing of Letterkenny University Hospital to reflect the fact that the hospital is the sixth largest in the State with reference to the number of inpatients each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26392/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Health the action he intends on taking to speed up the delivery of smaller capital health projects and to simplify the processes laid down by his Department to do so, in view of the inordinate time it is taking to provide the new ambulance base in Recess, Connemara, the new community nursing unit in Clifden, Connemara, a new health centre in Inishbofin and a new permanent health centre in Árann, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25487/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the national ePrescribing system to reduce the administrative burden currently faced by community pharmacists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [26674/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which persons in need of drug rehabilitation programmes have access to same, with a view to reducing their dependency on drugs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26658/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the measures being taken to address the issue of attracting general practitioners to rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [26707/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that there are only ten beds for haematology patients in Cork University Hospital to serve the whole south/south west region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [26694/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that 309 children are waiting for scoliosis related surgery and that just 12 spinal fusions have been completed to date in 2023 in Temple Street and Cappagh hospitals, a third of the number completed in the same period in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [26575/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 40 of 20 April 2023, if he will provide an update on the development of the new elective hospital in Merlin Park; the expected timeline for the design team to be in place; the expected timeline for the site investigations to be carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26407/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Health if he can detail any plans to review the criteria for medical card eligibility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [26687/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Health the number of illegal units of medicine that have been detained by the HPRA; if plans are in place for the HPRA to be given more powers in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [26695/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons for the ongoing overcrowding in Tallaght Hospital's emergency department; the steps that are being taken to address it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [26704/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the date when the four-storey building attached to Mallow Hospital will be completed, taking into account that it is to accommodate 48 hospital beds on floors two and three; if he will confirm that the 40 rooms between the ground floor and the first floor will be utilised for patients that require rehabilitation; when it is expected that same will come into use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26604/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is appropriate for the secretary general of his Department to publicly reject the majority of the findings of a report regarding the abandoned secondment of a former chief medical officer, especially in light of An Tánaiste's support for the report's conclusions, which he described as conclusive and unassailable (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [19936/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are being put in place to address understaffing in Letterkenny General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26679/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider expanding the role of pharmacists in the Irish health system to include the prescription of some medicines under agreed protocols with GPs to alleviate long GP waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26667/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail the considerations his Department is giving to the development of an elective hospital in north Dublin as detailed in the HSE Capital Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26757/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that the 240 beds which have been lost in public nursing homes and community hospitals in the Cork-Kerry region due to reconfiguration in the past four years, will be replaced by the end of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26605/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Health the number of workers in the healthcare sector who applied for the pandemic unemployment bonus but have yet to receive payment; the number who were determined not to qualify; and the number of appeals received in relation to same. — Matt Carthy. [26742/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline his ambitions for the development of GP care and the challenges in meeting them. — Richard Bruton. [26595/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a differential in cancer survival rates between patients diagnosed in the public and private health services in the State; and if so, if he will provide details on the differential. — Peadar Tóibín. [25791/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons who left the emergency department of Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, without being seen, in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [25790/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will consider the creation of a no-fault vaccine injury compensation scheme as exists in other jurisdictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [26672/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline plans to reopen community beds in Mayo and increase home help provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26716/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider a campaign to highlight the negative personal health effects of cocaine use; if his Department can provide up-to-date statistics on the

prevalence of patients with conditions related to cocaine use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26670/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a reply to the recent response to the report from the Ombudsman for Children's Office on Child Mental Health titled 'A Piece of My Mind'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [26081/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce a national hearing strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [26720/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1569 of 18 April 2023, the status of the development of a primary care centre on Inisbofin; the status of the land transfer process; the expected timeline for the completion of the land transfer; the progress to-date on the appointment of a design service for the primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26571/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department plans to expand capacity in respect to the impact of long-Covid on those impacted, either in terms of clinical research or the provision of services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [26673/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that an organisation (details supplied) recently reported that over 1.1 million people are waiting for some form of hospital care, with 888,600 people on National Treatment Purchase Fund waiting list and a further 250,000 people waiting for diagnostics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [26576/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Health when the review of the impact of the sugar tax will be conducted and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [25897/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Health the ways that he is encouraging and supporting the reduction of paper-based systems in the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [26613/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he has taken to ensure the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Review of Role and Functions for Health Care Assistants, published in December 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [26662/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Health the action that will now be taken following the successful passage of the motion regarding Targeted Investment in the Health Service in Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [26691/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he is taking to ensure employees of Section 39 organisations receive the same pay and conditions as their counterparts employed in the HSE. — Holly Cairns. [26393/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the commencement of services at the new National Children's Hospital; the estimated costs and target completion date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [26721/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Health when CORU will complete the regulation of allied health and social care professions, such as, but not limited to, psychologists, in line with its statutory obligations. — David Cullinane. [26722/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the policy that regulates our health services' international cooperation, in light of the National Ambulance Service's recent trip to Israel's national emergency medical service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [26676/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the Finglas primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [26697/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware it is almost ten years since the HSE has reviewed medical card eligibility on medical grounds, and the effectiveness of the system of assessment for a discretionary medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [26574/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to bring forward new professional regulations for the dental profession in line with the requests of their representative body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [26719/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the concept and practice of social prescribing; and if his Department will support budgetary measures to make the practice widespread. — Sean Sherlock. [19391/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made over the past 25 years on smoking rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26671/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Health the input the Government and he will have into the naming of the new Children's Hospital, Dublin, in view of the large amount of Exchequer funding involved in the project; if it is intended to propose that the new children's hospital on the site of St. James's Hospital would be named after Dr. Kathleen Lynn, in view of the pioneering work she did for children's health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25486/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Health when the new expanded criteria to qualify for a GP card will be in place; the reason for delay in this being implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [26706/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that a professor of palliative medicine at the National University of Ireland, Galway recently said the medical cannabis access programme was a welcome step, but is still not working for many patients; if he will immediately publish a long-awaited review into the medicinal cannabis access programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [26573/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to increase access to early intervention psychosis services in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26406/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the crisis in Letterkenny University Hospital with the recent loss of consultant endocrinologists, and the impact this will have on the

already unacceptable waiting lists for diabetes patients in County Donegal; and if he will urgently intervene to ensure that these positions are replaced as soon as possible and that overall diabetes care services at the hospital are reviewed and resourced to the standard required. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26391/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Health the actions being taken to address the GP crisis in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [26660/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Health the number of procedures that have been cancelled at Beaumont Hospital to date in 2023; the reasons for the cancellations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [26665/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he can take to ensure that a residential treatment and rehabilitation centre (details supplied) in Athenry, County Galway, remains open and operational, following fears of the closure of the only addiction treatment centre in the west of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [26664/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Health when construction will recommence on Ballyhaunis primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26666/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the independent Radiation Therapist Review; how this review will align with the National Cancer Strategy; if the review will include measures to tackle the vacancies of radiotherapists across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [26696/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department is forward planning to help fulfil the provisions set out in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) 2021, and in particular the objective that 20% of recruitment into the public service by 2030 will be proficient in the Irish language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [26680/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps his Department is taking to ensure that there is a sufficient increase in capacity in veterinary schools in Ireland to meet the growing demand for vets and reduce reliance on education abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [25295/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will detail the work he is undertaking with regard to reducing the cost of third level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26755/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to ensure there will be sufficient student accommodation ahead of the next academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [26589/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to ensure that students who secure a third level place are not prevented from taking-up their place as a result of the housing and cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [26709/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is satisfied that sufficient courses in cyber-security are available in the further and higher education sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [26397/23]



82. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprentices currently enrolled in Cork; and the number targeted for 2023/2024. — Thomas Gould. [26653/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in relation to his new Research and Innovation Bill 2023, the reason there was no public consultation with the third-level research sector; and if he will meet with representatives as part of the pre-legislative scrutiny of the Bill. — Mairéad Farrell. [25330/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which the accommodation needs of students seeking third or fourth-level accommodation for the forthcoming academic year are likely to be met in full or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26651/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department and third-level colleges have engaged with the HSE and the Department of Health with a view to increasing the number of radiation therapy training places, taking into account that there are only 42 places at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26602/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps which he intends to take to improve the interface between the wider research community and Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16973/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he continues to pursue the expansion of the academic and technical syllabus to cater for the requirements now and in the future, having particular regard to the changing job specifications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26652/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has considered establishing a centralised information system for the National Training Fund to allow for students, professors, guidance counsellors and industry bodies to view, not only possible funding or research opportunities, but clearly defined possible career paths; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [26608/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will give consideration to the establishment of an apprenticeship centre of excellence in west Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [26690/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 85 of 30 March 2023, if he will indicate in which academic year the additional academic places will be introduced in therapy disciplines resulting from the expression of interest process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [26739/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has examined the impact of initiatives designed to respond to emerging skill needs, such as Springboard, Human Capital Initiative, and Skillnet; and the lessons that can be drawn for policy development from them. — Richard Bruton. [26606/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the national review of State supports for PhD researchers; the outcome of the recent consultation on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [26609/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he plans to increase the number of places in third level education for mental health that would escalate the number of professionals entering mental health care. — Mark Ward. [26484/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will further outline his plans to expand SUSI eligibility to part-time students, as has been reported in the media; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [26711/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures that are being taken to ensure affordable on-campus student accommodation for the upcoming college semester in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [26713/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will use the opportunity of Budget 2024 to abolish all registration and tuition fees for undergraduate students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26744/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress to date in advancing collaboration on a North/South basis in the provision of further education throughout this country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [26398/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason there is no clear objective in the South East Technological University Strategic Plan 2023-2028 to deliver a campus in Kilkenny city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [26738/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the work his Department is carrying out to address precarious work conditions for PhD researchers and early year academics; if he has engaged with some of the representative groups in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [26710/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will report on the process of selecting a higher education institute to facilitate increased capacity in veterinary medicine. — Matt Carthy. [26749/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a progress update on the Kerry ETB campus at a site (details supplied) in Killarney; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26668/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he intends in Budget 2024 to ensure that all PhD researchers receive a stipend of at least the living wage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26743/23]



*103.* To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider third-level registration fees and post-graduate fees with a view to making it easier for people to improve their educational qualifications. — Brendan Griffin. [26669/23]

*104.* To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current status of Ireland's application to join CERN; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16972/23]

*105.* To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what factors influence the availability of college places; how much weight he is giving to industry needs, for example the construction and hospitality sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [26714/23]

*106.* To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the distribution of the devolved capital grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [26610/23]

*107.* To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to expand the list of courses that are taught through the Irish language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [26712/23]

*108.* To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has interacted with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to a campaign; and if he will give a commitment to further engage with it in relation to accommodation and the cost of collage and cost-of-living crisis. — Paul Donnelly. [26377/23]

*109.* To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he plans to engage with key sectors, including the public service, in order to develop a single portal where people can not only get information about apprenticeship options, but apply to participate in a centralised recruitment process for such sectors. — Richard Bruton. [26607/23]

*110.* To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline the value of the National Training Fund, his further plans for the fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [26611/23]

*111.* To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he intends on setting up a dedicated fund within his allocation to the Higher Education Authority to fund courses that would be taught through the medium of the Irish language, in order to ensure that it will be possible to fully implement the Official Languages Act 2003; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25488/23]

*112.* To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has considered creating the role of professor within the new technological universities in order that these institutions might fulfil their research ambitions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [26681/23]

*113.* To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 84 of 30 March 2023, if he will provide a status update on the proposed new further education college in Galway city; the status of the development of the preliminary business case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26560/23]

114. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to reform the SUSI application process. — Holly Cairns. [26396/23]

115. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on efforts to reform the CAO system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26754/23]

116. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the three new farming apprenticeships launched in September 2022; the uptake of places on these apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [26677/23]

117. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the action he has taken to date in increasing apprenticeship places, as well as their starting remuneration; his upcoming plans in this sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26603/23]

118. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the conversations he and his Department have had with the Department of Health in relation to increasing clinical spaces in mental health care to allow and develop the amount of mental health spaces at third level. — Mark Ward. [26485/23]

119. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if it is intended to ensure a fair regional spread of new courses in pharmacy and veterinary medicine, in view of the Government's commitments to balanced regional development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25489/23]

120. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the distribution of the devolved capital grant; the amount that has been allocated to the Kilkenny and Carlow Education and Training Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [26699/23]

121. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has met with University College Cork and Munster Technological University with a view to developing a third-level campus on the northside of Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [26654/23]

122. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to develop and support further and higher education in County Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26748/23]

123. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans in relation to student fees, and how reductions could be used to ease the cost-of-living for students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [26718/23]

124. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on his recent meeting with student and stakeholder groups to discuss reducing the cost of third level education; when he expects the options paper to be published; the other measures he and his Department are examining to reduce the costs for students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [26588/23]

125. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on apprenticeships; his plans to address the backlogs in the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26655/23]

126. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to ensure that a living wage is provided to all PhD workers and to end precarity for academic workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [26708/23]

127. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the changes he intends to make to student fees in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26746/23]

128. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of spaces available on the third-level access course in each of the past five years and in the next academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [25798/23]

129. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline his engagement with Minister for Housing, Local Government, and Heritage concerning the provision of student accommodation. — Holly Cairns. [26395/23]

130. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 728 of 9 May 2023, the details of any engagement he or his Department has had with local authorities around the country in 2022 and to date in 2023 with a view to increasing the number of apprenticeships in local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26561/23]

131. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if Budget 2024 will include measures to ensure that student accommodation is affordable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26747/23]

132. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has undertaken a study to determine if there is any disparity in rates of youth emigration across different graduate groups based on their area of study or qualification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [25799/23]

133. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will ensure in Budget 2024 that all three streams of PhD psychology students are fully-funded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26745/23]

134. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has plans to increase the number of places on courses related to health and social care on the accelerated graduate programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [26740/23]