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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

1. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to enable seven-day rostering across the health service; his plans to address the workforce requirements to enable this while achieving safe staffing levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [26968/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a detailed update on his plans to end hospital overcrowding and accident and emergency wait times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [26950/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Health when he will publish a multi-annual plan to resolve the crisis in emergency departments; when he will publish full details of all elective centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [26973/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the new home care tender, following an offer of €31 being issued to providers on 25 May 2023; if this offer is based on the current living wage of €13.85 per hour; the details of the other elements of this offer; how this figure was arrived at; the means by which travel expenses will be paid; the rationale for continuing with the fastest-finger-first commissioning model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [26967/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to reduce the number of child and adolescent mental health service teams from 73 to 50, as put by the Chief Executive Officer of the Health Service Executive at a meeting of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health on the 24 May 2023; if he can guarantee that this will lead to better outcomes for young people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26974/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

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

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

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

81. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline his plans in relation to student accommodation, in terms of both digs and vacancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [25327/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how he intends to ensure that PhD students receive a living wage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [26969/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline his plans to increase the throughput of apprentices in the ETB system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [25328/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

117. 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]

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

130. 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]

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

134. 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]

135. 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]

136. 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]

137. 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]

138. 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]

139. 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]

140. 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]

141. 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]

142. 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]

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

*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passports that have been issued to children that fall under the parameters of a judgement (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [26812/23]

*144. 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 on 1 June; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26815/23]

*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide a full list of public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and Oireachtas contact details for each. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26912/23]

*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if clarity could be given on travelling from Ireland to the Schengen area on an Irish passport with less than three months' validity, as his Department's website advises travel is valid right up until the date of expiration, but numerous Schengen member states outline on their own travel websites that there must be a minimum of three months validity left on a non-Schengen passport that is, an Irish passport from the date of departure of the Schengen country in order to enter the country legally. — Chris Andrews. [26952/23]

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

*147. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the Environmental Protection Agency tests all rivers for the quality of the water to establish their suitability for swimming and water activities. — Patricia Ryan. [26763/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which broadband service to residents of Firmount, Clane, County Kildare, can expect an improvement in broadband services to facilitate working from home or business transactions as required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26767/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a full list of public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and Oireachtas contact details for each. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26910/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline the potential for alternative energy sources to be developed within local communities, or at the level of a small business or farm under the respective opportunities for solar, small-scale wind, anaerobic digestion, biofuels, and so on; if, in each case, he will outline the potential for energy generation, and the impact in terms of economic activity of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [27040/23]

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

*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide a full list of public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and Oireachtas contact details for each. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26907/23]

*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the capital expenditure for the Defence Forces from 2020 to 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [26940/23]

*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of vacant engineer room artificer technicians currently in the Naval Service; and when these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [26939/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*154. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that the British government is set to recommence the HGB road user levy from 1 August 2023; if he is aware whether there is any concession available with respect to North-South trade; and, if not, if he has engaged with his British counterparts regarding the possibility of exemption with respect to the North-South trade. — Pearse Doherty. [26774/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason NCT certificates are being given for six months instead of twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [26851/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a full list of public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and Oireachtas contact details for each. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26922/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for Transport the locations within Meath where a new bus shelter was installed in the past 12 months; and the locations within Meath that are scheduled to have a new bus shelter installed before the end of this year. — Darren O'Rourke. [26944/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for Transport if supports are available to senior citizens to assist them in buying electric bikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [27028/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to increase the capacity for trains to pass through Connolly Station, which is becoming a significant bottleneck in planning the expansion of Dart north and threatens the direct service from Howth to the city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [27038/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*160. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on rising insurance costs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [26788/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Finance the latest update regarding farmers being exempt from the residential zoned land tax (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [26770/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a full list of public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and Oireachtas contact details for each. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26911/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of WTE staff, by grade, working in the Revenue Commissioners investigation and prosecution unit as of 24 May 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [26941/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised by introducing a 3% income tax surcharge, levied through USC, on individual incomes with respect to the portion above €140,000, in first- and full-year terms. — Pearse Doherty. [27010/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised by removing tax personal, PAYE and earned income tax credits on a tapered basis from individual incomes between €100,000 and €140,000 (at a rate of 2.5% per €1,000 above €100,000), in first- and full-year terms. — Pearse Doherty. [27011/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised by reducing the standard fund threshold to €1.75, €1.5 and €1.2 million in first- and full-year terms. — Pearse Doherty. [27013/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised by increasing the rate of stamp duty on commercial property from 7.5% to 10% and 12.5% percent respectively, in first- and full-year terms. — Pearse Doherty. [27014/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised by introducing a higher 40% rate of capital gains tax, applied to the portion of gains where an individual's ordinary income and gains exceeds €500,000, taking into account the continued operation of the revised entrepreneur relief, in first- and full-year terms. — Pearse Doherty. [27015/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for Finance if the new system whereby tenants deduct a withholding tax from their rental payments where the landlord is living overseas will be applied after the deduction of allowable interest and other chargeable costs; if not, how these legitimate reliefs will

be recovered; and if the system has been trialled to ensure that landlords and tenants do not face administrative difficulties in operating the new system. — Richard Bruton. [27037/23]

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.

*170. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department is negotiating with European Union officials to extend timelines and funding under the Brexit adjustment reserve fund into 2024, conscious that the current deadline is set for 31 December 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26861/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the reason his Department refused to participate in the WRC Conciliation Conference on 19 May, especially given that there could not have been a resolution to the unpaid pay awards to health service senior managers without its key inputs; if his Department will now engage in the matter under the auspices of the WRC to agree a payment mechanism before discussions on the next public service pay agreement commence over the coming months, as requested by the WRC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [26784/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when he will introduce legislation in relation to the Office of the Information Commissioner to ensure its procedures comply with the administration of justice requirements of the requirements of the Zalewski decision. — Patrick Costello. [26900/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a full list of public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and Oireachtas contact details for each. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26917/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the applications that were submitted by Ireland to the Brexit adjustment reserve in the years since it was established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [26956/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the decisive actions he is undertaking to urgently accelerate the implementation of the Crossmolina flood relief schemes in order to safeguard residents, businesses and local communities under imminent threat; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [27009/23]

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

*176. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a visa application will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [26762/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there are any proposals to fund or commence a property tech-related innovation fund to try and encourage and grow new

and innovative ideas to tackle the many issues being faced regarding housing stock and supply at the moment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26898/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a full list of public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and Oireachtas contact details for each. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26909/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*179. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm when a school (details supplied) can progress to construction for a three-classroom extension; the current status of the project; the reason for delays in this project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26769/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm that a court ruling has granted court interest to a successful claimant to the ex-gratia scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [26772/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education the amount paid in court interest to a claimant (details supplied) under said court ruling; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [26780/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education if, in the interest of fairness and equality, she will acknowledge that court interest should now be paid to all the successful claimants under a scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [26781/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education if the school building project approved for a school (details supplied), which is at stage 1 of the process, will be expedited; and if she will provide a timeframe for the delivery of the project. — John McGuinness. [26793/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the implementation of circulars related to the consistent awarding of contracts of indefinite duration across ETBs; the progress that has been made; the actions being taken to ensure compliance by all ETBs, including MSLETB; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26797/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the accommodation project for a school (details supplied); the current status of the project; when it is expected to proceed to construction; the reasons for any delays in the procurement process which has taken 1,232 days to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26804/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the accommodation project for a school (details supplied); the current status of the project; and when it is expected to proceed to tender and construction. — Alan Dillon. [26805/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education the rationale for a school (details supplied) accepting temporary modular accommodation as a permanent design solution instead of a permanent solution for three SEN classrooms; if she will provide an explanation for this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26806/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education if there has been a shift in policy within the building and planning unit regarding the delivery of modular technology as a permanent solution to additional accommodation needs compared to the construction of a permanent structure; if she will provide clarity on any changes in policy; the rationale behind such shifts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26807/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the accommodation project for a school (details supplied); the current status of the project; and when it is expected to proceed to tender and construction. — Alan Dillon. [26809/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will ensure that all classrooms for a school (details supplied) will be on-site and ready for use by August 2023; if an additional classroom and necessary resources will be made available to the school to accommodate the large number of children seeking to attend to prevent the amalgamation of classes, as is currently the case in 2nd and 3rd classes, which is far from optimal educationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26830/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education if she will appeal the decision made in relation to the salary credit of a post-primary teacher (details supplied) who has returned to Ireland from teaching abroad and allow their experience at a school from August 2016 to August 2021 to be counted towards salary credit. — Paul Murphy. [26837/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update regarding a school (details supplied); the reason the building and planning unit are not providing a permanent building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26844/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education if further consideration will be given to the expansion of the north east inner city multidisciplinary teams model to include a cluster of schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [26852/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education the measures that can be taken to accommodate a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26890/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 323 of 23 May 2023, if private schools are included in the free schoolbook scheme; and if she will clarify the meaning of “recognised schools”. — Darren O’Rourke. [26894/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a full list of public bodies under the aegis of her Department; and Oireachtas contact details for each. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26908/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education if it is the case that those who previously opted out of the supervision and substitution scheme cannot now opt back in; if this position will be reviewed; if not, if a new scheme will be opened soon; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [26949/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give further consideration to a possible restructuring of the capitation grant scheme for primary schools to provide for additional support for smaller schools, which have particular challenges in meeting increasing costs and which are

dependent on a small school community to raise funds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [26953/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education the composition of each of the NCCA Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificated subject development groups and any other subject review groups, in tabular form, per curriculum subject. — Sorca Clarke. [26961/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education the current number of live studies, reviews and research undertaken or commissioned by her; and the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [26962/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education the key bodies and agencies in Irish education involved in dimension one of the longitudinal study exploring the implementation and impact of the Junior Cycle Framework in post-primary schools. — Sorca Clarke. [26963/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education the criteria and benchmarks to be utilised as part of dimension two of the longitudinal study exploring the implementation and impact of the Junior Cycle Framework in post-primary schools to ensure adequate spread of DEIS school, gaelscoileanna, geographical location, Gaeltacht and gender. — Sorca Clarke. [26964/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education if the visiting teacher for the visually impaired will be reinstated to a family in light of correspondence (details supplied); the reason for the delay in responding to this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [27008/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education if any consideration has been given to supporting education programmes surrounding alcohol and drug misuse in schools which can be delivered by the local alcohol and drug task force team; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [27027/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the displacement on childcare places, as schools take back spare classrooms to accommodate ASD units and other school needs; the estimated scale of this displacement; and if she can draw up a plan with her colleague the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth on how such inevitable changes can be optimally managed to avoid disruption to badly needed childcare, perhaps taking advantage of the capital allocation in the NDP for childcare. — Richard Bruton. [27034/23]

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

*206. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has met with national Traveller organisations on the development of Traveller-specific cultural and heritage initiatives and investments to create the conditions for Travellers' effective participation in cultural life, a complementary State obligation under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [26887/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the resources allocated to preserve Traveller culture and heritage from 2017 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [26888/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a full list of public bodies under the aegis of her Department; and Oireachtas contact details for each. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26921/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there is any additional funding available to recipients of the 2022 tranche of the sports capital programme in order to cover the excess costs due to inflation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [27032/23]

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

*210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm the cost of The Hare Release Survey, conducted jointly by an organisation (details supplied) and the NPWS. — Paul Murphy. [26814/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will increase the qualifying threshold from €36,000 to €40,000 for couples who are working and who wish to apply for local authority social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [26766/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify whether the recently announced croí cónaithe grant is only payable on houses that are accessible by a public road, and that it is not payable for houses not accessible onto a public road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [26783/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if persons looking to receive grant assistance under the croí cónaithe scheme can also be eligible for grant assistance under the SEAI for different renovations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [26808/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if permission was given, overriding the section 42 licence, for pregnant deer to be shot at a location in County Meath on 3 April 2023 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [26832/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has undertaken a study to determine, or if he has access to any data pertaining to, the number of homeless people in the country who are pregnant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [26836/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount spent leasing dwellings by each local authority in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [26891/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a full list of public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and Oireachtas contact details for each. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26915/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will increase his Department's funding for 2023 to Louth County Council for housing adaptation grants, in view of

the decision by the council not to accept any new applications in 2023 and that the council states that that it has an existing backlog of 300 individually approved applications already; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26929/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline, in tabular form, the funding requested from each local authority for housing adaptation grants to his Department for 2021, 2022 and 2023; the amount subsequently granted; if any local authority has requested further funding for these grants since its 2023 allocation; if he can request from each local authority the number in 2023 of already-approved applicants for such grants; the backlog, if any, which cannot be met from existing funding; the funding, if any, returned by any local authority under this heading to his Department for each of the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26930/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 268 of 20 April 2023, the details of each time his Department, or public bodies under the aegis of his Department, enlisted the services of consultants in 2022; and the purpose and value of each contract. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26931/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there was any cost incurred when changing Irish Water's name to Uisce Éireann; the rationale behind the name-change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [26933/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the process for allocating cost rental properties managed by approved housing associations, given concerns raised by the general public in Donabate regarding a number of cost-rental properties managed by an organisation (details supplied) which have already been allocated without any local people being afforded an opportunity to apply for same; how he proposes to ensure fairness and transparency in any future cost-rental applications process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [26948/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that all avenues are explored to avoid the upcoming potential strike action (details supplied) which may impact upon persons with significant vulnerabilities such as the elderly and persons with a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26954/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 83 of 15 February 2023 and 294 of 29 November 2022, if there is a time-line for delivery of a conservation plan for SACs under the directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [26958/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown, by county, of the number of local authority playgrounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [27005/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown, by county, of the number of local authority playgrounds with inclusive playground equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [27006/23]

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

*227. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) can qualify for carer's allowance for a member of their family, while continuing to work 18.5 hours per week, whose close family member died recently and whose survivor is in need of care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26979/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the revenue raised by introducing a higher rate of employers' PRSI, at 12.05%, 13.05% and 13.55% respectively, in the portion of employee earnings greater than €100,000, in first- and full-year terms. — Pearse Doherty. [27012/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the payments being made to an individual (details supplied), in particular the means being taken versus an increase. — Sean Sherlock. [26765/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a Section 317 review request by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [26785/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for carer's allowance now under appeal in the name of a person (details supplied) will be expedited and approved as the applicant has confirmed the level of care they are actually giving, the need for them to assist the person with their personal hygiene and all other aspects of the person's daily life. — John McGuinness. [26791/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason two persons (details supplied) are not receiving the full amount of jobseeker's allowance given that they are currently homeless, unable to source accommodation via the HAP scheme due to the chronic shortage of properties and are being supported with emergency B&B vouchers by the local authority. — Sorca Clarke. [26792/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of the one-parent family payment for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [26794/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application by a person (details supplied) for disability allowance will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [26802/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason persons under 25-years-of-age can receive the back-to-education allowance at the rate of €220 per week but those getting the back-to-work enterprise allowance are only given €129.70; if there are any plans to amend this disparity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [26827/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the pension entitlements of a person (details supplied) will be re-examined to ensure that they are on the correct rate; if they are entitled to optical benefit; if their employment record has been considered. — John McGuinness. [26853/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a full list of public bodies under the aegis of her Department; and Oireachtas contact details for each. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26919/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has plans to assist people who paid class D contributions in the public sector (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [26951/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an appeal against a decision to refuse the invalidity pension will be allowed in the case of a person (details supplied), having regard to the fact that they have had no income for 20 weeks and are now in a very serious family situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26980/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an exceptional needs payment might be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26981/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an oral hearing can be arranged in respect of appeal against a decision to refuse disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26982/23]

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

*242. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will confirm the progress that has been made to date in respect of having a single application process, both for employment permits and entry visa applications; if an interdepartmental group has been established between her Department and the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment to review same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26829/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Justice the amounts paid to legal practitioners, including firms and individuals, in descending amounts, under the provisions of free legal aid since 1 January 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [26764/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of reported cases made to An Garda Síochána with respect to financial fraud; the number of cases investigated with respect to same; the number of cases closed with conviction with respect to same; the value of money recovered with respect to same in each of the years 2016 to 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26800/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of reported cases made to An Garda Síochána with respect to authorised push payment fraud; the number of cases investigated with respect to same; the number of cases closed with conviction with respect to same; the value of money recovered with respect to same in each of the years 2016 to 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26801/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons convicted of breaching domestic violence orders; the number of cases which resulted in jail terms for the perpetrators in 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26816/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons convicted of coercive control in 2019, 2020 and 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26817/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the number of domestic violence refuge spaces in 2022 and 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26818/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the number of domestic violence refuge spaces made available since Government formation to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26819/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Justice how many people took part in restorative justice by the Probation Service in 2022; the outcomes of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26838/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Justice how many people availed of the Drugs Treatment Court, per location in 2022; the outcomes of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26839/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Justice the average percentage of bed capacity used in Irish prisons, by male and female in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26840/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Justice how many people are on waiting lists for mental health treatment in Irish prisons in 2022; the average waiting period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26841/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Justice how many people are on waiting lists for addiction treatment in Irish prisons in 2022; the average waiting period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26842/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Justice if consideration has been given to the introduction of domestic violence courts similar to the British model; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26843/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Justice if a person whose spouse has died is eligible to apply for Irish citizenship through marriage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [26860/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a full list of public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and Oireachtas contact details for each. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26916/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 307 of 20 April 2023, the details of each time her Department, or public bodies under the aegis of her Department, enlisted the services of consultants in 2022; and the purpose and value of each contract. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26932/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Justice in view of the published daily figures on the number of asylum seekers seeking international protection and temporary international protection, if she will consider publishing the figures on the number of applications processed and determine how each application came to the natural conclusion. — Robert Troy. [26934/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 440 of 9 May 2023, if he has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have the question answered. — Darren O'Rourke. [26943/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of public order offences reported to gardaí within the Meath division to date in 2023. — Darren O'Rourke. [26942/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Justice the current or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26975/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Justice the current or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26976/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and/or expected position with regard to naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26977/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 408 of 18 May 2023, wherein a request to complete e-vetting was sent to the application on 24 March 2023, which has now apparently expired, if a new request can or will issue with a view to completing the application in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26978/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will amend section 9 of the Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person Act 1997 in the Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2002, which is currently before the Houses of the Oireachtas to provide for a criminal offence of coercive control similar to but more expanded to that provided in section 39 of the Domestic Violence Act 2018 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [27021/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Justice whether there have been any prosecutions under incitement to hatred arising law from protests against asylum seekers; and when she intends that the new offences covering hate crime will be available to gardaí handling such challenges. — Richard Bruton. [27035/23]

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

*268. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if additional money will be allocated to animal rescue charities in Budget 2024, given the unprecedented amount of surrenders they are dealing with at present and in the aftermath of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [26799/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware that a company (details supplied) has responded positively to appeals and banned cruel animal snares from its website; if he agrees that Ireland should follow the example of Wales, which is poised to ban them; if he will take actions to ensure that this happens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [26810/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide the exact quantity of imported beef that has entered the Irish market in each of the past four months to date; the breakdown of the top five countries, and their respective quantities for this timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26845/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has conducted an assessment of the impact of imported beef on Irish beef prices in each of the past four months to date; if so, the findings of this assessment; if there are significant price fluctuations; if so, how are they attributed to the imported beef; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26846/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way the current volume of imported beef compares to the corresponding period in previous years; if there are any notable increases or decreases in imports during this period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26847/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount spent, by scheme, in the Brexit adjustment reserve fund since its establishment; the outstanding monies awaiting allocation in the fund, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26862/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will publish a full breakdown of funding provided to all fish producer organisations, including recently established, for the years 2015 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26864/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the initiatives he intends taking and the funding he intends applying for in the context of climate action measures to move the Irish fishing fleet away from dependence on fossil fuels for operating their vessels and towards electric/renewable energy sources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26865/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the capital improvement funding that his Department is committing to this year and in future years to improve onshore infrastructure for small-scale vessels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26866/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has examined introducing a subsidised scheme for the introduction of an automatic identification system or vessel monitoring system for the Irish inshore fishing fleet; the estimated cost of such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26867/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide the most recent professional drawn and Department-initiated plans for an extension of the current harbour facilities at Dunmore East harbour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26868/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that has been made on major development projects in in Castletownbere, Howth and Killybegs, as outlined in the National Development Plan 2021 - 2030; if he will outline, and provide costings for, any

planned works in Dunmore East, Ros an Mhíl and Killybegs in this current budget term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26869/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if all monies from the EMFF programme 2014-2020 were spent; if any monies unused were returned to the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26870/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the new developments his Department intends commencing by 2025 at Department-owned harbours around the country as per the National Development Plan 2021-2030; the capital costs required for these developments, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26871/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline any requests he has received from local authority-owned fisheries harbours for funding for capital improvement works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26872/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current annual budget for the Marine Institute in Ireland; the estimated cost of increasing this budget by 10% and 20%, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26873/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he and his Department have taken and will take to prioritise traditional coastal communities, as per a commitment in the most recent election manifesto of a political party (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26874/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions he has taken during this Government's term to introduce a fit-for-purpose functioning aquaculture licensing system in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26875/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the cost of implementing all of the recommendations of the Aquaculture Independent Licensing review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26876/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has a plan to consolidate all current aquaculture legislation on the statute books into a single Bill that will allow for the aquaculture industry to sustainably develop in the years ahead; if he will provide any cost that would be required to carry out this piece of work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26877/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions his Department has taken to explore a more flexible approach to the inspection of fishing vessels by the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority, as committed to in the most recent general election manifesto of a political party (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26878/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide all fisheries local area group (FLAG) funding, by county and project, for each of the years 2015 to 2023,

in tabular form; if any unspent funds were returned during these years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26879/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the continued European Commission contingency supports and market disturbance funding that he has sought to mitigate the ongoing problems in the fishing industry caused by Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26880/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the strategic investments his Government has made during this Government's term to attract increased landings into Ireland of sustainably caught fish in Irish waters and promote the development of the seafood processing sector in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26881/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will publish by-catch figures in Irish waters by fish species for each of the years 2015 to 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26882/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will publish the volume of fish discards, by species in each of the years 2015 to 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26883/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will publish the value and volume of fish by species landed in Ireland; if he will provide a breakdown, separately, of the value and volume of that same fish processed in Ireland for each of the years 2015 to 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26884/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on current negotiations and his Department's approach to negotiations with the EU institutions on The Fisheries Control Regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26885/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a full list of public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and Oireachtas contact details for each. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26905/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds microchipped with the Irish Coursing Club and entered on the Irish Stud Book between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, that were born in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [27017/23]

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

*298. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the plans he has to make provision for a Traveller culture and heritage safeguarding strategy; if he will allocate funding for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [26886/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE allocations for Dungarvan children's disability network team, the Waterford city north team and the Waterford city south team; the number of WTE posts vacant on 1 April 2023, broken down by discipline, in tabular form; the current caseload numbers for the teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [26904/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason the HSE has not yet approved funding for a person (details supplied); when it is expected to be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [26926/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children waiting for initial contact with each children's disability network team nationwide and in County Mayo; the total number that have been waiting for more than 12 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26965/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a full response will issue to correspondence from this Deputy (details supplied) sent in March 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26971/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress to date in developing new accommodation and services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [27033/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a strategy is being developed to provide respite places for families caring for people with special needs, such as those within an organisation (details supplied) in north Dublin; if there are initiatives to ensure that such resources do not get removed to meet emergency situations which often arise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [27036/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the current status of respite services at Mulcahy House in Gorey, County Wexford; the discussions he has had with regard to the re-opening of the respite service at Mulcahy House; the expected date for its re-opening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [26758/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are any plans in place to support mothers with newborns who wish to defer their maternity leave if they need to start cancer treatment following on from giving birth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [26759/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the respite services available for people with an intellectual disability in Gorey, County Wexford, following the closure of the respite house in St. Aidan's, Gorey, County Wexford; the measures being taken to ensure that an adequate replacement is sourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [26773/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child (details supplied) can expect to receive an appointment for speech and language therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26775/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child (details supplied) can expect to receive an appointment for occupational therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26776/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child (details supplied) can expect to receive an appointment for physiotherapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26777/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child (details supplied) can expect to receive an appointment with the children's disability network team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26779/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if, given the vulnerability of domestic violence victims, domestic violence leave will be paid in full, at 100% of the person's normal rate of pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [26786/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will review a case whereby a child (details supplied) has been recommended to participate in another year of ECCE, but falls outside the allocated timeframe, given their age; if he will engage with the family and the Montessori school in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [26813/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason the childcare centre project run by the family resource centre at St. Michael's Estate in Dublin 8, which previously had a special status and related funding, had that status removed, resulting in the centre struggling to remain open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [26824/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that funding for the national childcare scheme is not enough to fund the afterschool element of childcare facilities such as the family resource centre at St. Michael's Estate in Dublin 8, which caters for children coming from seriously disadvantaged and marginalised family backgrounds; and if it is intended to raise the grant-aid to reflect the costs, overheads, and so on of today. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [26825/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many social workers are employed by Tusla in children in care teams; how many social care workers are employed by Tusla in children in care teams; how many unfilled positions for social workers there are in children in care teams; and how many unfilled positions for social care workers in children in care teams, broken down by CHO area. — Paul Murphy. [26831/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if Ukrainians who are accommodated in hotels are allowed to have people visit them in their accommodation; if there are rules around such provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [26835/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [26859/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how long an assessment for a child (details supplied) will take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [26892/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of submissions that have been received to his Department's consultation on the Referendums on Family, Care and Equality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26895/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a full list of public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and Oireachtas contact details for each. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26906/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he will publish the domestic violence leave regulations provided for in the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2023 to prescribe the daily rate of domestic violence leave pay; and if he will clarify that the prescribed rate of pay will not involve a reduction in the rate of pay for victims of domestic violence as previously committed to. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27007/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the efforts being made by his Department to counter the rising costs of baby formula recognising the necessity of the product for many woman and babies where breastfeeding may be an unviable option; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [27029/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*324. To ask the Minister for Health if general practitioners receive a payment for each appointment attended by a medical card holder; if so, the level of payment received for each appointment attended; if a patient changes the GP practice they attend, does their medical card automatically follow them, or do they have to request a transfer of the medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [26760/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health when the new primary care area assessment team (PCAAT) in Wexford will be in a position to inform children when they will receive their diagnostic assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [26768/23]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a status update regarding the proposals for a national screening programme for generic haemochromatosis in primary and hospital care settings, submitted to the National Screening Advisory Committee in January 2023 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26771/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive a full-length pillow and an alarmed floor mat; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26778/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that he will review the decision to appoint HSE enhanced community care consultants to model 4 hospitals only in view of the fact that the model 2 and model 3 hospitals are delivering a comprehensive range of health services to people who are residing in their immediate catchment area without the necessity of them having to travel model 4 hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26782/23]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health when athletic therapy will be assessed for inclusion as a recognised profession under CORU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [26789/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will have spinal surgery at Temple Street Children’s Hospital; the reason for multiple cancellations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26798/23]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who have availed of the Northern Ireland planned healthcare scheme since it commenced in 2021, including a breakdown of the type of treatment received, and the hospital where treatment was received, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26821/23]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who have availed of the Republic of Ireland reimbursement scheme since it commenced in 2021, including a breakdown of the type of treatment received, and the hospital where the treatment was received, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26822/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people from each county who have availed of the Northern Ireland planned healthcare scheme since it commenced in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26823/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health if he will place a cap on the figure that uplifts each year’s loan to the ‘current’ rate in relation to the fair deal scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [26826/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review current GDPR policies to ensure data sharing is possible and more streamlined between State agencies where serious safeguarding issues are highlighted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [26828/23]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a full list of all secondary entitlements associated with medical cards; the total cost of each entitlement; the average secondary cost of a medical card, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26833/23]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health if the income eligibility guidelines to qualify for the medical card can be revised annually to take into account any social welfare increases announced in the annual Budget in order to ensure that people who already have a medical card and who have an income made up of a social welfare payment and an occupational pension do not lose this benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [26834/23]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the National Youth Mental Health Task Force, in particular the youth mental health pathfinder project; if a pathfinder team is now in place; if so, the progress to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26850/23]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health if redeployed employees to the HSE that are not HSE staff or Section 38/39 staff are entitled to the pandemic payment; if so, when it will be paid; and if not, the reason. — John McGuinness. [26854/23]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health if an urgent appointment will be expedited for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [26855/23]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health the sites being considered for the new surgical hub in north Dublin; the timeline he is working towards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [26856/23]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health the expected delivery date for each of the six surgical hubs, announced on 26 May 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [26857/23]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health the amount allocated, by project, for addiction services and treatment in Budget 2023; and the amount spent to date, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [26889/23]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health if a radiologist is in place in a hospital (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [26899/23]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a full list of public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and Oireachtas contact details for each. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26914/23]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people nationwide being treated for eating disorders in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [26923/23]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people being treated for eating disorders in Donegal in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [26924/23]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the continuation of cancer screening services nationally, including cervical screening; the action he will take to ensure the continuation and expansion of these services notwithstanding the recent report in the media (details supplied) of 22 April 2023 which reported that the content of briefing papers prepared for the new CEO of the HSE that these services were under threat due to legal claims; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26925/23]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical card held by a person (details supplied) will be extended immediately given the medical circumstances of the applicant and their continuous need to have a medical card. — John McGuinness. [26927/23]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish the minutes of the management committees or equivalent decision-making bodies concerned with the commissioning and implementation of reviews of the relevant hospital functions to include emergency department, estates/engineering department and paediatrics, for Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown, Beaumont Hospital Dublin, Rotunda Hospital, Dublin and Tallaght University Hospital for the years 2005 to 2010, inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [26936/23]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish a tabulated anonymous breakdown of the tenure of persons whose direct line manager is the CEO or general manager in Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin, Tallaght University Hospital, Rotunda Hospital and St. Vincent's University Hospital for the years 2015 to 2023; how many times each individual post has changed hands in that time period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [26937/23]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health how the rates of payment to nursing homes under the nursing home subvention scheme are determined; the reason for the regional disparity between the different rates paid; the reason the rate of payment to HSE-owned nursing homes is considerably higher than to private nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26938/23]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric intensive care unit beds and paediatric high-dependency unit beds that will be available when the new children's hospital opens. — Darren O'Rourke. [26945/23]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who presented at the accident and emergency departments at both CHI Temple Street and CHI Crumlin in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [26947/23]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the bilateral meetings he has had with his EU counterparts to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [26946/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an occupational therapy appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [26955/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a medical injection port product (details supplied) is not available on the long-term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [26966/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which it is expected to improve the mental health facilities available in CHO7 in respect of each category of patient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26983/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which school health examinations continue including dental and ophthalmic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26984/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health the ongoing progress on the Naas General Hospital project, with particular reference to the promised extension of services and building thereat; the degree to which these proposals have advanced in the past twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26985/23]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which consideration has been given to a primary care centre in Maynooth, County Kildare, a university town with a rapidly expanding population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26986/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health the current position in regard to a primary care centre in Leixlip, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26987/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of primary care centres in County Kildare; the current requirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26988/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which plans are in hand to ensure an adequate GP service throughout County Kildare, given the number of GPs retiring and the existing and future demands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26989/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which it is intended to ensure the availability of full medical cards for those with life changing or terminal conditions, given the degree to which such families are under stress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26990/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health the number of health professionals likely to be covered by the regulations of health professionals Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26991/23]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health the current position in regard to the construction of the new maternity hospital; the degree to which the necessary preparations are being advanced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26992/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health the current position in the construction of the new children's hospital; when completion is expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26993/23]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which adequate staffing has or is being achieved at all levels throughout the health services, with a view to ensuring maximum operational levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26994/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Health (Adult Safeguarding) Bill 2017; the rationale for this Bill not being developed by his Department, given that adult safeguarding is much broader than the health sector; his views on a cross-departmental and inter-agency approach, as well as a whole of society approach; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [27019/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health the services available to assist where persons are concerned with another person's serious self-neglect which may be a danger to themselves or others and where the HSE safeguarding and protect teams confirm that they do not have a role in safeguarding if there is no third-party causing harm to the person in question (details supplied); who has responsibility for providing such a service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [27022/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health the contact arrangements that are in place, outside of the hours 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday, for emergency safeguarding services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [27023/23]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a review (details supplied) which examined the governance arrangements around the HSEs drug pricing and reimbursement process; if the implementation group has been established; the timeline this group is working towards to progress the implementation of the recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [27026/23]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts being made by his Department to counter the rising costs of baby formula recognising the necessity of the product for many woman and babies where breastfeeding may be an unviable option; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [27030/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health if the newly launched HSE capital plan for building and equipment will cover the construction of community adult day services centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [27031/23]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received submissions raising concerns that future plans of the WHO in coordinating responses to pandemics might overreach the need for local national and community responses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [27039/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of people using Tandem insulin pumps who are aged between 0-17 years and those aged 18 years or greater, in each county, for the year 2022, in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [27044/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new insulin pump starts done in the University of Limerick Hospital Group in people aged between 0-17 years and those aged 18 years or greater, for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [27045/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new insulin pump starts done in Saolta Hospital Group in people aged between 0-17 years and those aged 18 years or greater, for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [27046/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new insulin pump starts done in Ireland East Hospital Group in people aged between 0-17 years and those aged 18 years or greater, for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [27047/23]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new insulin pump starts done in Dublin Midlands Hospital Group in people aged between 0-17 years and those aged 18 years or greater, for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [27048/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new insulin pump starts done in South/Southwest Hospital Group in people aged between 0-17 years and those aged 18 years or greater, for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [27049/23]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new insulin pump starts done in Children's Health Ireland for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [27050/23]

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

*384. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how he intends to reduce the cost of attending third level education for the academic year 2023-2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [26970/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline his plans in relation to expanding the teaching of university courses through the Irish language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [25329/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the discussions on pay grades for adult education tutors (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26761/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide clarification on the differences in pay arrangements across the education and training boards for adult education tutors; the specific differences that exist; how they are being addressed to ensure consistency and fairness in remuneration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26795/23]

*388. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the claim to align adult education tutors to a pay scale of an existing grade in ETBs; the progress that has been made in identifying the scale of cost and making an offer within the parameters set by FEMPI legislation and the Public Service Stability Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26796/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans for changes to the student contribution charge for undergraduate fees in the next three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [26811/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will confirm whether every new candidate will have to hold a QQI certification as part of the new licence system for construction workers; and if so, if Solas and QQI will reimburse those who have to pay for the course and certification, including any wages lost for the time taken to complete the course. — Paul Murphy. [26848/23]

*391. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the position regarding funding for a project (details supplied); if he will outline a timeline for a support framework to be put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [26849/23]

*392. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a full list of public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and Oireachtas contact details for each. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26913/23]

*393. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he continues to research future requirements in the education sector, with a view to ensuring an adequate supply of graduates throughout; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26995/23]

*394. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the most obvious likely shortages of graduates in the future to meet the demands for the academic sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26996/23]

*395. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the most obvious likely shortages of graduates in the future to meet the demands for the technical sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26997/23]

*396. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he is satisfied that adequate third and fourth level places remain available to meet the demands of the academic and technical sectors in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26998/23]

*397. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the anticipated requirements in the technical market in the future on an annual basis and the degree to which it is expected to meet this demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26999/23]

*398. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which adequate third level places remain available within the academic sector in order to meet the current and expected demand in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27000/23]

*399. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which it is expected to provide student accommodation on campus to facilitate the academic and technical sectors for the foreseeable future; if a specific programme remains available to meet this demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27001/23]

*400. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the degree to which provision continues to be made to eliminate bullying throughout the educational sector in both the academic and technical divisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27002/23]

*401. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the degree to which he expects science to play an increased role in the higher education sector, with particular reference to ensuring an adequate number of graduates to meet the demands of the workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27003/23]

*402. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which it is possible for all students to reach and avail of third level education; the obstacles, if any, to this achievement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27004/23]

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

*403. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will confirm whether she will provide grants for agricultural shows, in view of the fact that these shows promote community involvement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26893/23]

*404. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a full list of public bodies under the aegis of her Department; and Oireachtas contact details for each. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26918/23]