



# DÁIL ÉIREANN

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

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

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the Council of Europe Summit in Reykjavík, Iceland. — Seán Haughey. [24330/23]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the Council of Europe. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24732/23]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the Council of Europe. — Paul Murphy. [24738/23]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the Council of Europe summit in Reykjavík, Iceland. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24233/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the Council of Europe. — Mick Barry. [25549/23]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the Council of Europe. — Neasa Hourigan. [25679/23]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the Council of Europe Summit. — Ivana Bacik. [25766/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the Council of Europe. — Bríd Smith. [26170/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the National Reform Programme for the European Semester, recently published by his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22486/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the National Reform Programme for the European Semester, recently published by his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [25767/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the National Reform Programme for the European Semester, recently published by his Department. — Cian O’Callaghan. [25961/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the National Reform Programme for the European Semester, recently published by his Department. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25965/23]
13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the National Reform Programme for the European Semester. — Neasa Hourigan. [25951/23]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the National Reform Programme for the European Semester, recently published by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26164/23]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the National Reform Programme for the European Semester, recently published by his Department. — Paul Murphy. [26167/23]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the National Reform Programme for the European Semester, recently published by his Department. — Brendan Smith. [26402/23]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the National Reform Programme for the European Semester, recently published by his Department. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [28079/23]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the National Reform Programme for the European Semester, recently published by his Department. — Joe Flaherty. [28110/23]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the National Reform Programme for the European Semester, recently published by his Department. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28361/23]

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

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

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the shared island dialogue all-island women’s forum civic initiative. — Neasa Hourigan. [25952/23]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the shared island dialogue all-island women’s forum civic initiative. — Brendan Smith. [26403/23]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the shared island dialogue all-island women’s forum civic initiative. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28289/23]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island Dialogue all-island women’s forum civic initiative. — Bríd Smith. [28610/23]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island Dialogue all-island women’s forum civic initiative. — Paul Murphy. [28613/23]

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

28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Government’s response to Ireland’s Competitiveness Challenge 2022. — Ivana Bacik. [25769/23]

29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Government’s response to Ireland’s Competitiveness Challenge 2022. — Neasa Hourigan. [25953/23]

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Government’s response to Ireland’s Competitiveness Challenge 2022. — Brendan Smith. [26404/23]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Government's response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2022. — Aindrias Moynihan. [28081/23]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Government's response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2022. — Joe Flaherty. [28109/23]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Government's response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2022. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [28115/23]

34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Government's response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2022. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28603/23]

35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Government's response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2022. — Paul Murphy. [28611/23]

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

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [27246/23]

38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health is next due to meet. — Aindrias Moynihan. [28080/23]

39. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health is next due to meet. — Joe Flaherty. [28111/23]

40. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health is next due to meet. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [28116/23]

41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health is next due to meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28290/23]

42. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next. — Alan Dillon. [28354/23]

43. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [28322/23]

44. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health is next due to meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28606/23]

45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health is next due to meet. — Bríd Smith. [28609/23]

46. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health is next due to meet. — Paul Murphy. [28612/23]

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

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

49. To ask the Taoiseach the various Cabinet committees dealing with urgent issues that have met the least in the past twelve months. — Cian O’Callaghan. [27436/23]

50. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on recent meetings of Cabinet committees, with particular reference to the Committees on Housing, Children and Education and Health. — Cian O’Callaghan. [27437/23]

51. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Alan Dillon. [28359/23]

52. To ask the Taoiseach which Cabinet sub-committees will meet before the summer recess. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28607/23]

53. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25560/23]

54. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the wellbeing framework for Ireland, overseen by his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25561/23]

55. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department’s Public Sector Duty Equality and Human Rights Assessment. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25562/23]

56. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the first progress report for Q1 2023 of the Climate Action Plan. — Ivana Bacik. [25770/23]

57. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Mick Barry. [26400/23]

58. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy and Investment will next meet. — Alan Dillon. [28358/23]

59. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the meeting of the European Political Community on 1 June 2023. — Mick Barry. [26401/23]

60. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the meeting of the European Political Community in Moldova on 1 June 2023. — Seán Haughey. [27438/23]

61. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the recent meeting of the European Political Community, held in Moldova. — Mary Lou McDonald. [28323/23]

62. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meetings in Moldova and any issues arising therefrom. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28327/23]

## CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

63. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her views on the submission to the Citizens Assembly on drug use by the Citywide Drug Crisis Campaign, in particular on the role of Community projects being funded to help deal with people with addiction, and the recognition of the need to address the link between drugs and poverty through a community development approach; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [28427/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of local authority requests to date under her Department's building acquisition measure to tackle vacancy and dereliction in rural Ireland. — Sean Sherlock. [28044/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on how her Department intends to assist community groups with growing regulatory burden; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28428/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 106 of 25 April 2023, the timeline for the publication of the new policy for the islands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27833/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development how can increased funding for the local improvement schemes in County Kerry can be secured as there are 650 applications still waiting on the list. — Danny Healy-Rae. [28561/23]

## CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

68. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she is committed to ensuring that an inter-departmental committee meets every three months to review projects and targets included as part of the Our Living Islands policy, and that there will be representatives from the islands on the committee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [28310/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development how many applications have been received to date for the 2023 Community Centres Investment Fund. — Cathal Crowe. [28220/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development which counties will benefit from the initiative to develop outdoor recreation activities on Irish bogs. — Cathal Crowe. [28219/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the position regarding the review of Public Participation Networks to ensure that they are fit for purpose for climate

action, as laid out in Appendix 1 of policy measures in Our Rural Future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [28135/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the step she is taking to support and promote employment and remote working on offshore islands. — Holly Cairns. [28363/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the roll-out of the Community Recognition Fund; if she will advise if the fund is on track to allocate the target of 60% of funding in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28383/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the measures being taken to tackle vacancy and dereliction in our towns and villages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [28352/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 659 of 25 April 2023, for an update on the development of Caladh Mór on Inis Meáin; the expected timeline for her Department to receive the updated draft business case and strategic assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27789/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to outline any plans to strengthen the role of the Western Development Commission in order to drive investment in the West; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28360/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the roll-out of the Towns First policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28385/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the position regarding CLÁR 2023 applications from County Kerry; the number of applications; the total ask involved; when she hopes to allocate funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28303/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of applications received under the community support fund to deal with energy bills to date; and their county of origin, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [28047/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps she is taking to improve public infrastructure on offshore islands. — Holly Cairns. [28362/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the position regarding LIS funding for 2023; if she will consider the Kerry situation and consider if a streamlined model for tackling the LIS waiting lists would be more effective; if she will engage with the local authorities to establish their maximum delivery capacity and consider whether alternative delivery options might be considered where local authorities do not have the capacity to carry out works within a reasonable timeframe in the years ahead; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28304/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the constituency of Cavan-Monaghan will benefit from the recently announced outdoor recreation and infrastructure scheme. — Niamh Smyth. [28325/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will give consideration to the resourcing of local authorities to establish community wealth building teams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [28380/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when she will announce the successful projects for the new round of CLÁR funding. — Joe Flaherty. [28217/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to outline the level of interest to date in applications for the 2023 Community Centres Investment Fund; the options available under the fund to communities in circumstances where access to suitable land for construction of a community centre is not easily accessible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [28286/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has examined the possibility of supporting local enterprises with three-phase electric power installations to assist growth in our rural economies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [28351/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the engagement she has had with her Government counterparts on active travel allocations for footpaths in rural areas. — Sean Sherlock. [28049/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of applications for community centre funding across all schemes operated by her Department in 2022; and the amount paid out to date, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [28045/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a commitment has been given to social enterprises, as there is increasing recognition of the growing role of social enterprises, and the latest report provides a comprehensive picture of the social enterprise sector in Ireland in 2022, highlighting that of particular relevance going forward will be to develop frameworks that enhance the sector's potential and track its evolution and impact on society, the environment and the economy. — Paul Donnelly. [28301/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the new leader funding will be available to community groups; if eligibility criteria has been set; and how long the programme will run for. — Robert Troy. [28348/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there are plans to relaunch the connected hubs voucher scheme. — Niamh Smyth. [28326/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the community service project will be open to new applications; how many projects will be approved; and what criteria the applications will be assessed on. — Robert Troy. [28349/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the flexibilities provided for in the recently published Island Plan to ensure that issues of concern to islanders not addressed in

the plan can be addressed in the next ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28335/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will give an update on the work of the Broadband Mobile Phone Task Force, particularly the work being done in providing alternatives for people who are waiting for broadband connection for up to five years under the NBP; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28287/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the action she is taking to support communities in forming community organisations where none currently exists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [28308/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to provide an update on the work her Department is doing to ensure the sustainability of island communities in terms of necessary infrastructure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [28309/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of funding provided by her Department to County Mayo since January 2020; the list of projects supported under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund, Town and Village Renewal Scheme, Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Fund, Building Acquisition Fund and CLÁR Fund during this time in County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [28353/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the position regarding the review of the Local Economic and Community Plans to ensure that they are fit for purpose for climate action, as laid out in Appendix 1 of policy measures in Our Rural Future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [28136/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for an update on the Community Centre Fund which closed on 3 July; and if requests for funding have exceeded the fund available; and if so, by how much. — Paul Donnelly. [28300/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for a status update on Building Acquisition Measure 2023; the details of the successful applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27790/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she and her Department propose to ensure the widest possible availability of schemes likely to be of major assistance to communities throughout the country, including interaction on a north/south basis or otherwise; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28331/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for an update on the projects funded by the Transitional LEADER programme in County Carlow, as well as the amount of funding Carlow has received under the initiative. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28285/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 106 of 25 April 2023, the status of the new policy for the islands; if the policy and its accompanying action plan have been completed to-date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27786/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extra financial commitment to the funding provided to her Department annually for islands, underpinning the recent “Islands Plan” launched by her on 7 June 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28334/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for an update on the funding allocated and works undertaken in Bagenalstown, County Carlow under the Streetscape Enhancement Initiative. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28284/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she continues to interact directly with local communities with a view to maximising benefits to both urban and rural areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28330/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 75 of 25 April 2023, the status update on her Department's engagement with Galway County Council with regard to the transfer of land on Inisbofin on which the airstrip is situated; the expected timeline for the transfer of land to her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27788/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the engagement her Department have had with the Department for Transport on securing joint funding for the local improvement scheme considering the consistent demand for the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28386/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the Broadband Connection Points Programme in Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [28332/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on how her Department are implementing the published guidelines on rural-proofing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28387/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development how her Department will work with local authorities to encourage them to apply to new funding for the town and village renewal scheme; if there will be a minimum submission requirement for each local authority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28384/23]

112. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if additional funding could be allocated to the local improvement scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [28216/23]

113. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development how her Department assesses the benefits of the Community Support Fund to the communities where funding is allocated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [28350/23]

114. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the local improvement scheme in Cork; the number of applications received and approved in Cork in 2022 and to date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [28333/23]

115. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will outline the current and recent engagement held with stakeholders by the working group of the cross-government review of legislation regarding dogs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28288/23]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*116. To ask the Taoiseach 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. [27052/23]

\*117. To ask the Taoiseach when the promised inquiry into the handling by the State of Covid-19 pandemic will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26928/23]

\*118. To ask the Taoiseach the percentage of social media videos posted on each of his Departmental social media accounts, or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit, that included closed captioning/subtitling between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; and the percentage of same that feature translations into Irish or another language. — Holly Cairns. [27664/23]

\*119. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department, and public bodies and agencies under his remit, have an anti-racism policy which can be accessed by the public. — Holly Cairns. [27682/23]

\*120. To ask the Taoiseach the total spend on consulting services and on 'business-as-usual' outsourcing, as differentiated under the Code of 'Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016' for each non-commercial public body under the aegis of his Department for the year 2022. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27971/23]

\*121. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff seconded to his Department from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the title and/or role they filled; and the duration of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28186/23]

\*122. To ask the Taoiseach the number of instances in which his Department availed of services and or consultancy and or advices from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the costs of same; the number of contracts between the company and his Department; and the duration and costs of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28205/23]

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

\*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of expressions of interest received by the set closing date of 26 May 2023 for the election observer role; the percentage of those expressing interest who are women; and the percentage of those expressing interest who have previously expressed interest. — Sorca Clarke. [27166/23]

\*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the scheduled upcoming roles in which Irish election observers are due to participate; and the proposed number of participants per role. — Sorca Clarke. [27167/23]

\*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [27186/23]

\*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason his Department is now conducting an internal closed competition for the same rank, particularly when the current list has not been exhausted; the reason the new competition is an internal closed competition when a number of external candidates ranked higher on the current list and are now unable to apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [27188/23]

\*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the plans the Government has to participate in the 25th anniversary of the official opening of the Island of Ireland Peace Park on 11 November 2023, in Messines, Belgium; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [27220/23]

\*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the position with regard to expanding the scholarships available to developing countries for enrolment in higher education, including vocational training and in STEM programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [27231/23]

\*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps his Department is taking to increase the supply of qualified teachers through international cooperation for teacher training in developing countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [27232/23]

\*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his response and proposed actions to the harsh anti-LGBTQ measure signed into law recently in Uganda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27273/23]

\*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if arrangements could be made for the original supporting documentation, submitted as part of a passport application, to be returned to the applicant; the status of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [27324/23]

\*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs in the context of the stated view of the UN in 2020 that the Israeli settlements in occupied Palestinian territory are a significant source of human rights violations, and in view of the fact that the Israeli government has now vowed to further build and expand such settlements, what actions he intends to take, in addition to condemnation and denunciation, to ensure that Ireland has no involvement with business activities in or with these settlements, or in sustaining an illegal situation which could amount to a war crime under international law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27442/23]

\*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a decision will be made in respect of an application for foreign birth registration (details supplied); the reason for the delay in making a decision on said application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [27485/23]

\*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs with regard to the proposed ‘Consultative Forum on International Security Policy’, if he will provide the estimated cost of the forum, and a breakdown of these costs, in tabular form; if the forum is included in the supplementary estimates for Vote 28; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [27555/23]

\*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what are the requirements for an honorary consul to be appointed by Ireland; what are the requirements for a country to appoint an honorary consul to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [27568/23]

\*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the position of Ireland regarding the ongoing execution of political prisoners in Iran; if he will endeavour to have international entities dispatch an investigative delegation to visit Iranian prisons and meet with political prisoners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [27576/23]

\*137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs in relation to the proposed ‘Consultative Forum on International Security Policy’, the estimated cost of the forum; if he will provide a breakdown of these costs, in tabular form; if the forum is included in the supplementary/revised estimates for Vote 28; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27588/23]

\*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will be announcing successful applications under the Shared Island Civic Society Fund 2023 in the near future; if he will note my full support for the application submitted for funding for a cross-Border project collaboration, “Shared Roots and Roots”, between Lifestyle Development in Drogheda and Rural Health Partnership. — Fergus O’Dowd. [27644/23]

\*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he intends to submit a written statement to the International Court of Justice in respect of the planned advisory opinion on the Legal Consequences arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27645/23]

\*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the percentage of social media videos posted on each of his Departmental social media accounts, or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit, that included closed captioning/subtitling between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; and the percentage of same that feature translations into Irish or another language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27656/23]

\*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department, and public bodies and agencies under his remit, have an anti-racism policy which can be accessed by the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27674/23]

\*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [27704/23]

\*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 117 of 30 May 2023, if the passport application can be expedited to rectify a series of clerical

errors that will be detailed on the application file; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [27764/23]

\*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [27770/23]

\*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide a report on the implementation of his Department's Climate Action Roadmap. — Jim O'Callaghan. [27772/23]

\*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application (details supplied) as the applicant's travel date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [27813/23]

\*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application (details provided) as the applicants travel date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [27814/23]

\*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a foreign birth registration (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27837/23]

\*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a decision will be made on a foreign birth register application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27944/23]

\*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the total spend on consulting services and on 'business-as-usual' outsourcing, as differentiated under the Code of 'Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016' for each non-commercial public body under the aegis of his Department for the year 2022. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27963/23]

\*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if an EONI electoral identity card can be accepted as a form of photo identification through the passport application process; if this message is clearly communicated to Northern citizens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27974/23]

\*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if there has been any consideration given to increasing the number of queries Deputies can make weekly using the Oireachtas urgent query line given their proximity to the Border (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27975/23]

\*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if there are any plans to establish a designated helpline for Members of the Legislative Assembly and Members of Parliament to query passport applications on behalf of Irish citizens in the North; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27976/23]

\*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if any briefings with Members of the Legislative Assembly, Members of Parliament and their staff will be provided ahead of the summer months to assist constituency offices in the North to provide up-to-date information on the passport process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27977/23]

\*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications queried through the Members of the Legislative Assembly Passport Portal; the current waiting time for a query response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27978/23]

\*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if passports are now being printed in the Cork Passport office; if so, if the rapid urgent appointment service can also be provided in this office, which has previously been called for by this Deputy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27979/23]

\*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on a foreign birth register application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [28059/23]

\*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his Department's view on Jammu and Kashmir; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [28071/23]

\*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will detail the progress made on reaching SDGs and on international aid; what the target is; and where we are at specifically in relation to, a Voluntary National Review on the SDGs, reaching 0.7% ODA/GNI with high-quality, poverty-focused overseas aid and climate financing; if the Government will address Irish civil society's five key recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [28114/23]

\*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will expedite the passport applications of two persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [28141/23]

\*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [28143/23]

\*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of staff seconded to his Department from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the title and/or role they filled; and the duration of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28178/23]

\*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of instances in which his Department availed of services and or consultancy and or advices from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the costs of same; the number of contracts between the company and his Department; and the duration and costs of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28197/23]

\*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will ensure that the renewal of a passport for a child (details supplied) will be processed urgently by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [28209/23]

\*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will ensure that the passport application for a person (details supplied) will be processed urgently by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [28211/23]

\*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he agrees that the best interest of a child (details supplied), whose passport application was denied due to their father's student status, was absent in this decision-making process; and if he will ensure that this application is reconsidered. — Paul Murphy. [28267/23]

\*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Irish Ambassador to Germany has visited any military facilities within Germany in 2022 and to date in 2023. — Alan Kelly. [28447/23]

\*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a decision will be made in the application for foreign birth registration by a person (details supplied), who applied in February 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [28454/23]

\*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent engagements with the government of Iran, including at ambassador or embassy level; whether he has raised concerns regarding human rights abuses during these engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28481/23]

\*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the allocation to overseas development aid in each of the years 2017 to date; the corresponding percentage of GNI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28525/23]

\*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28556/23]

\*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when passports will issue to siblings (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28557/23]

\*173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason his Department is running an internal competition for first secretary posts when there is an external list in existence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28565/23]

\*174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the security protections in place for remote workers within civil and public service organisations to safeguard against personal information of members of the public in audio, text and electronic form being inadvertently exposed to unauthorised third parties within the remote setting; if he can provide a copy of the remote working best practice guidelines for civil and public service workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [28633/23]

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

\*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 279 of 26 November 2009, to detail where in the Government books is the €176 million special dividend from the ESB from 2009, accounted for as received and allocated. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27423/23]

\*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of chemical recycling for flexible plastic packaging and other mixed polyethylene/polypropylene in

Ireland; the plans to improve the infrastructure for this recycling in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [27063/23]

\*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when householders who produce surplus solar energy will be paid (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27171/23]

\*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the options available to a priority vulnerable electricity customer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27172/23]

\*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to ensure broadband is provided to a household (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [27203/23]

\*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications whether his Department has assigned work on preparing a regulatory regime for carbon capture and storage; and whether there is scope for the EU to promote the concept within the emission trading scheme to facilitate paying for carbon removal at the going carbon price. — Richard Bruton. [27227/23]

\*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he can suggest a solution to an issue with a person (details supplied) who has applied for a one-stop-shop grant from the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland but is being asked to do unnecessary works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [27243/23]

\*182. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he agrees that most people in rural areas recycle their garden waste on-site and use compost as a fertiliser, and with this in mind, if it is necessary to have extra vehicular presence on rural country roads, adding to the carbon footprint, and adding unnecessary additional costs to the consumer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [27274/23]

\*183. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the progress in the conservation of salmon stocks in the rivers in the south east; how the funds raised through the salmon licence payment are used; the amount collected in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [27329/23]

\*184. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide i bhfianaise na heolaíochta a pléadh ag COP27 a léiríonn go ndéanfaí dochar d'inmharthanacht na bpobal cósta, tuaithe agus uirbeach de dheasca an athraithe aeráide, an gcuirfidh a Roinn plean le chéile chun inmharthanacht phobal na Gaeltachta, go háirithe, a chinntiú sa todhchaí i gcomhthéacs an athraithe aeráide; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27385/23]

\*185. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has undertaken a study to determine the number of individuals in energy poverty or who are in arrears as a result of high energy prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [27392/23]

\*186. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to publish any Shareholder Expectations Frameworks and any formal dividend policies for the ESB that were in place for the period from July 2009 to September 2010. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27421/23]

\*187. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to submit an updated National Energy and Climate Plan before the 30 June deadline. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27424/23]

\*188. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of rental properties that were retrofitted under each SEAI scheme, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27425/23]

\*189. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to outline the government's position on the 19 June EU Energy Council agenda items. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27426/23]

\*190. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the capital and current allocation for each retrofit scheme, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27427/23]

\*191. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a breakdown of the pay grades hired in his Department division energy security emergency management; and the costs of each. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27457/23]

\*192. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the potential cost of providing every second-level student in the State with a reusable water bottle, which could be brought to school or used during sports activities to reduce the use of plastic bottles (as per the pilot project undertaken by Galway City Council); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [27539/23]

\*193. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the action his Department is taking to ensure that price gouging does not occur under energy grant schemes, including the deep retrofit grant scheme and the solar PV grant scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [27574/23]

\*194. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a medical centre (details supplied) in County Kerry will be included in the National Broadband rollout because of the failure of commercial internet providers to roll out speeds of 30mbps as promised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27590/23]

\*195. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress to provide broadband to a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [27605/23]

\*196. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress to provide broadband to a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [27606/23]

\*197. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will make a grant available for the installation of batteries as part of a residential solar panel system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [27609/23]

\*198. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider increasing the maximum grant available for the installation of residential solar panels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [27610/23]

\*199. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider increasing the Clean Export Premium (CEP) feed-in tariff rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [27612/23]

\*200. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of a report published by an organisation (details supplied); if he will respond to the recommendations set out in the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [27636/23]

\*201. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the percentage of social media videos posted on each of his Departmental social media accounts, or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit, that included closed captioning/subtitling between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; and the percentage of same that feature translations into Irish or another language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27654/23]

\*202. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department, and public bodies and agencies under his remit, have an anti-racism policy which can be accessed by the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27672/23]

\*203. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated cost of the re-municipalisation of waste services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27723/23]

\*204. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a breakdown of the average cost of a retrofit under each SEAI retrofitting scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27720/23]

\*205. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to develop hydro power in Ireland; if his Department are liaising with the range of State agencies including Irish Water and the SEAI to examine the potential of this source of renewable energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [27745/23]

\*206. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware that the SEAI's database of BER ratings and the CSOs database on household incomes are entirely separate and not used together due, possibly, to GDPR considerations, and that this significantly limits analyses of energy poverty in Ireland (details supplied); if he has plans to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27805/23]

\*207. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the date on which a public consultation on the use of direct lines and private wires will be launched; if he will provide an update on the development of the consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27819/23]

\*208. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures he is taking to address the barriers to hybrid connections to facilitate wind, solar and battery technology on the same site for example; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27820/23]

\*209. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the date on which the green hydrogen strategy will be published; if he will provide an update on its development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27821/23]

\*210. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications in the wake of ORESS 1 and in advance of ORESS 2, if consideration is being given to an auction process which assesses projects not solely based on price but on other factors such as track-record, readiness of project, planning approvals and so on; what the benefits of either approach are; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27822/23]

\*211. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of smart electricity meters installed; the geographic distribution of the smart meters installed; and the amount of funding that has been spent on the installation of smart meters. — Darren O'Rourke. [27836/23]

\*212. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of smart heating controls grants awarded in 2022 and Q1 2023; the geographic spread, per local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27840/23]

\*213. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the funding allocated for smart heating controls grants in 2022; and how much of this was drawn down in 2022. — Darren O'Rourke. [27841/23]

\*214. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the funding allocated for smart heating controls grants in 2023; and how much of this has been drawn down to date in 2023. — Darren O'Rourke. [27842/23]

\*215. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total spend on consulting services and on 'business-as-usual' outsourcing, as differentiated under the Code of 'Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016' for each non-commercial public body under the aegis of his Department for the year 2022. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27961/23]

\*216. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of undersea cables categorised as 'critical infrastructure' that pass through marine waters in the Irish EEZ; and if he will outline, in tabular form, the ownership of same, by state, and/or by public or private entity. — Catherine Connolly. [27995/23]

\*217. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if fibre broadband service will be provided to an area (details supplied) as part of the current roll out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [28015/23]

\*218. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which policies to achieve 2030 climate goals have been tested in order to create behavioural change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [28054/23]

\*219. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of staff seconded to his Department from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the title and/or role they filled; and the duration of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28176/23]

\*220. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of instances in which his Department availed of services and or consultancy and or advices

from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the costs of same; the number of contracts between the company and his Department; and the duration and costs of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28195/23]

\*221. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the costs to date of providing emergency power generation under the measures carried out as part of the consent granted to the CRU in June 2021 under Article 28(10) of the European Communities (internal Market in Electricity) Regulation and as part of the Development (Emergency Electricity Generation) Act 2022; if he will break these costs down by development, supply and build contract and connection costs; if he will outline how these costs compared to initial estimates and quotations received; what the initial anticipated budget for this provision was; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28224/23]

\*222. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what level of oversight his Department has in the provision of emergency power generation nationally; which body is in charge of managing the cost and delivery of these projects; how regularly this body reports on costs or costs overruns and progress in the delivery of this emergency power generation to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28225/23]

\*223. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what he expects the all-in costs to the Exchequer are in terms of (euros per MWhr) of emergency electricity generation vs new-build electricity generation contracted under the recent capacity market auctions conducted in 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28226/23]

\*224. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to introduce supports towards the purchase and installation of solar photovoltaic panels for those in receipt of a State pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [28269/23]

\*225. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the timeframe for the rollout of at least 30mb broadband speeds to a location (details supplied) in County Donegal as part of the national broadband plan; if such areas with poor or no broadband coverage shall be prioritised during the rollout phase as part of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [28299/23]

\*226. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of the fact that 2,000 fish were found dead at Ballymacraven river in North Clare recently; the cause of this kill; the actions taken to resolve the matter; what if any further action is envisioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [28381/23]

\*227. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he anticipates water shortages this summer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [28499/23]

\*228. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the proposed plans by ESB to switch its power generation plant at Moneypoint in County Clare from coal to oil by 2025, and how this move will adversely affect the State's emissions instead of significantly reducing them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [28500/23]

\*229. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the failure by the communications regulator to act in respect of contract changes by telephone providers (details supplied) which will allow for yearly fee increases in line with the consumer price index. — Ivana Bacik. [28513/23]

\*230. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the Government has looked at alternative fuels which are better for the environment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28542/23]

\*231. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the security protections in place for remote workers within civil and public service organisations to safeguard against personal information of members of the public in audio, text and electronic form being inadvertently exposed to unauthorised third parties within the remote setting; if he can provide a copy of the remote working best practice guidelines for civil and public service workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [28634/23]

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

\*232. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence in relation to the proposed ‘Consultative Forum on International Security Policy’, the estimated cost of the forum; if he will provide a breakdown of these costs, in tabular form; if the forum is included in the supplementary/revised estimates for Vote 28; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27589/23]

\*233. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if refurbishment works on block C at Stephen’s Barracks, Kilkenny have commenced; the estimated timeframe for these works to be completed; and the estimated costs for this refurbishment. — Kathleen Funchion. [27622/23]

\*234. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the additional funding that will be provided in the Defence Forces budget in order to realise Government commitments in respect of the Commission on the Defence Forces in both capital and current allocations for each of the years 2023 to 2028, inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27634/23]

\*235. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the percentage of social media videos posted on each of his Departmental social media accounts, or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit, that included closed captioning/subtitling between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; and the percentage of same that feature translations into Irish or another language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27651/23]

\*236. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department, and public bodies and agencies under his remit, have an anti-racism policy which can be accessed by the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27669/23]

\*237. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current establishment of the Defence Forces, broken down by PDF and RDF, and divided by Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27724/23]

\*238. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the plans in place to reach the current establishment level in each Corps in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27725/23]

\*239. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the plans in place to commemorate the centenary of the Defence Forces on 1 October 2024. — Gary Gannon. [27726/23]

\*240. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of military ships registered to Russia, the United States and China whose presence has been notified to the relevant Irish authorities, or detected by same, in the Irish EEZ in each year since 2008, in tabular form. — Catherine Connolly. [27997/23]

\*241. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of staff seconded to his Department from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the title and/or role they filled; and the duration of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28173/23]

\*242. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of instances in which his Department availed of services and or consultancy and or advices from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the costs of same; the number of contracts between the company and his Department; and the duration and costs of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28192/23]

\*243. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on participation in PESCO projects of which the State is a project member; the cost associated to date; the benefits yielded; the number of Defence Forces personnel involved; if they are stationed within the State or abroad, by project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28482/23]

\*244. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on participation in PESCO projects of which the State has observer status; the cost associated to date; the benefits yielded, by project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28483/23]

\*245. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the Common Security and Defence Policy missions the State is currently participating in; the purpose/role of such involvement; the number of Defence Forces personnel deployed overseas, by mission or operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28484/23]

\*246. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the United Nations missions in which Defence Forces personnel are currently serving overseas; the number of personnel deployed in each case, by mission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28485/23]

\*247. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number Defence Forces personnel currently deployed overseas in total, per mission or operation, and the purpose of each deployment, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28486/23]

\*248. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the supports available to members of the Defence Forces, either from within the Defence Forces or from his Department, regarding career guidance to facilitate the transition from military to civilian life; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28518/23]

\*249. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of persons who retired from the Defence Forces in the years 2017 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28519/23]

\*250. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of persons medically discharged from the Defence Forces in each of the years 2017 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28520/23]

\*251. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of persons in receipt of a pension from his Department arising from their service in the Defence Forces, by age cohort of five-year increments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28521/23]

\*252. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of persons in receipt of a pension from his Department arising from their service in the Defence Forces who received a medical discharge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28522/23]

\*253. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the supports or allocations provided by his Department to veterans associations in each of the years 2017 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28523/23]

\*254. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the estimated cost of an additional 100 personnel in the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28524/23]

\*255. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if contracts related to the acquisition of two vessels from the Royal New Zealand Navy included any provision in relation to the procurement of additional vessels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28526/23]

\*256. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the minimum crew complement required for Irish naval vessels at sea, by class (Beckett, Róisín, those acquired from the Royal New Zealand Navy); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28527/23]

\*257. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the total, capital and current allocations to his Department for the years 2017 to date; the commitments Government has made regarding the provision of increased funding to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28528/23]

\*258. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current number of type APCs available to the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28529/23]

\*259. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the current programme for naval vessel replacement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28530/23]

\*260. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his current intended timeframe to deliver primary radar; if he will report on the progress made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28531/23]

\*261. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he intends to establish a joint cyber defence command; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28532/23]

\*262. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the capital allocation and expenditure of the Defence Forces in the years 2020 to date, by domain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28533/23]

\*263. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the establishment figure of the Army, Naval Service, Air Corps and Reserve Defence Forces; the current numbers of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28534/23]

\*264. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of women in the Army, Naval Service, Air Corps and Reserve Defence Forces, by rank, for the years 2010 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28535/23]

\*265. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the cost of acquiring each Samuel Beckett class ship; if related contracts provided for the acquisition of any further ships; if so, if such are still valid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28536/23]

\*266. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the cost of acquiring two ships from the Royal New Zealand Navy; when these ships are expected to enter service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28537/23]

\*267. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the works it is intended to carry out in relation to two ships acquired from the Royal New Zealand Navy; the projected cost of such works; his intended timeline in relation to such; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28538/23]

\*268. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the status of the 130 recommendations contained in the Commission on the Defence Forces, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28539/23]

\*269. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the security protections in place for remote workers within civil and public service organisations to safeguard against personal information of members of the public in audio, text and electronic form being inadvertently exposed to unauthorised third parties within the remote setting; if he can provide a copy of the remote working best practice guidelines for civil and public service workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [28635/23]

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

\*270. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will initiate a publicity campaign to draw the public's attention to the fact that petrol is being changed from E-5 to E-10 and the potential detrimental effects on their machinery (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28543/23]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the TFI real time app does not provide details for some Dublin Bus services such as the 33x, which were available under the Dublin Bus app; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [27221/23]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Transport the reasons that he issued a Section 24 letter directing TII to only allocate €100,000 of funding to the Mallow Relief Road project in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [27309/23]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of penalties and deductions for Dublin Bus service disruption between 2017 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [27312/23]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of penalties and deductions for service disruption by a company (details supplied) between 2017 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [27313/23]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a grant for a wheelchair-accessible taxi for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27418/23]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to provide electric vehicles charging for people who do not have their own driveway and must avail of on-street parking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [27460/23]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has considered adapting street lamp-posts to also have charge points for electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [27461/23]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are any plans to implement additional stops (details supplied) to the Ennis - Milltown Malbay Bus Route 333. — Joe Carey. [27501/23]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for the future use of a railway station (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [27526/23]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people who waited either more than 3, 6 and 9 months for an NCT test in each test centre in the State, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [27562/23]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will detail the ten longest lengths of time anybody has been waiting for an NCT test, of those currently waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [27563/23]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Transport if, as part of the Irish Coast Guard search and rescue aviation contract offer to a company (details supplied) consideration has been given by his Department to the important role which Rescue 118, which is based in Strandhill, County Sligo, provides the people in the north west of Ireland as a critical patient safety transfer service between hospitals in the region; if a decision is being made to change the current Sikorsky S-92 helicopters that operate the service to other models; if so, if they have the required helicopter capacity size to enable Rescue 118 to provide this vital service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [27565/23]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Transport if as part of the Irish Coast Guard search and rescue aviation contract offer to a company (details supplied); if, under this proposed new contract the continuity of Rescue 118 as a critical patient transfer service for the north west has been agreed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [27566/23]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of free public transport on an annual basis for those under 22 years of age in the context of existing fare structures. — Catherine Murphy. [27573/23]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Transport the percentage of social media videos posted on each of his Departmental social media accounts, or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit, that included closed captioning/subtitling between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; and the percentage of same that feature translations into Irish or another language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27666/23]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department, and public bodies and agencies under his remit, have an anti-racism policy which can be accessed by the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27684/23]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Transport the consideration, if any, that has been given to the provision of linking Croom Orthopaedic Hospital through the public transport network, specifically the bus service to and from Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [27692/23]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm that the new provider for the search-and-rescue helicopter service in Ireland will retain the existing crews, along with their existing terms and conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [27710/23]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has engaged with the NTA and or Irish Rail in respect of a new access/exit point from Bray rail station directly onto Strand Road; and if he has provided funding for same. — Catherine Murphy. [27758/23]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Transport when a primary school (details supplied) selected to participate in the safe route to school scheme three years ago will have the necessary works carried out at the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [27839/23]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 231 of 31 January 2023, if there is an update on the route considered; and if it is part of any specific road programme. — Sean Sherlock. [27855/23]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details on an extra route to be added to the transport of patients from Kenmare Hospital, County Kerry, to Killarney (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27858/23]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Transport when an official bus stop and shelter might be provided at Killick/Ferns Lough, Kilcock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27860/23]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to have C1 and C2 Local Link bus services run on Sundays and bank holidays in both directions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27922/23]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons that have used Bus Éireann bus route 109X in both directions in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27923/23]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Transport the total spend on consulting services and on 'business-as-usual' outsourcing, as differentiated under the Code of 'Practice for the Governance

of State Bodies 2016' for each non-commercial public body under the aegis of his Department for the year 2022. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27973/23]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Transport the allocation for each local authority under active travel for footpath repair and widening; the amount allocated per local authority; the amount drawn down to date and the projects used, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [28014/23]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bike spaces in trains available on each route; and if he plans to increase them to allow for more flexible bike travel without the need for pre-booking. — Sean Sherlock. [28017/23]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the current status on the N2 Ardee to Castleblayney Road scheme which is due to be progressed this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [28034/23]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the status of the proposed Ardee bypass; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [28036/23]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the Boyne Greenway project, in particular the 'Drogheda to Mornington scheme'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [28037/23]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Transport if discussions are expected with the Road Safety Authority regarding upcoming safety campaigns; if a campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of tailgating and driving too close to fellow road users could be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [28050/23]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which active travel policies have been tested to create behavioural change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [28053/23]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that a section of the emerging preferred route of the Athlone to Galway Greenway is located on an SAC-designated area; if this is allowable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [28074/23]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that the emerging preferred route for the Athlone to Galway Greenway has excluded a recently constructed cycleway/walkway along the recently re-aligned N67 road between Ballinderreen and Kinvara for a length of over 4 km, given that this route would alleviate the need to CPO lands, create severance of lands and save money; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [28075/23]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of proposals to instal sections of the proposed Greenway from Athlone to Galway in active, functional farmland which will cause lands to be severed and in one instance destroy 25 acres of existing farmland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [28076/23]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Transport in relation to the new contract with a company (details supplied) for the provision of aviation search-and-rescue services, specifically helicopter 117, if the helicopter's heavy lifting capacity, operational capacity and time on-scene will remain the

same as that of the Sikorsky S-92 helicopter presently in use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [28160/23]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of staff seconded to his Department from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the title and/or role they filled; and the duration of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28188/23]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of instances in which his Department availed of services and or consultancy and or advices from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the costs of same; the number of contracts between the company and his Department; and the duration and costs of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28207/23]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a person (details supplied) in County Donegal had an application refused by the Disabled Drivers Association of Ireland for an EU disabled persons parking permit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [28234/23]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine a matter (details supplied) concerning petrol cars; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [28313/23]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Transport if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [28373/23]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount invested by Irish Rail in respect of signalling and associated supporting IT systems at Connolly station in the past two years to date. — Catherine Murphy. [28389/23]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of signalling faults recorded at Connolly station to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [28390/23]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Transport what plans exist to bring Nos. 10-13 Conyngham Road, Dublin 8 back into use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [28395/23]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on a bus stop (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28414/23]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline his involvement to date with Tipperary County Council in the advancement of EV charging infrastructure for County Tipperary; if EV charging infrastructure will be installed in Templemore, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28415/23]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the public transport issues in the Knocklyon area; if he will ensure that adequate transport is provided, looking at frequency of busses and the routes that service the area; and if, given the huge increase in residential estates built in the area and the need to supply locals with access to routes, he agrees that this should be done urgently. — Paul Murphy. [28423/23]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving instructors who have been struck off by the RSA in each of the years 2011 to 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28426/23]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Transport if Iarnród Éireann has at least one customer service officer onboard each Intercity train; if not, the estimated cost of ensuring there is at least one customer service officer onboard every Intercity train journey. — Alan Kelly. [28433/23]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of WTE transport planners employed by the National Transport Authority in the years of 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28434/23]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [28453/23]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can provide an update on the work underway as part of Project BRUCE, Better Road User Charging Evaluation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [28457/23]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional funding will be awarded to South Dublin County Council in the coming years for active travel/cycle infrastructure. — Francis Noel Duffy. [28478/23]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason TII has not engaged with a group water scheme (details supplied) along the N63 in Galway despite An Bord Pleanála sanctioning works and the CPO process commencing with no engagement or contact made with local land owners impacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [28487/23]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the N5 bypass at Ballaghadreen to Scramoge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28489/23]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on his meetings based on media accounts (details supplied) with toll companies regarding the imminent proposed hike in toll prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [28502/23]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to ensure that E10 petrol does not damage older cars or boat engines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [28590/23]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with local groups concerning the assignment of bus stops and the timetable on the 232 bus service in County Cork, regarding the needs of users with disabilities, especially those attending local day services and training centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [28599/23]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Transport the security protections in place for remote workers within civil and public service organisations to safeguard against personal information of members of the public in audio, text and electronic form being inadvertently exposed to unauthorised third parties within the remote setting; if he can provide a copy of the remote working best practice guidelines for civil and public service workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [28636/23]

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

\*331. To ask the Minister for Finance the current wait times to secure appointments through an organisation (details supplied) to import and register cars from the United Kingdom over the years 2018 to date in 2023, by location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [27849/23]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will examine a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [27067/23]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to expand the living city initiative, in particular to include the Ballybough area of Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [27071/23]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Finance if, in the context of the date that zero value added tax was introduced for solar panels, he and or his officials can apply a retrospective element to the scheme to year commencing 2023 for persons that paid VAT on the solar products earlier this year; and if he will and or has consulted with the Revenue Commissioners in respect of retrospection on the VAT rate application. — Catherine Murphy. [27072/23]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost to the Exchequer of the help-to-buy scheme in the years 2022, 2023 and 2024. — Pearse Doherty. [27077/23]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue saved were the maximum amount of relief under the help-to-buy scheme reduced to €25,000 and the loan-to-value ratio increased to 75%. — Pearse Doherty. [27078/23]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue saved were the maximum amount of relief under the help-to-buy scheme reduced to €20,000 and the loan-to-value ratio increased to 80%. — Pearse Doherty. [27079/23]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue saved were the maximum amount of relief under the help-to-buy scheme reduced to €15,000 and the loan-to-value ratio increased to 85%. — Pearse Doherty. [27080/23]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department is aware of insurers writing to consumers on the issue of the danger of having homes underinsured, and so on; if the companies are now using the issue of potential underinsurance as a mechanism to reduce potential pay-outs to tenants for certain claims; if any regulatory authority under his Department has received any complaints or notification of this practice. — Bríd Smith. [27081/23]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Finance if the tax band for married couples will be increased (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27099/23]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Finance if the comprehensive review of the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme, committed to by his predecessor and agreed to be undertaken with a wider review under the National Disability Inclusion Strategy, has commenced; if so, when the review will be complete; if not, when it is due to commence; and when findings of the review of the DDS scheme will be available. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27103/23]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update regarding access to primary medical certificates for applicants; when the DDMBA is due to resume hearings; the action being taken by his Department to ensure the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme is available and functioning correctly for those who are entitled to the benefits of it; and when he envisages that the backlog of appeals will be dealt with. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27104/23]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Finance when private pension holders will be compensated and have levies stopped on their pensions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27123/23]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Finance if the revenue foregone through the Special Assignee Relief Programme is factored within the base for each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [27126/23]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be generated in 2024 by introducing a 40% rate of capital gains tax on the disposal of assets made by persons in cases in which the gains accrued are in excess of individual incomes in excess of €500,000, in order that the 40% rate only applies to gains made above the aforementioned threshold, assuming the application of the revised entrepreneur relief. — Pearse Doherty. [27128/23]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline, in tabular form, the amount of unpaid VAT and penalties imposed on defaulting yacht and pleasure boat owners for the previous three years; the VAT rate on yachts and pleasure boats; and the amount of revenue raised on yachts and pleasure boats in the past five years, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27174/23]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Finance the VAT rate on the purchase of private aircraft such as planes, jets, helicopters and so on; and the amount of revenue raised on private aircraft in the past five years, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27175/23]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of car purchases that were subject to €23,000 or more in VAT for the years 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27176/23]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of car purchases that were subject to €18,400 or more in VAT for the years 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27177/23]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the dividends or other monies received from the ESB for each year from 2009 to date, in tabular form; and to outline the manner in which he directed those dividends and monies to be used. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27178/23]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the steps his Department takes to ensure that consulting firms do not share confidential information in terms of policy development within his Department with other sections of their business in order to gain competitive advantage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [27189/23]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Finance the effective tax rate in the form of dividend withholding tax paid by Irish real estate funds as a proportion of operating and pre-tax profits respectively in each of the years 2018 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [27195/23]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to ensure that the fuel grant element of the disabled drivers' and passengers scheme facilitates disabled drivers charging their electric car; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27204/23]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the implementation of the findings of the review undertaken by Revenue in 2018 and 2019 with respect to the flat rate expenses regime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [27209/23]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27249/23]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of persons' who paid PAYE income tax and/or the universal social charge in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [27295/23]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of persons' whose income in 2022 was subject to PAYE income tax and/or universal social charge; the total number of persons' who paid any amount of either tax in that year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [27296/23]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider putting a plan in place to give interest relief to mortgage holders (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [27331/23]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost to the Exchequer of increasing the current amount of tax relief of €7,000 that can be claimed per person for postgraduate fees, including the student contribution, to €8,000, €9,000 and €10,000, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27382/23]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost to the Exchequer of allowing tax relief on the first €1,000, €1,500 and €2,000 spent on tuition fees, including the student contribution, for full-time students, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27383/23]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost to the Exchequer of allowing tax relief on the first €500 and €1,000 of tuition fees, including the student contribution, for part-time students, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27384/23]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount that has been collected in the NORA levy, excise duty, carbon tax, and VAT on fuel in the past five years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [27391/23]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of rental properties that have availed of the tax incentive for small-scale landlords who undertake retrofitting works. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27462/23]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of homes acquired under the help-to-buy scheme since its introduction, by the number of homes per local authority, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27557/23]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Finance if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [27572/23]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Finance the full-year cost of extending consanguinity relief and acceleration of wear and tear allowances for farm safety equipment relief in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27585/23]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will raise the tax exemption on income up to €200 per year received by domestic micro-generators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [27611/23]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of providing an income tax relief at a rate of €2,000, €3,000 and €4,000 for those tutors training craft apprentices in the education training boards, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27613/23]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated yield if the top four local property tax rates all increased by 30% based on 2022 figures. — Kathleen Funchion. [27621/23]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Finance the percentage of social media videos posted on each of his Departmental social media accounts, or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit, that included closed captioning/subtitling between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; and the percentage of same that feature translations into Irish or another language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27655/23]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department, and public bodies and agencies under his remit, have an anti-racism policy which can be accessed by the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27673/23]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to address the larger transaction charges imposed on SMEs, especially in hospitality and retail, by the banking sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27736/23]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on adjusting the capital acquisitions tax thresholds for individuals without children to assign a relative or relatives from Group B - a brother, sister, niece, nephew or lineal ancestor or lineal descendant of the disponer as a primary beneficiary who is treated the same as a child for the purposes of the capital acquisitions tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27737/23]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of the significant delays for motor traders in securing registration appointments to import cars from the UK, which is causing major business disruptions and cash flow problems which is putting many businesses at risk of closure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [27846/23]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of staff employed by an organisation (details supplied) to provide import and export car registration services in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form, by location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [27847/23]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Finance to detail the financial arrangements in the contract for an organisation (details supplied) to provide vehicle import and export services within the State,

including the yearly cost since its inception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [27848/23]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware that in some cases motor dealers are waiting for up to four weeks and beyond for appointments to import and register cars in County Louth through an organisation (details supplied) for the second-hand marketplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [27850/23]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Finance if counsellors, psychotherapists and psychologists are registered under CORU, that they would be eligible for VAT exemptions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [27894/23]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Finance if he can clarify (details supplied) in relation to the residential zoned land tax. — Bríd Smith. [27918/23]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a schedule of his and the Central Bank's investment assets and value to the end of Q1 2023; and if he will provide a schedule of disposed investment assets and revenue for same in the past ten years to date. — Catherine Murphy. [27953/23]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Finance the total spend on consulting services and on 'business-as-usual' outsourcing, as differentiated under the Code of 'Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016' for each non-commercial public body under the aegis of his Department for the year 2022. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27962/23]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Finance if any mechanisms exist to provide VAT refunds to those people in receipt of supply and installation of solar panels for private dwellings between January and April of this year; if any consideration has been given to such; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27999/23]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update in relation to the residential development stamp duty refund scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [28006/23]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Finance if medical card recipients are required to apply for the reduced USC, or if the reduction is applied automatically; the total number of medical card recipients getting a reduced USC rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28052/23]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will instruct local authorities to delist light industrial manufacturing sites (details supplied) from the residential zoned land tax in a similar way to farmland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [28058/23]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether it is time that the Government takes a serious look at the €330,000 exemption for children who have an inheritance left to them, given the ever-increasing values in property, and so on (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28070/23]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of staff seconded to his Department from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the title and/or role they filled; and the duration of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28177/23]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of instances in which his Department availed of services and or consultancy and or advices from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the costs of same; the number of contracts between the company and his Department; and the duration and costs of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28196/23]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will confirm whether or not active farmland is excluded from RZLT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28397/23]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of compliance interventions made by the large cases high-wealth individuals division of Revenue Commissioners; and the money recouped as a result of these interventions in 2022. — Alan Kelly. [28441/23]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Finance the Government's plans and policies for economic growth and fiscal stability; if he can explain the strategies being pursued to attract foreign investment, support small businesses, and create long-term job opportunities; if he will provide details on any recent tax reforms or incentives aimed at promoting economic development and addressing income inequality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28546/23]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Finance the security protections in place for remote workers within civil and public service organisations to safeguard against personal information of members of the public in audio, text and electronic form being inadvertently exposed to unauthorised third parties within the remote setting; if he can provide a copy of the remote working best practice guidelines for civil and public service workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [28637/23]

*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.*

\*393. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of disused Garda stations in counties Longford and Westmeath. — Sorca Clarke. [27452/23]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when a person (details supplied) will receive their FEMPI pay restoration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [28125/23]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the restrictions currently in place for civil servants and public servants contesting local government elections. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27061/23]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if there has been any changes/additions/deletions to the National Development Plan since its launch on 4 October 2021. — Alan Kelly. [27082/23]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the reason the list for the filling of first secretary posts in the Department of Foreign Affairs is set to close in November 2023, six months shorter than the normal two years for which the list would be operational, March 2024; the number of candidates remaining on this list which

was created in March 2022; the number remaining on the current list who came from the private sector. — Mattie McGrath. [27188/23]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the steps his Department takes to ensure that consulting firms do not share confidential information in terms of policy development within his Department with other sections of their business in order to gain competitive advantage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [27190/23]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on plans to reopen Barryscourt Castle, Cork. — Thomas Gould. [27235/23]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his plans to upgrade Tallaght district Garda station, due to the age of the station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [27323/23]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied). — Seán Canney. [27334/23]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether his Department will commit to extending the SLWP scheme for HCWs and other public servants, who have developed and are seriously debilitated by long-Covid from infection caught in the line of duty, this having a profound impact on their career and financial security, to the degree they are unable to work as normal, or at all, some now depending of walking aids for mobility even at a young age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [27379/23]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if Castlebar Garda Station or any Mayo Garda stations have been identified as a recipient of such funding to support its expansion and infrastructure development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [27430/23]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the disposal of disused Garda stations in counties Longford and Westmeath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [27453/23]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount that has been spent annually every year from 2012 to 2022 on the procurement of archaeological services by the Office of Public Works. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27496/23]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount that has been spent annually every year from 2012 to 2022 on the procurement of historian services by the Office of Public Works. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27497/23]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to explain the €15,931 generated in revenue from visitor entrance fees to OPW Heritage sites in 2021 when free admission was in place to all sites. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27498/23]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when he expects Ireland to receive almost €90 million in grants for REPowerEU projects; if he will provide details on the nature of the projects that will be funded by these resources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [27531/23]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of section 8 complaints received in respect of the past five Garda recruitment campaigns broken down by formal and informal complaints; and the number upheld over the requested period (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [27635/23]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide a definition of ‘business-as-usual’ use in the ‘Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016’ in relation to consultancy services that do not need to be published in the Financial Statements of State agencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27642/23]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the percentage of social media videos posted on each of his Departmental social media accounts, or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit, that included closed captioning/subtitling between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; and the percentage of same that feature translations into Irish or another language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27661/23]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department, and public bodies and agencies under his remit, have an anti-racism policy which can be accessed by the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27679/23]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when funding will be provided to repair a promenade in south Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27708/23]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a breakdown of dividends paid into the Exchequer central fund and dividends not paid into the Exchequer for each dividend-paying commercial state body for the years 2009 to date, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27718/23]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline what parliamentary oversight processes there are for the collection and allocation of revenue from dividends from commercial State bodies, such as the ESB, which are taken for the benefit of the Exchequer but not paid into the Exchequer. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27756/23]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the costs of the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of all arterial drainage schemes over the past five years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [27759/23]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the security protections in place for remote workers within civil and public service organisations to safeguard against personal information of members of the public in audio,

text and electronic form being inadvertently exposed to unauthorised third parties within the remote setting; if he can provide a copy of the remote working best practice guidelines for civil and public service workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [27816/23]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total spend on consulting services and on ‘business-as-usual’ outsourcing, as differentiated under the Code of ‘Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016’ for each non-commercial public body under the aegis of his Department for the year 2022. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27968/23]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the Minister of State with responsibility for the OPW will meet with the elected members of the Inishowen municipal district, Donegal County Council, as requested, to examine how the flood defence works at Burnfoot, County Donegal, can be advanced more speedily, in order that eight families can be returned to their council homes that were vacated for safety reasons after the August 2017 flood in the area. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [28106/23]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the reason for the inordinate delay in issuing a compensation payment to a person (details supplied); if he is aware of the financial hardships experienced by the individual and their family due to the protracted delays to date throughout this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28131/23]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the names of bus and coach companies on the Office of Government Procurement multi-supplier framework for the provision of bus and coach hire for public bodies. — Catherine Murphy. [28167/23]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the roof repairs to Store Street Garda station will be completed; and the estimated cost of these repairs. — Catherine Murphy. [28168/23]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of staff seconded to his/her Department from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the title and/or role they filled; and the duration of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28183/23]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of instances in which his Department availed of services and or consultancy and or advices from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the costs of same; the number of contracts between the company and his Department; and the duration and costs of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28202/23]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will ask officials from the Office of Public Works when they will meet a delegation of Donegal County Councillors to discuss how to develop the full potential of Grianán of Aileach, County Donegal, as they have requested. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [28279/23]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his views on the assessment by an organisation (details supplied) in its 2023 fiscal

assessment report that the real value of proposed/planned capital spending under the terms of the National Development Plan out to 2025 is almost a quarter lower than had been expected in the original plan; if he agrees with this assessment; if he plans to review or revise elements of the plan on that basis; if so, the estimated additional cumulative cost involved up to 2030 to bridge that gap and maintain the originally planned level of investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28540/23]

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

\*427. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports that his Department or State agencies has provided to a factory (details supplied) at Carrickmacross, County Monaghan; if he will provide any interactions that his Department and State agencies has had with the company involved; when the factory will become operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27089/23]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he intends to increase the minimum wage rate for those aged 20 years or younger; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [27127/23]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will address a series of matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) concerning departmental projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [27253/23]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the age-related rates of the minimum wage; his views on whether this is fair; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [27322/23]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated first-year cost of hiring ten additional WRC inspectors. — Louise O'Reilly. [27386/23]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total funding for Enterprise Ireland's market discovery fund in 2022; and the estimated cost of increasing this fund by 10% and 20%, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [27387/23]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total funding for Enterprise Ireland's enter the Eurozone programme in 2022; and the estimated cost of increasing this fund by 10% and 20%, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [27388/23]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total funding for Enterprise Ireland's post Brexit: market growth and diversification grant in 2022; and the estimated cost of increasing this fund by 10% and 20%, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [27389/23]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason there was an underspend of €38,250,000 for the disruptive technology fund in 2022. — Louise O'Reilly. [27390/23]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what Ireland's position is on the Net Zero Industrial Act regarding industrial planning. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27422/23]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the engagement his Department, the IDA and Enterprise Ireland are undertaking to secure foreign and indigenous direct investment in County Westmeath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [27450/23]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the engagement his Department, the IDA and Enterprise Ireland are undertaking to secure foreign and indigenous direct investment in County Longford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [27451/23]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the engagement his Department has had with other Government Departments in relation to improving the delivery of the work permit system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [27454/23]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the Shannon Estuary Economic Taskforce final report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27458/23]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the WRC is no longer fit for purpose in the Government's eyes; the implication for all employees across all sectors, public and private, especially if they see Government bodies belatedly disrespecting the WRC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27466/23]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost of increasing the innovation voucher scheme by 25% and 50%. — Louise O'Reilly. [27507/23]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding provided for the 'skills for better business' initiative in 2022; and the estimated cost of increasing that funding by 5%, 10%, 25% and 50%, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [27508/23]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding provided for the MODOS training programme in 2022; and the estimated cost of expanding the MODOS training programme across all LEOs. — Louise O'Reilly. [27509/23]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding provided for the 'lean for micro' programme in 2022; and the estimated cost of increasing that funding for each programme by 5%, 10%, 25% and 50%, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [27510/23]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding provided for the 'leadership 4 growth' training programme in 2022; and the estimated cost of increasing that funding for each programme by 5%, 10%, 25% and 50%, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [27511/23]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding provided for the 'go global 4 growth' training programme in 2022; and the estimated cost of increasing that funding for each programme by 5%, 10%, 25% and 50%, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [27512/23]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding provided for a list of all LEO management development programmes in 2022; the funding provided to each

programme; and the estimated cost of increasing that funding for each programme by 5%, 10%, 25% and 50%, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [27513/23]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding provided for a list of all EI management development programmes in 2022; the funding provided to each programme; and the estimated cost of increasing that funding for each programme by 5%, 10%, 25% and 50%, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [27514/23]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if consideration will be given to including agricultural mechanics, construction plant fitters and heavy vehicle mechanics in his Departments critical skills occupations list, in view of the critical shortage of qualified mechanics in the farm machinery industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [27577/23]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the cost of increasing funding for the Digital Start Initiative by 10%, 20% and 50%. — Louise O'Reilly. [27582/23]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the cost of increasing funding for the Digital Start Initiative to deliver funding to the value of five days of consultancy for firms instead of four days. — Louise O'Reilly. [27583/23]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the budget allocation for the Corporate Enforcement Authority in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [27624/23]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of WTE vacancies by job title at the Corporate Enforcement Authority as of 29 May 2023; and when these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [27625/23]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how effective the new law banning ticket touting has been since 2021; how many people have been prosecuted since the Sale of Tickets (Cultural, Entertainment, Recreational and Sporting Events) Act 2021 was brought into force in 2021; the type of event the offence was committed in that is, concert, sporting event, and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [27646/23]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how many people have been prosecuted since the Sale of Tickets (Cultural, Entertainment, Recreational and Sporting Events) Act 2021 was brought into force in 2021; the breakdown of sentences received for individuals prosecuted; the type of event the offence was committed in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [27647/23]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the percentage of social media videos posted on each of his Departmental social media accounts, or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit, that included closed captioning/subtitling between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; and the percentage of same that feature translations into Irish or another language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27653/23]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department, and public bodies and agencies under his remit, have an anti-racism policy which can be accessed by the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27671/23]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which job creation through FDI continues throughout County Kildare; the number of jobs created in Kildare through FDI in the past three years to date; the percentage of Ireland's GDP provided by Kildare through FDI, EI, LEO employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27804/23]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will have the mechanics, specifically agricultural mechanics, construction plant fitters and heavy vehicle mechanics added to his Department's Critical Skills list due to the critical shortage within the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [27889/23]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding provided for technology centres in 2022; and if this is capital or current funding; and the cost of increasing this funding by 10%, 20%, and 25%. — Louise O'Reilly. [27890/23]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding provided for Innovation Partnerships in 2022; and if this is capital or current funding; and the cost of increasing this funding by 10%, 20%, and 25%. — Louise O'Reilly. [27891/23]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what is delaying a long-promised report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27917/23]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total spend on consulting services and on 'business-as-usual' outsourcing, as differentiated under the Code of 'Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016' for each non-commercial public body under the aegis of his Department for the year 2022. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27960/23]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there have been any changes made to the provision of work permits for non-EU nationals coming to Ireland to take up employment in order that they might be permitted to change their employment after one year of working in Ireland on a two-year work permit; if not, if he has any plans to make such an amendment to the current policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [27985/23]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider having mechanics, specifically agricultural mechanics, construction plant fitters and heavy vehicle mechanics added to his Department's critical skills list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [28012/23]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of staff seconded to his Department from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the title and/or role they filled; and the duration of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28175/23]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a schedule of lands and building owned and leased by the IDA; the date on which they were purchased

and or leased; and the duration of leases and costs associated with each purchase and lease. — Catherine Murphy. [28189/23]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of instances in which his Department availed of services and or consultancy and or advices from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the costs of same; the number of contracts between the company and his Department; and the duration and costs of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28194/23]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of vacant WTE posts, by job title, at the Health and Safety Authority as of 7 June 2023; the estimated full-year cost of filling each of these vacancies; and when each of these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28446/23]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what assessments are taking place within his Department regarding the impact of the EU pharmaceutical strategy review on the Irish pharmaceutical sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [28488/23]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the Government’s strategies and initiatives to promote economic growth, innovation and job creation in Ireland; the steps being taken to attract foreign investment, support local businesses and develop a skilled workforce; if he will provide details on the Government’s plans to promote entrepreneurship, trade, and ensure a thriving and inclusive economy for the benefit of all citizens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28548/23]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the Government’s approach to work permits in Ireland, specifically the current guidelines and procedures for obtaining work permits for foreign nationals seeking employment opportunities in the country; if he will provide details on any recent developments or initiatives aimed at reviewing the critical skills occupations list, streamlining the work permit application process, and addressing labour market needs, given that the country is now considered to be at full employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28553/23]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the security protections in place for remote workers within civil and public service organisations to safeguard against personal information of members of the public in audio, text and electronic form being inadvertently exposed to unauthorised third parties within the remote setting; if he can provide a copy of the remote working best practice guidelines for civil and public service workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [28638/23]

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

\*475. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has considered the urgent need to secure additional accommodation for a school (details supplied) who have been informed that they must use their school library and GP hall to accommodate classes for the next academic year; if she is aware that this school will have 12 children in their ASD classes from September who need a space to interact; if she will ensure that the additional accommodation is provided immediately; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [27066/23]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Education the latest position regarding the building of a permanent school building for a school (details supplied); when children can expect to be in place within this school; and if temporary accommodation is in place and secure for the intervening period. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27068/23]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has established the number of students in an area (details supplied) requiring a special education placement who have not yet secured such a place for first year at second level commencing September 2023; the measures that will be introduced to ensure places for such students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [27105/23]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Education if psychological or other such assessments for children paid for privately by parents, rather than waiting years on HSE or other State-funded assessments, are accepted by her Department to allow children to access supports in their school settings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27116/23]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Education if parents of children with disability/educational/psychological assessments who pay for such assessments privately to try and overcome a public service waiting list for such an assessment, can recoup the costs of such an assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27120/23]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children with an address in Mullingar that had an application submitted for school transport to a school (details supplied) for the 2023-2024 school year. — Sorca Clarke. [27168/23]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Education the basis on which an applicant (details supplied) for school transport has been notified that there is no school transport service available from their home for their child. — Sorca Clarke. [27185/23]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Education when she expects the school transport review being carried out by her Department to be concluded; when the review will be published; when the recommendations of the review will be implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [27197/23]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Education the cross-departmental engagement her Department has had in relation to the scoping inquiry, as announced in March 2023 into allegations of historical sexual abuse in schools run by religious orders. — Sorca Clarke. [27211/23]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Education if she intends to publish an interim report of the scoping inquiry, as announced by her Department in March 2023 into allegations of historical sexual abuse in schools run by religious orders. — Sorca Clarke. [27214/23]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will be announcing plans for additional schools in view of the census population figures and the substantial number of outstanding planning permissions; and, in particular, if she will outline her forecast for the growth in demand for primary school places in the next five years in the Clongriffin, Dublin 13 and Baldoyle planning area. — Richard Bruton. [27222/23]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Education if she will require the State Examination Commission to use and distribute dyslexia-friendly exam papers to all dyslexic students sitting their Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations, regardless of their reasonable accommodations at State

examinations (RACE) status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27236/23]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the building project of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27250/23]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 294 of 23 May 2023, the number of schools that have been built by year, and per county, between 2011 and 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27252/23]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Education when construction will begin on a school (details supplied) in Clongriffin given that planning permission expires in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [27263/23]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the proposed extension at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [27264/23]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Education the annual cost of adjusting for inflation the primary school capitation grant. — Sorca Clarke. [27265/23]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Education the annual cost of increasing the capitation grant for primary schools by 1%. — Sorca Clarke. [27266/23]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Education the annual cost of adjusting for inflation the secondary school capitation grant. — Sorca Clarke. [27267/23]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Education the annual cost of increasing the capitation grant for secondary schools by 1%. — Sorca Clarke. [27268/23]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline what the process is for an Irish exemption for an 11-year-old child (details supplied) diagnosed with a sensory processing disorder, anxiety, autism, dyslexia and dyscalculia, who has been refused an exemption despite a report from an educational psychologist stating that they meet the criteria and despite an appeal by the parents due to the overwhelming stress the child is encountering; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [27272/23]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) in County Kerry qualifies for emergency-works funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27290/23]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Education when her Department will re-open applications under the home school community liaison posts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [27308/23]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Education if she will investigate whether a person (details supplied) has applied for home tuition for a person, as advised by her Department; if an EWO can engage with the family urgently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27321/23]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide the precise forecasting on behalf of the National Council for Special Education regarding enrolments for the 2023/2024 academic year communicated to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [27406/23]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Education following a meeting between representatives of a school (details supplied), the NCSE, and the school's special educational needs organiser (SENO) and regional manager, the viability of enrolling pupils with significant SEN as agreed ensuring the school received the required supports in terms of additional accommodation and staff resources to proceed with enrolling these pupils; if she will confirm whether the necessary supports have been approved; what these supports comprise of; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [27407/23]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for delivery of two modular classrooms granted by her Department's modular projects department for a school (details supplied); if she will provide clarification for the delivery and readiness of the modular classrooms for the start of the next academic year on 1 September; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [27408/23]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Education the financial allocation to a school (details supplied) for a new modular mainstream class and a new SEN base 1 unit; the next stage in the process; when approval will be given to go to construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [27413/23]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ask her Department to take into consideration the primary teaching history instead of the registration status of a person (details supplied) to enable them to gain supplementary panel rights; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [27414/23]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Education the options for a young girl's education (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [27419/23]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the decisions being considered by the Teachers' Conciliation Council to award incremental credit to teachers who have carried out service in post-primary private schools outside of the EU. — Francis Noel Duffy. [27420/23]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding temporary prefab classroom units for a school (details supplied); if she will confirm that they will be in place in advance of the coming school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [27433/23]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Education why a teacher (details supplied), who is not a new entrant, has never been recognised for their PGCE teaching qualification to address this inequality; if it will be addressed from the date they were first employed in 2010; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [27434/23]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Education when a place in a local ASD unit can be provided in the case of the daughter of a person (details supplied); if every effort can be made to ensure a place in a local ASD unit for this child for September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27435/23]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in providing permanent accommodation for a school (details supplied) which has had a site identified, given the ongoing concern that the school will be operating across two different sites in September 2023; if all efforts are being made to ensure that all temporary classrooms will be ready on the new site by September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27446/23]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Education when the Scoping Inquiry into Historical Sexual Abuse in Day and Boarding Schools run by Religious Orders is expected to commence. — Sorca Clarke. [27448/23]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Education how long the survivor engagement process in preparation for the establishment of a public inquiry into historic child abuse within boarding and day schools is expected to take; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [27449/23]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport can be provided to a pupil (details supplied) from a safer pick-up point in the village; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [27455/23]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Education when applications for roof repairs and reconfiguration of two rooms for a school (details supplied) will be processed, in view of the fact that these are urgently required to accommodate 41 children enrolled for September in the school, which has recently become co-educational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [27459/23]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 296 of 23 May 2023, if a school place will be found in time for September for the son of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27463/23]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Education the precise number of special needs organisers currently working in County Kildare; the number of positions currently vacant; her Department's plan to fill these vacancies; if she will otherwise outline the optimum number of special needs organisers required to fill the demand in the county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [27517/23]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Education whether the review of policy on specific learning difficulty/reading classes and schools has been completed; if so, whether the review can be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [27519/23]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Education whether the NCSE policy advice on education provision in special classes and special schools has been completed; if so, whether it can be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [27520/23]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Education whether increased funding will be provided to all three reading schools in Dublin which provide extra educational attention to children with dyslexia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [27521/23]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Education why students with severe dyslexia who cannot access a place in a reading class/school are being consistently discriminated against by the NCSE and her Department refusing to sanction further SLD classes where there is a clear need due to

significant oversubscription in reading classes and schools currently (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [27522/23]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Education when reading schools will be consulted in respect of the current review of specific learning difficulty provision which is being carried out by her Department; when the review will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [27523/23]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Education why a school (details supplied) was excluded from submitting data and outcomes from the school’s self-evaluation process as part of the review of specific learning difficulty provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [27524/23]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Education when children with severe dyslexia and their parents will be consulted in respect of the current review of specific learning difficulty provision which is being carried out by her Department; when the review will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [27525/23]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Education when it is expected that the additional accommodation which has been approved by her Department will be put in place for a school (details supplied); if this will be implemented before the start of the new school term in September; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [27527/23]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the status of an extension for a school (details supplied); when it is likely that the project will move to planning stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [27528/23]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the implementation of additional accommodation for a school (details supplied); when this accommodation will be put in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [27529/23]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a third ASD classroom for a school (details supplied), as recommended by the National Council for Special Education; if her attention has been drawn to the over enrolment in the existing two ASD classrooms in this school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [27533/23]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full-year cost to the Exchequer associated with State funding for a practical programme of driver education and a pathway to pass the driver theory test for final-year students at all secondary level schools, aiming to equip young adults with a potential mode of transport upon completing school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [27536/23]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full-year cost to the Exchequer associated with State funding for a practical programme of first-aid and CPR life-saving skills for all Leaving Certificate students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [27537/23]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Education the steps, if any, that are being taken by her Department to educate and safeguard children around the potential harms and misinformation being generated by artificial intelligence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [27540/23]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Education the plans her Department has in place to accommodate students with learning difficulties to have the option of having two or three different levels in the Leaving Certificate examinations, having already had the option and ability to complete the Junior Certificate examinations at three different levels, in order that all students, regardless of abilities, are no longer discriminated against and can attain a Leaving Certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27570/23]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport can be provided to four children from the same household (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [27584/23]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 65 of 31 May 2023, if her attention has been drawn to reports from school principals, teachers and SNAs alike that outline that in practice, the role of a teacher and SNA is broadly the same under home-based summer provision, contrary to her Department's reply; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [27586/23]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Education if and when she will meet with a group (details supplied) to discuss its concerns about reforms to the Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE), with Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) curricula; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [27598/23]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline any plans to meet faith groups to discuss concerns about reforms to the Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE), with Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) curricula; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [27599/23]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the steps that will be taken to accommodate parents with concerns about recent proposed reforms to the Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE), with Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) curricula in order to comply with Article 42.4 of the Constitution; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [27600/23]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review a section 29 appeal in respect of a school place for a person (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [27616/23]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the potential risks associated with technology and social media use for children of school going age including social comparison, cyberbullying, harmful content, pro-anorexia and pro-bulimia content, deliberate self-harm content, suicide challenges and the myriad of risks relating to image-based abuse and sextortion; the steps her Department is taking to help students safely navigate online spaces.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [27619/23]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will engage with Roscommon Comhairle na nÓg, a group of 28 young people, regarding a project they are developing to provide a non-clinical listening service in every Roscommon secondary school which would ensure every student has access to at least one session, once a year and aimed towards people who may not normally speak up or to speak about their mental health challenges which was voted on by their representatives from every secondary school in County Roscommon at their Annual Youth Conference in October 2022. — Sorca Clarke. [27620/23]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of a report published by an organisation (details supplied); if she will respond to the recommendations set out in the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [27638/23]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made in relation to the 1/2A submission to build an ASD unit in a school (details supplied) in County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27641/23]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Education the percentage of social media videos posted on each of her Departmental social media accounts, or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under her remit, that included closed captioning/subtitling between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; and the percentage of same that feature translations into Irish or another language; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27652/23]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department, and public bodies and agencies under her remit, have an anti-racism policy which can be accessed by the public; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27670/23]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Education when a grant will be paid to all Kerry schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27709/23]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of the provision of accommodation for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27722/23]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Education when the ICT grants will be paid to national schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27735/23]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Education what languages are currently being considered as a Leaving Certificate subject. — Sorca Clarke. [27753/23]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Education if Korean is being considered as a Leaving Certificate subject. — Sorca Clarke. [27754/23]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Education to request the NCSE to outline the total funding per annum for the past five years for assistive technology to support blind and vision impaired students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [27760/23]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Education to seek detail from the NCSE as to how many functional vision assessments visiting teachers are completing assessments on blind and vision impaired students per annum for the past three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [27761/23]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Education to outline what training is available to teachers and special education teachers exclusively on assistive technology used by blind and vision impaired students who accredits this training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [27774/23]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application for additional accommodation for a school (details supplied); if it will progress in time for it to be operational

for the commencement of the 2023/2024 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27776/23]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Education for a copy of all policy circulars that outline the diagnosed disabilities and/or medical conditions that apply for grant funding for assistive technology for students with physical or communicative disabilities in primary or secondary schools. — Alan Kelly. [27799/23]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Education the efforts being taken to expedite the process where teachers returning home from abroad or travelling to Ireland with the purpose of taking up a position, register with the Teaching Council and receive their requisite number for their employment, given the current shortage of staff required in the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27800/23]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Education if additional temporary classroom spaces will to be added in a school (details supplied) ahead of the next school year. — Catherine Murphy. [27807/23]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Education when her Department will issue a commencement order to the KWETB to enable the delivery of temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [27808/23]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Education if the delivery of temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied) will be in place for September 2023, and if her Department put any condition on the delivery by the school authority to ensure that date is adhered to; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [27809/23]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Education if the delivery of temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied) will be in place for September 2023, and if her Department put any condition on the delivery by the school authority to ensure that date is adhered to; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [27810/23]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Education if unused temporary accommodation, currently situated at (details supplied) could be provided to neighbouring school to ensure that sufficient accommodation is available for the intake of students in August 2023. — Jennifer Whitmore. [27811/23]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Education to outline how, in the event that temporary accommodation is not provided in time for the commencement of the 2023-2024 academic year, schools are to deal with students who are in excess of accommodation capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [27812/23]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 102 of 16 May 2023, if final approval can be speedily confirmed in respect of the application for capital funding under the additional school accommodation scheme by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27817/23]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update for the ongoing school transport scheme review; if there were any recommendations to change the shortest route criteria eligibility for school transport to cease the use of bog roads as traversable routes where such

routes are not traversable by vehicles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [27826/23]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to changing the criteria for the school transport scheme to exclude bog roads and routes that school buses cannot travel on when calculating the shortest route; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [27827/23]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Education when the board of management of a primary school (details supplied) will have a decision on its application for emergency works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [27835/23]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to add Korean as a curricular language for the Leaving Certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27865/23]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to allocating extra time in exams for dyslexic students in the Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate to bring Ireland in line with its European counterparts such as France, Italy and the UK; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [27867/23]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Education if she or officials from her Department have engaged with an organisation (details supplied) and the State Examinations Commission regarding the need for additional time to be allocated for dyslexic students sitting exams at second level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [27868/23]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Education her projected figures for secondary school places for Mullingar, County Westmeath, for September 2023; the figures for applications for these places; the contingency plans in place to accommodate all students who need a place in 1st year in September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [27869/23]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider the inclusion of a Westmeath school (details supplied) in the counselling and mental health pilot scheme which she announced recently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [27901/23]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that a school (details supplied) is the only community school in the country for which provision for all-weather playing facilities was never made; how her Department could go about assisting the school in this matter now; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [27902/23]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Education if a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can have confirmation of entitlement to professional years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [27937/23]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she will take to ensure the temporary accommodation committed to for a school (details supplied) will be in place in advance of the new school year; if the basis for any delays and changes in the proposals for this project can be outlined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [27939/23]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students from Monaghan who availed of the school transport scheme in 2022/2023; the total number of late applicants; the number

of late applicants who were subsequently facilitated with school bus places; and the number of school bus places that her Department plans to provide for in 2023/2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27943/23]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Education if all the children awaiting school places in Kilcock have now been accommodated there, such children being the subject of previous Parliamentary Questions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [27947/23]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the activities of the Parents' Rights Alliance, Irish Education Alliance and the Irish National Party, particularly their online campaigns encouraging citizens to remove books from libraries and to petition schools regarding their curriculum; the engagement, if any, her Department has had with An Garda Síochána, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage or the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [27949/23]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Education the total spend on consulting services and on 'business-as-usual' outsourcing, as differentiated under the Code of 'Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016' for each non-commercial public body under the aegis of her Department for the year 2022. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27959/23]

\*576. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an ndeachaigh sise nó a Roinn i dteagmháil leis an gComhairle um Oideachas Gaeltachta agus Gaelscolaíochta FAOI RÉIR FHORÁIL Alt 31 (1)(b) den Acht Oideachais, (1998) le comhairle a lorg uathu faoin gcinneadh le 30 nóiméad a bhaint den mhéid ama atá molta i gcomhair mhúineadh na Gaeilge sna bunscoileanna a fheidhmíonn trí mheán an Bhéarla ó rang a 1 go rang a 6 agus a fógraíodh sa Chreatchuraclam Bunscoile nua a foilsíodh an 9 Márta 2023; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28019/23]

\*577. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an ndeachaigh an Chomhairle Náisiúnta Curaclaim agus Measúnachta i gcomhairle leis an gComhairle um Oideachas Gaeltachta agus Gaelscolaíochta FAOI RÉIR FHORÁIL ALT 31 (4)(a), (b) agus (c) den Acht Oideachais, (1998) le comhairle a lorg uathu maidir leis an moladh le 30 nóiméad a bhaint den mhéid ama atá molta i gcomhair mhúineadh na Gaeilge sna bunscoileanna a fheidhmíonn trí mheán an Bhéarla ó rang a 1 go rang a 6 sa Chreatchuraclam Bunscoile nua, agus aird tugtha aici ar aon chomhairle a tugadh de réir fhoráil an Achta, sular chuir siad an moladh sin ar aghaidh chuici le glacadh leis; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28020/23]

\*578. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an ndeachaigh sise nó a Roinn i gcomhairle leis an gComhairle um Oideachas Gaeltachta agus Gaelscolaíochta FAOI RÉIR ALT Alt 31 (1)(b) den Acht Oideachais, (1998) le comhairle a lorg uathu sular glacadh leis na leasuithe atá le cur i bhfeidhm i gcomhair na Gaeilge sa tsraith shóisearach de dhroim an chomhairliúcháin luaith a rinneadh i dtaobh na sonraíochtaí nua i gcomhair na sraithe sóisearaí; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28021/23]

\*579. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an ndeachaigh sise nó a Roinn i gcomhairle leis an gComhairle um Oideachas Gaeltachta agus Gaelscolaíochta FAOI RÉIR ALT 31 (1)(b) den Acht Oideachais, (1998) le comhairle a lorg uathu sular glacadh an cinneadh páipéar a haon de scrúdú Gaeilge na hArdteiste a bhogadh go deireadh bhliain a 5; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28022/23]

\*580. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais céard iad na riachtanais iontrála Ghaeilge a chaithfidh a bheith ag mac léinn le cúrsa bunmhúinteoireachta a dhéanamh sna coláistí tríú leibhéal atá á maoiniú ag an Stáit agus sna coláistí príobháideacha ag leibhéal na bhfochéimithe agus ag leibhéal na n-iar-chéimithe; agus cad é an caighdeán Gaeilge a chaithfidh a bheith ag mac léinn ar ag críochnú chúrsa bunmhúinteoireachta sna coláistí tríú leibhéal atá á maoiniú ag an Stáit, agus sna coláistí príobháideacha ag leibhéal na bhfochéimithe agus ag leibhéal na n-iar-chéimithe, a chríochnú; agus cad é an caighdeán Gaeilge a chaithfidh a bheith ag múinteoir chun go nglacfadh le bheith glactha ag an gChomhairle Mhúinteoireachta leis nó léi mar mhúinteoir bunscoile; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28023/23]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Education further to the release of the CSO Census population figures which show significant increases in south Louth and east Meath, if she will provide details of her Department's plans to develop new primary and secondary schools to cater for this increase in those areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [28024/23]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Education further to the release of the CSO Census population figures which show significant increases in Ardee, if she will provide details of her Department's plans to develop new primary and secondary schools to cater for this increase in those areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [28025/23]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Education if she can offer some support to a neuro-divergent child (details supplied) who has limited educational opportunities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [28082/23]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to permitting second level students with a diagnosis of dyslexia additional time in the exam hall to complete their Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate examination papers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28087/23]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of a new school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28126/23]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Education the provisions currently being made for the addition of a third ASD special needs classroom for a school (details supplied); if she will confirm how many students there will be in each ASD class; if additional temporary accommodation will be provided in advance of the new school term; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28127/23]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of a much-needed extension for a school (details supplied); if she will confirm at what stage the development is at; the estimated timeframe from construction to completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28128/23]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application for a general purpose hall/gymnasium for a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [28152/23]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure the BFR is completed for a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [28153/23]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Education the outcome of a review (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28159/23]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a clear calendar of timelines in relation to the provision of ICT grants to national schools, that set out in advance the dates in which payments will issue to schools to cover the cost of ICT equipment purchased; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [28162/23]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Education the number of staff seconded to her Department from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the title and/or role they filled; and the duration of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28172/23]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Education the number of instances in which her Department availed of services and or consultancy and or advices from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the costs of same; the number of contracts between the company and her Department; and the duration and costs of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28193/23]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) will be issued with its ICT grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28213/23]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Education when primary schools can expect to have their ICT grant monies in their accounts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28215/23]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of a group (details supplied) that has been trying to stop the new Junior Cycle SPHE/RSE curriculum with no identification or no listed information on its website about who it is and where its funding comes from; if she agrees that there should be an information campaign to tackle the group's propaganda as the State has a responsibility to educate our children and young people on scientific, evidence-based facts on reproduction and sexual health; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [28257/23]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on an application for emergency works for a named school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [28258/23]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) will be approved grant aid for major capital works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [28268/23]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Education when a school project (details supplied), waiting since March, will progress to the next stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28280/23]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Education when a response will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Donegal regarding a teacher salary query; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [28306/23]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Education whether there are plans in place to utilise a vacant ASD unit in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28319/23]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine the lack of summer provision in special needs' schools; what she intends to do to resolve this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [28344/23]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Education if primary schools will receive a digital strategy ICT grant this academic year and in the next line with the Digital Strategy for Schools to 2027; and if not, if she will provide her rationale. — Catherine Murphy. [28376/23]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Education if DEIS schools receive an enhanced grant under the Digital Strategy for Schools to 2027. — Catherine Murphy. [28377/23]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No 191 of 1 June 2023, if he will indicate a timeframe for when the claims lodged by teachers' unions at TCC might be progressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [28419/23]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will now sanction an extension to a school (details supplied); if her Department can approve an extension for another 500 students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [28425/23]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Education when a new special educational needs organiser will be appointed to the Carlow area following the vacancy arising (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28451/23]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the facilitating of the teaching of art in second-level schools; if there has been a drop in the number of schools offering this subject; if art is a core subject which should be taught at second level, what responsibility is on the school to provide art classes once there is an art teacher on the staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [28452/23]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider providing support for IXL learning supports for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [28466/23]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a DEIS status application for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [28467/23]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the provision of a new school to accommodate the amalgamation of schools (details supplied); and if the process will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [28475/23]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Education for clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28476/23]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Education the cost to run the north inner city multidisciplinary team each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [28479/23]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Education her advice on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28492/23]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the working conditions of resource staff working in YouthReach and how their employment terms and conditions compare with that of teaching staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28498/23]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to grant extra time on examinations to candidates with dyslexia to complete State exams, both Junior and Leaving Certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [28507/23]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding ICT grant funding this school year; the rationale regarding the withdrawal of this funding stream given the need for schools to progress their digital learning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [28517/23]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Education her efforts to enhance the quality of education in Ireland; the steps being taken to improve students' digital literacy skills, promote inclusive education and assist teachers in adapting to changing educational needs; the initiatives and policies in these areas that are being implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28545/23]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Education to examine the possibility of using a school (details supplied), which closed in June 2022, as a special school for west Cork. — Holly Cairns. [28588/23]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that Circular Letter 10/98 is made available to the public by publishing it in the departmental website; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [28589/23]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Education the security protections in place for remote workers within civil and public service organisations to safeguard against personal information of members of the public in audio, text and electronic form being inadvertently exposed to unauthorised third parties within the remote setting; if she can provide a copy of the remote working best practice guidelines for civil and public service workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [28639/23]

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

\*622. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir le plan teanga Bhéal an Mhuirthead; cén uair a bheidh an plan críochnaithe agus foilsithe; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [27106/23]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the preparation of language plans in respect of all towns identified as possible Gaeltacht service towns following the consultation process in 2014, including a breakdown of the language plans completed to date, the language plans approved to date, the towns in respect of which language plans are currently in preparation, and the towns in respect of which the preparation for language plans is yet to begin; the timeline for the completion of all language plans in respect of Gaeltacht service towns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27107/23]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of the Irish-language networks approved and recognised to date, following the announcement in 2018; the timeline for the approval and recognition of the remaining identified areas as Irish-language networks; the status of the development of language plans in the remaining identified areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27108/23]

\*625. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad iarratasóir a chuir isteach ar mhaoiniú faoi Scéim Forbartha na Líonraí Gaeilge gach bliain ó cuireadh tús léi; cé mhéad acu sin nár éirigh leo; agus cé mhéad maoiniú bliantúil a bheadh ag teastáil chun gach iarratas a mhaoiniú. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27376/23]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the estimated cost of introducing a culture card voucher system worth €200 each to all 18-24-year-olds in Ireland in 2024, in order to promote engagement with culture, arts and media, based on schemes in place in Germany, Spain, France and Italy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27443/23]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the estimated cost of introducing a culture card voucher system worth €200 each to all young people in Ireland when they turn 18, in order to promote engagement with culture, arts and media, based on schemes in place in Germany, Spain, France and Italy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27444/23]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the research surveys involving participants in the basic income for the arts scheme include, or will include, specific questions to ascertain the impact of the scheme on social protection recipients, the interaction between the scheme and social protection payments and the impact on artists with disabilities. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27499/23]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the person or body that sat on the Disability Consultative Committee of her Department during its existence; and if she will provide a list of the dates and times of its meetings. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27500/23]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media in light of recent statements by the Football Association of Ireland regarding the lack of funding for League of Ireland clubs, the number of applications received from League of Ireland clubs (male and female) in the past three rounds of the sports capital and equipment grants, and the large-scale sports infrastructure fund, in tabular form; the number of successful applications; which clubs received funding; the number of unsuccessful applicants; the names of the unsuccessful applicants; the reason the applications were unsuccessful; if there is a common reason for such unsuccessful applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [27515/23]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an indicative costing for her Department to offer a practical programme of first-aid and CPR life-saving skills to all amateur sports referees, across all sports, as specified, in 2024 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [27538/23]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the percentage of social media videos posted on each of her Departmental social media accounts,

or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under her remit, that included closed captioning/subtitling between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; and the percentage of same that feature translations into Irish or another language; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27665/23]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide detailed feedback to Kildare County Council in respect of the unsuccessful application for funding in 2019 for a LSSIF-funded swimming pool in north Kildare (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [27955/23]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total spend on consulting services and on ‘business-as-usual’ outsourcing, as differentiated under the Code of ‘Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016’ for each non-commercial public body under the aegis of her Department for the year 2022. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27972/23]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the date on which the LSSIF will open for new applications. — Catherine Murphy. [27980/23]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will clarify the reason the ladies’ League of Ireland was not successful in securing funding through her Department; if she is aware that all clubs in the ladies’ League of Ireland are dependant on their own resources to fund teams; and if, given that ladies’ soccer is classed as an elite sport, she will address the imbalance and ensure that ladies’ soccer is funded to the same degree as other elite ladies’ sports. — Robert Troy. [27998/23]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will confirm that sports capital funding secured by a club (details supplied) can be re-purposed towards another project which also fits within the criteria of sports capital. — Robert Troy. [28000/23]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the engagement that has taken place between her Department and those granted allocations under the large-scale sport infrastructure fund (LSSIF) in the past 12 months; the number of LSSIF allocations that have begun being drawn down; and the number which intend to begin drawing down by the end of 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [28064/23]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of staff seconded to her Department from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the title and/or role they filled; and the duration of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28187/23]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of instances in which her Department availed of services and or consultancy and or advices from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the costs of same; the number of contracts between the company and her Department; and the duration and costs of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28206/23]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding available to an individual (details supplied) who is representing Ireland at an underage level at the upcoming European Championships; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [28223/23]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a breakdown of the total sports capital funding distributed since the programme's inception, by year, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28274/23]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a breakdown of how much horse racing and/or greyhound racing received in sports capital funding since the inception of the sports capital programme, by year, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28275/23]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the security protections in place for remote workers within civil and public service organisations to safeguard against personal information of members of the public in audio, text and electronic form being inadvertently exposed to unauthorised third parties within the remote setting; if she can provide a copy of the remote working best practice guidelines for civil and public service workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [28640/23]

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

\*645. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses in Galway city and Galway county that have been upgraded through the retrofitting programme for social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27058/23]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if changes made by his Department now require a tenant to have resided in their home for ten years before accessing this scheme in relation to the tenant purchase scheme for local authority tenants, or if years previously spent on social housing supports, and so on, count towards this ten-year period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [27059/23]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the restrictions currently in place for civil servants and public servants contesting local government elections. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27060/23]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will re-examine the rates of HAP payment in the light of the experience of a person (details supplied) who is struggling to pay rent of €1,150 per month and has been offered a HAP payment of €13.76 a month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [27074/23]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is an intention to increase the housing adaption grant for people with disabilities, which has a maximum grant of €30,000 or 95% of the cost of the works up to the maximum grant amount of €30,000, in view of the increased costs in construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [27098/23]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he or his Department have had any correspondence or discussion with officials from Northern Ireland in relation to defective slurry/effluent tanks built and operated in Northern Ireland which discharge into waterways feeding into the South; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [27109/23]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can detail how compliance with EU nitrates directives and other environmental protection regulations are enforced or monitored along the Border counties when potential harmful discharges into waterways may be occurring in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [27111/23]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can detail in the event of pollution and damage being caused to waterways in the Republic of Ireland from effluent originating in Northern Ireland the actions his Department or the State can take at EU level or with UK authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [27113/23]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the review of the housing adaptation grants for older people and people with a disability will be published. — Paul Murphy. [27164/23]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the proposed policy to help protect and provide more allotments and community gardens in Ireland; the timeline for when the policy is expected to be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [27170/23]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider a policy proposal to help local people obtain a rental property (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27179/23]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will set out the timeline for proposed referenda due to take place this year, including the introduction of relevant legislation and dates for the holding of the referenda. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27180/23]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide the names of solicitors and their firms who have received payments from An Bord Pleanála who they have lost Judicial Review cases to; the amount of monies paid to those solicitors and their firms in those cases for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27192/23]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is on target to complete action 2.10 of Housing for All to examine a system of holding rental deposits by the end of Q2 2023; and if he will make a statement on the anticipated process following its completion.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [27196/23]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount that has been paid out under the vacant property refurbishment grant since it was established, broken down by county. — Peadar Tóibín. [27201/23]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement his Department has had with officials in Longford Co Council in relation to the exceptional and severe fiscal challenges faced by LCC following the closure of ESB Lough Ree Power Station, Lanesboro, County Longford, and the resulting loss of income. — Sorca Clarke. [27216/23]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his strategy for bringing all vacant local authority housing back into residential use to reduce social housing waiting lists; the timeframe he has set by which this will be achieved nationally in each local

authority; how many vacant social houses can be allocated to social housing applicants in each local authority within the next six months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [27219/23]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount collected under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 as amended by each local authority in 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [27238/23]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline how he can assure the affected homeowners in counties Donegal, Mayo, Clare, Limerick and other counties that the Housing Agency will have the necessary resources in terms of staffing and administration to meet its responsibilities under the forthcoming remediation of dwellings damaged by the use of defective concrete blocks scheme. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [27240/23]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the regulations pertaining to quarry blasting; and the precautions that are in place to ensure that quarry blasting in counties Donegal, Mayo, Clare, Limerick and other counties does not further destabilise homes affected by defective concrete blocks. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [27241/23]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a copy of all recommendations, briefing notes and supporting documents including legal advices, external and/or internal, provided to him by his Department in relation to the extension for eight months, to 31 December 2023 of the 2020-2023 general State-wide wild birds derogation declarations signed by him on 28 April 2023 (details supplied), with copies of all associated legally compliant regulations. — Duncan Smith. [27277/23]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that new regulations (details supplied) were not ready for the 2023-2024 declarations that were due on 1 May 2023; and the reason it has apparently been necessary for him to continue to sign advisedly legally non-compliant regulations, which have a specific role in protection of public health and safety, for a number of years now. — Duncan Smith. [27278/23]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if new regulations pertaining to the protection of wild birds and derogations therefrom, specifically in the interests of public health and safety under the 1979 Birds Directive, are currently being drafted, with engagement with the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel to the Government; if so, when such new regulations will be published for scrutiny; and when they will be implemented. — Duncan Smith. [27279/23]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when and by what means his Department intends to publish the results of its public consultation on the 2023-2024 wild birds derogation declarations. — Duncan Smith. [27280/23]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department intends to conduct any consultations, for example, with Dáil Éireann and/or with the general public, in respect of new draft regulations for wild birds derogation declarations; and if so, if a date has been scheduled for this. — Duncan Smith. [27281/23]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he stands over his Department and the National Parks and Wildlife Service's long-standing and continuing legal requirement, backed up by a threat of fines and prosecutions, whereby parents, guardians or

others who may be legally or otherwise responsible for the protection and wellbeing of infants, young children, elderly, vulnerable and/or immune compromised people, and for example, responsible for hygiene and infection control and/or the care of patients in medical centres or hospitals, except in Balbriggan only, must apply to his Department for a State licence to protect anyone in their care from seagulls that may be nesting in close proximity in significant numbers, species that are known to be aggressive and to swoop and attack people, and are the subject of stark public health warnings on three Government websites, including his Department's website for almost a year now. — Duncan Smith. [27282/23]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage will he confirm to the Deputy that measures that have been deployed as national policy since 1986 to lethally control several wild bird species (e.g. the Grey (Hooded) Crow, the Magpie, the Jackdaw and other species), have been implemented specifically to protect public health and safety under the “Member States shall protect, manage and control ...(wild bird species)...” provisions of the Birds Directive, and does he accept - following the recommendations and evidence-based legal advices of his predecessor's Consultative Committee on urban gulls (2019-2021), and the results of his Department's Urban Gull Survey (2021), and internal legal advice (2022), that it is incumbent on the State to protect public health and safety from the officially recognised threats that are posed by seabirds nationally (Avian Flu), and rapidly expanding urban seagull colonies; and if he does so accept, can he state when will effective control measures be announced, how they will be deployed and, in particular, whether he will advise local authorities as to their responsibilities in the matter. — Duncan Smith. [27283/23]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will assure that all new or amended regulations pertinent to the annual State-wide derogations from protections afforded to wild bird species will comply with the specific affirmation of the European Court of Justice (EU Commission vs. the King of Belgium 1985-87 Case No. 247) that the higher-ranking interests of public health and security must override the protection of birds and their habitats, as specifically catered for in Article 9.1.a, first indent, of the 1979 Birds Directive, and as specifically catered for in The Wildlife Act 2000 (Amended), Section 59 and in S.I. No. 477/2011 - European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011. — Duncan Smith. [27284/23]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he and his Department accept that intense noise and faecal pollution for five months each year and serious attacks and blood injuries, including on children in schools in communities impacted by high-density urban gull colonies, are negative impacts far more serious than the impacts (details supplied) of small species such as sparrows and starlings, cited in the CJEU's judgement as justifying derogations in urban areas, and therefore that proactive general derogations are required in all such impacted areas listed in his Department's National Urban Gull Survey 2021. — Duncan Smith. [27286/23]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will request his Department to provide requested information (details supplied) covering the period from the 2020-2021 declarations, that is, after the April 2020 Report of the Consultative Committee on Urban Gulls to the 2022-2023 extension of the declarations, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [27287/23]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on any proposals that are being made in relation to payments being made permanent for farmers in SAC areas who are in the national farm plan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27297/23]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 45 local authority housing units approved for construction in (details supplied) have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; and if not, the reason for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [27299/23]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the nine AHB units, approved for construction (details supplied) have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reason for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [27300/23]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the seven local authority housing units approved for construction in (details supplied) have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; and if not, the reason for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [27301/23]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the four AHB units under a housing association approved for construction (details supplied) have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; and if not, the reason for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [27302/23]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the three AHB units under a housing association approved for construction (details supplied) have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; and if not, the reason for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [27303/23]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the five AHB units under a housing association approved for construction (details supplied) have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; and if not, the reason for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [27304/23]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Offaly County Council and Laois County Council have made applications under the affordable housing fund to support affordable housing purchase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27311/23]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the fresh start principal under the local authority home loan scheme is available to those who previously owned and sold/lost a property prior to their second home purchased with a spouse/partner, in so far as the person can show they have low income and savings and cannot attain loans through the

standard avenues, and where the person is not applicable for social housing support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [27314/23]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will seek details from each individual local authority in respect of the percentage of rural one-off housing applications that have been refused, by county, local authority, over the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [27315/23]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown by nationality of the 12,259 people in emergency accommodation; how many that are Irish citizens, non-Irish EU citizens, citizens of the United Kingdom and citizens of other countries outside of the EU or UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27374/23]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the longest time spent by an individual or family in an emergency accommodation facility in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [27396/23]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount spent on the HAP and RAS schemes by the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [27397/23]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of social houses constructed by the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [27398/23]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of people who became homeless in the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [27399/23]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of notifications of termination of tenancy issued to the Residential Tenancies Board in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [27400/23]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of notifications of termination of tenancy issued to the Residential Tenancies Board in each of the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [27401/23]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of persons currently in emergency homeless accommodation in the State; and the total number of available emergency homeless accommodation beds. — Peadar Tóibín. [27402/23]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties owned by his Department which are currently vacant; and if he will detail the locations of these properties and the type of properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [27403/23]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social or council houses owned by the State which are currently vacant in each county in the country. — Peadar Tóibín. [27404/23]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has undertaken a study to determine the mental and physical health impacts of extended periods of stay in emergency accommodation. — Peadar Tóibín. [27405/23]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the progress of the review of the 2018 regulations that exempt certain vacant commercial premises from the requirement to obtain planning permission for change of use to residential purposes; specifically, what considerations are being given to extending the scope of these regulations to include other forms of vacant commercial premises beyond those already exempted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [27409/23]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is honouring the brokered Management Transformation Framework Document delivered in June 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27464/23]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the implementation of the outcome of industrial relations mechanisms through the WRC for the purposes of ensuring the smooth transition of water services to Uisce Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27465/23]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will intervene and instruct the local authorities to commit in writing that all earnings will be paid to workers who remain in their local authority after 2026, as no loss of earnings was agreed at the time by CCMA and the LGMA (local authority representatives); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27467/23]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to anomalies in the criteria for qualifying for cost-rental schemes administered through the LDA (details supplied); the potential knock-on implications for those paid an hourly rate or who work in the gig economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [27469/23]

\*701. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons who have applied for the derelict property grant, by county; and the amount paid out under the grant in each month since the grant scheme was established, by county, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [27479/23]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons who have applied for the vacant property refurbishment grant, by county; and the amount paid under the grant in each month since the grant scheme was established, by county, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [27480/23]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the Minister and officials responsible for negotiating a deal (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [27493/23]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homes acquired under the first home scheme since its introduction, by the number of homes per local authority, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27556/23]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homes acquired under the local authority affordable purchase scheme since its introduction, by the number of homes per local authority, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27558/23]

\*706. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that the Revenue Commissioners automatically rescinds a landlord's tax clearance certificate once the amount paid to the landlord through HAP exceeds €10,000; if consideration can be given to amending this policy by increasing the threshold at which tax clearance certificates are rescinded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [27603/23]

\*707. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated full-year cost if the budget for housing adaptation grant for people with a disability increased by 12.5%. — Kathleen Funchion. [27628/23]

\*708. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of a report published by an organisation (details supplied); if he will respond to the recommendations set out in the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [27639/23]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the percentage of social media videos posted on each of his Departmental social media accounts, or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit, that included closed captioning/subtitling between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; and the percentage of same that feature translations into Irish or another language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27659/23]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department, and public bodies and agencies under his remit, have an anti-racism policy which can be accessed by the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27677/23]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will give additional resources to Louth County Council to expedite urgent housing adaptation grant application cases (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [27687/23]

\*712. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many ecologists are currently employed in An Bord Pleanála; and the cost per year per post, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [27694/23]

\*713. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many marine biologists are currently employed in An Bord Pleanála; and the cost per year per post, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [27695/23]

\*714. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the workforce plan for An Bord Pleanála, the current staffing levels; and the cost per year per post, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [27696/23]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the workforce plan for An Bord Pleanála; how many ecologists are currently employed; if there are forthcoming plans to recruit more; and the cost per year per post. — Darren O'Rourke. [27697/23]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the workforce plan for An Bord Pleanála; how many marine biologists are currently employed; if there are forthcoming plans to recruit more; and the cost per year per post. — Darren O'Rourke. [27698/23]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the workforce plan for An Bord Pleanála; how many ornithologists are currently employed; if there are forthcoming plans to recruit more; and the cost per year per post. — Darren O'Rourke. [27699/23]

\*718. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the workforce plan for An Bord Pleanála; how many hydrologists are currently employed; if there are forthcoming plans to recruit more; and the cost per year per post. — Darren O'Rourke. [27700/23]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the workforce plan for the marine and climate unit; the current staffing levels; and the cost per year per post, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [27701/23]

\*720. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the workforce plan for the maritime area regulatory authority; the current staffing levels per specialism; and the cost per post per year, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [27707/23]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of active tenancies in the housing assistance payment scheme and rental accommodation scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27719/23]

\*722. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on introducing regulations to allow individuals who rent or buy an apartment to have a pet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27742/23]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide accurate electronic copies of clear maps for every local electoral area in the country. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [27771/23]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of establishing a marine biodiversity national coordination body as recommended by the Citizen's Assembly on biodiversity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27777/23]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he will take to address an anomaly with the croí cónaithe grant scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27818/23]

\*726. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authorities that have undertaken hedgerow surveys; if targeted funding is available to councils to undertake this work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27824/23]

\*727. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has any plans to acquire Knocklofty House, Clonmel, County Tipperary to prevent it from further deterioration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [27832/23]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will supply a complete copy of all recommendations, briefing notes and supporting documents (including legal advices - external and/or internal) provided to him by his officials in relation to the extension for eight months to 31 December 2023 of the 2020.23 General State-wide Wild Birds derogation Declarations signed by him on 28 April 2023 (details supplied), and copies of all associated legally compliant regulations. — Louise O'Reilly. [27870/23]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, in the light of his extension of the 2022.23 State-wide Wild Birds derogation Declarations to 31 December 2023, and NPWS's National Urban Gull Survey September 2021 - which his Department stated would inform urban gull policy, the as yet unimplemented recommendation in April 2020 from the Chair of the Consultative Committee (CC) on urban gulls that areas impacted by gulls should receive a public health and safety based derogation under the terms of the Birds Directive, the legal advices from the CC (August 2020 and February 2021), and the fact that three Government Department's websites, including his own Department's site, have posted stark warnings about public health risks from seabirds and their faeces for almost a year now, he will advise as to when and by what means he proposes to address escalating negative impacts and public health risks from urban gull colonies in the interests of public health and safety. — Louise O'Reilly. [27871/23]

\*730. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide copies of all wildlife licences issued for controls of wild birds since and including 2018 to date. — Louise O'Reilly. [27872/23]

\*731. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm whether new regulations pertaining to the protection of wild birds and derogations are currently being drafted; if the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel to the Government is involved in the drafting; and when the new regulations will be published and implemented. — Louise O'Reilly. [27873/23]

\*732. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can confirm when his Department intends to publish the results of its public consultation on the 2023.24 Wild Birds derogation declarations; if his Department intends conduct any further consultations in respect of new regulations pertaining to derogation declarations; and if he can assure that his Department will demonstrate transparency with regard to these matters similar to the publicity and transparency that characterised the recent species management and control policy development for the red deer population. — Louise O'Reilly. [27874/23]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm that all new or amended regulations pertinent to the annual State-wide derogations from protections afforded to wild bird species will reflect the explicit affirmation by the European Court of Justice (EU Commission vs. the King of Belgium 1985-87 Case No. 247) that "the higher-ranking interests of public health and security must override the protection of birds and their habitats", as specifically catered for in Article 9.1.a), first indent) of the 1979 Birds Directive, and as specifically catered for in The Wildlife Act 2000 (Amended), Section 59 and S.I. No. 477/2011 - European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011. — Louise O'Reilly. [27875/23]

\*734. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, with regard to the Annual State-wide Wild Birds General derogation Declarations, he will clarify whether he and his Department have accepted the independent legal advices (August 2020 and February 2021 acquired via his predecessor's Consultative Committee on urban gulls) that S.I. No. 254/1986 - European Communities (Wildlife Act, 1976) (Amendment) Regulations, 1986 are ultra vires the

species control threshold in the 1979 Birds Directive whereby Member States “shall, (Articles 1 & 2)” protect, manage and control wild bird species “in the interests of public health and safety”, and specifically that the 1986 Regulations’ threshold for species control decisions viz. “represent a threat to public health and safety” is ultra vires; if he has received and accepted internal legal advice that agrees that the 1986 Regulations are ultra vires in the above contexts; and if so, when he received the internal advice. — Louise O’Reilly. [27877/23]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage given that the 2022.23 Annual State-wide derogation declarations due on 1 May 2022 were delayed for over two months, and given that legal advice was provided that S.I. No. 254/1986 - European Communities (Wildlife Act, 1976) (Amendment) Regulations, 1986 “did not properly transpose the Directive”, he will explain the reason the new regulations were not ready in time for the 2023.24 declarations that were due on 1 May 2023. — Louise O’Reilly. [27878/23]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, given the CJEU’s 1987 judgement in Case No 247 - the EU Commission vs Belgium, he accepts that noise and faecal pollution, serious attacks on people, including on children in their schools, from high density gull colonies, in Irish towns and cities, are negative impacts far more serious than the impacts of small species such as sparrows and starlings cited in the CJEU’s judgement as justifying derogations, and therefore that proactive general derogations are required in impacted areas listed in his Department’s National urban Gull Survey 2021 - viz. Balbriggan, Howth, Skerries, Drogheda, Bray and many parts of Dublin city and suburbs, “in the higher ranking interests of public health and security”, in line with the CJEU Judgement. — Louise O’Reilly. [27879/23]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, with regard to the Annual State-wide Wild Birds derogation declarations for the period 2020.21 to the 2023.24 extension of the 2022.23 Declarations inclusive, he will provide a summary of the evidence and advices considered, rejected, and the reasons for rejection, and accepted, and the reasons for acceptance, by his Department, including sources and the dates from when all such evidences and advices were available, in respect of the control decisions made regarding the species Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*), Greater Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*), and Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*). — Louise O’Reilly. [27880/23]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, with regard to the Annual State-wide Wild Birds derogation Declarations for the period 2020.21 to the 2023.24 extension of the 2022.23 Declarations inclusive, he will provide a summary of the evidence and advices considered, rejected, and the reasons for rejection, and accepted, and the reasons for acceptance, by his Department, including sources and the dates from when all such evidences and advices were available, in respect of the control decisions made regarding the Hooded Grey Crow (*Corvus corona*) species. — Louise O’Reilly. [27881/23]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, with regard to the Annual State-wide Wild Birds derogation Declarations for the period 2020.21 to the 2023.24 extension of the 2022.23 Declarations inclusive, he will provide a summary of the evidence and advices considered, rejected, and the reasons for rejection, and accepted, and the reasons for acceptance, by his Department, including sources and the dates from when all such evidences and advices were available, in respect of the control decisions made regarding the Magpie (*Pica pica*) species. — Louise O’Reilly. [27882/23]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, with regard to the Annual State-wide Wild Birds derogation Declarations for the period 2020.21 to the 2023.24

extension of the 2022.23 Declarations inclusive, he will provide a summary of the evidence and advices considered, rejected, and the reasons for rejection, and accepted, and the reasons for acceptance, by his Department, including sources and the dates from when all such evidences and advices were available, in respect of the control decisions made regarding the Rook (*Corvus frugilegus*) species. — Louise O'Reilly. [27883/23]

\*741. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, with regard to the Annual State-wide Wild Birds derogation Declarations for the period 2020.21 to the 2023.24 extension of the 2022.23 Declarations inclusive, he will provide a summary of the evidence and advices considered, rejected, and the reasons for rejection, and accepted, and the reasons for acceptance, by his Department, including sources and the dates from when all such evidences and advices were available, in respect of the control decisions made regarding the Jackdaw (*Corvus monedula*) species. — Louise O'Reilly. [27884/23]

\*742. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, with regard to the Annual State-wide Wild Birds derogation Declarations for the period 2020.21 to the 2023.24 extension of the 2022.23 Declarations inclusive, he will provide a summary of the evidence and advices considered, rejected, and the reasons for rejection, and accepted, and the reasons for acceptance, by his Department, including sources and the dates from when all such evidences and advices were available, in respect of the control decisions made regarding the Wood Pigeon (*Columba palumbus*) species. — Louise O'Reilly. [27885/23]

\*743. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, with regard to the Annual State-wide Wild Birds derogation Declarations for the period 2020.21 to the 2023.24 extension of the 2022.23 Declarations inclusive, he will provide a summary of the evidence and advices considered, rejected, and the reasons for rejection, and accepted, and the reasons for acceptance, by his Department, including sources and the dates from when all such evidences and advices were available, in respect of the control decisions made regarding the Feral Pigeon (*Columba livia*) species. — Louise O'Reilly. [27886/23]

\*744. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, with regard to the Annual State-wide Wild Birds derogation Declarations for the period 2020.21 to the 2023.24 extension of the 2022.23 Declarations inclusive, he will provide a summary of the evidence and advices considered, rejected, and the reasons for rejection, and accepted, and the reasons for acceptance, by his Department, including sources and the dates from when all such evidences and advices were available, in respect of the control decisions made regarding the Collared Dove (*Streptopella decaocto*) species. — Louise O'Reilly. [27887/23]

\*745. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the new defective scheme will accept applications from beneficial owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [27913/23]

\*746. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an application from a beneficial owner (details supplied) in County Donegal will meet the criteria for the new defective block scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [27914/23]

\*747. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the length of time the vacant property refurbishment grant will last. — Peter Burke. [27916/23]

\*748. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when legislation will be brought forward to provide tenants facing a no-fault eviction the right of first refusal if the landlord is selling; what other provisions will be included in the legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [27934/23]

\*749. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is considering increasing the household income threshold for the cost-rental scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [27935/23]

\*750. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the towns which currently must limit housing development due to inadequate waste water treatment capacity, in tabular form; the proposed timeframe for delivery of adequate waste water treatment facilities at each location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27946/23]

\*751. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications under the domestic lead remediation grant scheme since its introduction in 2016, per local authority, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [27950/23]

\*752. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total spend on consulting services and on ‘business-as-usual’ outsourcing, as differentiated under the Code of ‘Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016’ for each non-commercial public body under the aegis of his Department for the year 2022. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27966/23]

\*753. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if officials from his Department will be meeting with homeowners and representatives prior to an updated report on the regulation of defective blocks being published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [27993/23]

\*754. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage 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. [28002/23]

\*755. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the cost of establishing the working group to examine defects in housing, having regard to the recommendations of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Housing, Local Government and Heritage report Safe as Houses, and to assist owners of latent defect properties by identifying options for those impacted by defects, to access low-cost, long-term finance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [28029/23]

\*756. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the full cost, current cost and capital cost to establish the registration and inspection scheme 2012 for the domestic wastewater treatment system; and the full cost, current cost and capital cost in 2022, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [28031/23]

\*757. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of ecologists, marine biologists and ornithologists to be employed at the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority; if there are any plans to recruit more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [28066/23]

\*758. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total spend on consulting services and on business-as-usual outsourcing at the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority as differentiated under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016 under the aegis of his Department, broken down by contract and purpose of contract in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [28067/23]

\*759. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of ecologists, marine biologists and ornithologists employed in An Bord Pleanála; if there are any plans to recruit more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [28068/23]

\*760. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total spend on consulting services and on business-as-usual outsourcing at An Bord Pleanála as differentiated under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016 under the aegis of his Department, broken down by contract and purpose of contract in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [28069/23]

\*761. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a series of matters (details supplied) will be clarified in relation to the tenant-in-situ purchase scheme in cases in which a local authority is interested in purchasing a house that is for sale with tenants on social housing supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [28105/23]

\*762. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the supports in place to assist older renters who, because of age, are unable to get approved for a mortgage and where the household income is over the limits set under the cost-rental tenant-in-situ scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [28108/23]

\*763. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in circumstances where adult children are living in a rental accommodation with their parents for the time being, if any income earned by these children can be disregarded when calculating the household income under the cost rental tenant-in-situ scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [28112/23]

\*764. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the payments, if any, that can be disregarded when calculating the net annual income of a household in relation to the cost rental tenant-in-situ scheme; if carer's allowance, for example, can be disregarded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [28113/23]

\*765. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the Government is not ensuring the installation of solar panels on local authority homes that are undergoing retrofit works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [28134/23]

\*766. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will meet with the organisers of a campaign (details supplied) before the summer recess; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [28144/23]

\*767. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff seconded to his Department from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the title and/or role they filled; and the duration of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28181/23]

\*768. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of instances in which his Department availed of services and or consultancy and or advices from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the costs of same; the number of contracts between the company and his Department; and the duration and costs of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28200/23]

\*769. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will extend the temporary time-limited waiver in respect of development contribution fees for self-build homes in circumstances where commencement of construction has already been underway outside of the period between 25 April 2023 and 24 April 2024 and not yet completed, and where the same increase in housing materials and labour costs are still incurred and being exacerbated by the ongoing cost-of-living crisis for self-build developers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [28210/23]

\*770. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has determined the number of houses in the ownership of Mayo County Council that have tested for pyrite; if these homes will be demolished and rebuilt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [28238/23]

\*771. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects a biodiversity officer to be appointed in County Longford. — Joe Flaherty. [28255/23]

\*772. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the role the new biodiversity officers will play in the policing of turf cutting. — Joe Flaherty. [28256/23]

\*773. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, given the recent final report submitted by Sligo County Council, Sligo will be included in the defective concrete blocks grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [28260/23]

\*774. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on plans for a 'rightsizing' scheme; if this will support older people who own their own homes and are not on the local authority social housing list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28276/23]

\*775. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans he has to develop housing for older persons to allow them to downsize their own larger home where said older persons own their own home and are not on the local authority social housing list, to support this cohort to live independently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28277/23]

\*776. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the most up-to-date housing needs assessment for counties Carlow and Kilkenny; and the number on each of the local authority housing waiting lists for these counties. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28281/23]

\*777. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the infrastructure fees waiver which has been announced includes septic tanks. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28282/23]

\*778. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the outcome of the review commissioned by Uisce Éireann to be carried out by a company (details supplied) on Uisce Éireann's internal processes; the progress being made on implementation of

recommendations made in this review; the role these changes will deliver in the future of capital works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [28368/23]

\*779. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide update on efforts to reduce and eliminate *rhododendron ponticum*; if he will introduce incentives to eradicate the plant on moorland and which pays homeowners in moorland areas to replace *rhododendron ponticum* hedges with non-invasive species; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28408/23]

\*780. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the revised guidelines on wind energy development will be published as part of Q2 targets for the 2023 Climate Action Plan; when the Planning and Development Act 2000 will be amended to reflect the proposed changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28464/23]

\*781. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of all foreshore licence applications in County Dublin submitted in each year from 2000 to 2010, including those refused and those granted; and the current status of each granted application, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28469/23]

\*782. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will look at amending the criteria with regards to the *croí cónaithe* grant to allow someone who is the only company director on a company's return to be able to qualify for the grant, given that the current criteria excludes them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [28474/23]

\*783. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when Uisce Éireann will take charge of the waste water system at Sliabh Dubh, Corduff, Carrickmacross, County Monaghan, to facilitate Monaghan County Council's taking-in-charge of the estate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28515/23]

\*784. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when Uisce Éireann will take charge of the waste water system at Drumakelly, Annyalla, County Monaghan, to facilitate Monaghan County Council's taking-in-charge of the estate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28516/23]

\*785. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when it is intended to announce the rural water programme for 2023; the reason for the delay with this in view of the fact that nearly half the year has elapsed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28541/23]

\*786. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the Government's approach to addressing Ireland's housing crisis; the measures being taken to increase affordable housing options, alleviate homelessness and ensure sustainable urban development; the progress in these areas; the upcoming initiatives aimed at addressing the housing challenges faced by individuals and communities across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28547/23]

\*787. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether there is any grant funding available to support the cost of works to a private group water scheme where a total upgrade is required and the cost is beyond the affordability of the members of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28568/23]

\*788. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Implementation Plan for the National Housing Strategy for People with Disabilities 2022-2027 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [28595/23]

\*789. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking in response to the significant decline in the salmon population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [28596/23]

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

\*790. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on removing means testing of a spouse's income for applicants to the rural social scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27207/23]

\*791. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on enabling eligible and willing individuals to remain on the rural social scheme until 70 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27208/23]

\*792. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify if there is a limit on the amount of savings a person can have if they are to be successful in obtaining an additional needs payment; if she will clarify what this limit is; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [27254/23]

\*793. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to indicate in the case of a person (details supplied) who has lived in this country for several years, who is an amputee and has no visible means of support, has only been supported by friends for several years, is being denied a basic payment and disability allowance if urgent steps can be taken to ensure that his urgent needs are being met on humanitarian and compassionate grounds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27257/23]

\*794. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied); when a decision will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27294/23]

\*795. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a back payment for a person (details supplied). — Seán Canney. [27337/23]

\*796. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients of jobseekers' benefit or jobseekers' allowance who have been in receipt of either allowance continuously since 2019; the breakdown of these recipients by age; the number under each age category who are also in receipt of a disability payment from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27373/23]

\*797. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people who have benefitted from the carer support grant for 2022 and to date in 2023. — Sean Sherlock. [27393/23]

\*798. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of individuals receiving the supplementary welfare allowance in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [27394/23]

\*799. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount paid out in supplementary welfare allowance in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [27395/23]

\*800. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a State pension (contributory) claim increase for a qualified adult by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [27415/23]

\*801. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of young persons under 25 years of age who are in receipt of the full rate of jobseekers' allowance of €220 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27439/23]

\*802. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of young persons under 25 years of age who are in receipt of the lower rate of jobseekers' allowance of €129.70 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27440/23]

\*803. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of young persons under 25 years of age who are in receipt of a rate of a jobseekers' allowance other than €129.70 and €220 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27441/23]

\*804. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an exceptional needs payment will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27447/23]

\*805. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if all relevant information in respect of an application for a working family payment in the case of a person (details supplied) has now been received; if any other information is outstanding; when payment is expected to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27473/23]

\*806. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the entitlement for a qualified adult dependent on a partner's State pension (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [27486/23]

\*807. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify the situation regarding the possibility of further consideration of a case (details supplied) for partial capacity benefit which was appealed to the Social Welfare Appeals Office recently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [27491/23]

\*808. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) has not been paid the social welfare spring bonus. — Michael Creed. [27492/23]

\*809. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if clarification will be provided on a matter regarding a CE supervisor scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27559/23]

\*810. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the weekly service of community welfare officers visiting towns has not been resumed in Cavan since Covid (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [27602/23]

\*811. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of domiciliary care allowance applications; the number of refusals on first application; the number of appeals; the number of requests for review; the number of successful and unsuccessful appeals and reviews respectively,

for each of the past ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [27617/23]

\*812. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage of social media videos posted on each of her Departmental social media accounts, or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under her remit, that included closed captioning/subtitling between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; and the percentage of same that feature translations into Irish or another language; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27663/23]

\*813. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department, and public bodies and agencies under her remit, have an anti-racism policy which can be accessed by the public; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27681/23]

\*814. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many people have benefited from the carer support grant for the years 2016 to 2022 in each year and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [27749/23]

\*815. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for child benefit in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27801/23]

\*816. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will receive a decision on their appeal for a domiciliary care allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [27803/23]

\*817. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the number of people who are on the live register in each town in County Cork; the number of people on the live register for more than 24 months in each town in County Cork; the number of people who have been referred to the local area employment service in each town in County Cork since September 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [27815/23]

\*818. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when her Department will process an application for a free travel companion pass (details supplied); if there is currently a backlog in processing free travel applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [27843/23]

\*819. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are supports available for mortgage-holders who have lost income due to long-term illness or disability to help them stay in their own home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27856/23]

\*820. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to indicate in the case of a person (details supplied) the income that he is deemed to received from his ARF which deemed him ineligible for JSB payment as a bridging payment before qualifying for the State pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27861/23]

\*821. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current rate of pay for the job initiative scheme; if there are plans to increase this; and the measures she will take to help JI employees in the face of the cost-of-living crisis. — Louise O'Reilly. [27892/23]

\*822. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will look at creating a childhood and adolescent and young-adult cancer-care allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27910/23]

\*823. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will look at removing the means testing for cancer patients when they apply for an exceptional needs payment/SWA; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27912/23]

\*824. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated first- and full-year cost of increasing disability allowance by €12.50 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27920/23]

\*825. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total spend on consulting services and on 'business-as-usual' outsourcing, as differentiated under the Code of 'Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016' for each non-commercial public body under the aegis of her Department for the year 2022. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27970/23]

\*826. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an appeal by a person (details supplied) will be dealt with; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27984/23]

\*827. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the carer's allowance payment to include an additional option for the allowance to be paid based on the needs of the person requiring the care and not based on the means of the carers and their spouse, where the applicant falls outside the limit of the means test; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [27992/23]

\*828. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of employees of her Department who were Class B PRSI contributors between October 2011 and December 2015; the total number of employees who were Class B PRSI contributors who paid a 5% levy on their incomes from October 2011 to December 2015; if she will provide details of the context of the payment of this levy; if any of the total number of overall employees who paid the levy were not former community welfare officers who transferred to her Department from the HSE in October 2011; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28060/23]

\*829. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will identify which legislation underpins the payment of a 5% levy by Class B PRSI contributors who became employees of her Department following their transfer from the HSE in 2011; if she will point to the relevant sections and/or subsections in the relevant legislation providing for the making of this payment in part of October 2011, November 2011, December 2011 and the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015; the benefits these specific employees derived from the payment of this levy; the length of time they paid it for; if she will review whether the collection of this levy after the early part of October 2011 was in fact not provided for in law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28061/23]

\*830. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the freepost instruction was removed from social welfare child benefit review forms (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [28077/23]

\*831. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28088/23]

\*832. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reasons the May cost-of-living payment was not paid to qualified adults on a contributory pension in their own right; if she will reconsider this, given many qualified adults operate in a financially independent way from their respective spouses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28090/23]

\*833. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when illness benefit for the period 17 April 2023 to 7 May 2023 will be paid to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [28147/23]

\*834. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will intervene and review the invalidity pension application in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [28169/23]

\*835. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of staff seconded to her Department from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the title and/or role they filled; and the duration of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28185/23]

\*836. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of instances in which her Department availed of services and or consultancy and or advices from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the costs of same; the number of contracts between the company and her Department; and the duration and costs of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28204/23]

\*837. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will give due consideration to the review of the current means test requirement for the additional needs/exceptional needs' payment for children, adolescent and young adults (CAYA) cancer patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28241/23]

\*838. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will give due consideration to expanding the criteria for the household benefits package to include all cancer patients upon diagnosis until treatment is finished; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28243/23]

\*839. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider introducing a new statutory payment for employees and self-employed people with chronic illnesses to attend medical appointments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28246/23]

\*840. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 106 of 23 May 2023, the reason those on non-contributory pensions were omitted from the Spring bonus cost-of-living supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28366/23]

\*841. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a reply will issue from her Department to an email received on 31 May from a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [28372/23]

\*842. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of medical assessors assigned to examining applications for domiciliary care allowance and the number of medical assessors assigned to examine DCA appeals, in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if separate medical assessors are assigned to both the application and appeals process. — Peadar Tóibín. [28391/23]

\*843. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of deciding officers in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and the number of appeals officers assigned to assessing both applications and appeals, respectively for domiciliary care allowance. — Peadar Tóibín. [28392/23]

\*844. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the claim of a person (details supplied) to determine if they are in receipt of the correct benefit at the maximum rate and if they are entitled to other benefits; and she will provide a record of their contributions. — John McGuinness. [28409/23]

\*845. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is entitled to a State pension (contributory) based on their contributions and recent application; and if their record of contributions will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [28472/23]

\*846. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the of eligibility for a carer's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28473/23]

\*847. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify the situation regarding eligibility for the €100 additional payment for children's allowance, and in particular, eligibility with regard to students in Leaving Certificate classes who have not been approved for the recent June bonus payment. — Michael Creed. [28490/23]

\*848. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision on a treatment benefit application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be re-examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28560/23]

\*849. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to expand the eligible non-profit bodies which can access CE scheme workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [28597/23]

\*850. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to extend eligibility for child benefit for a child aged 18 years or older who is still in post-primary education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [28598/23]

\*851. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the children's allowance has not been extended to the parents of 18-year-olds who are still in full-time second level education, given that as a result of Government policy in relation to school-starting age, more and more young people are still in second level education after their 18th birthday than was historically the case; her views on whether these supports should be extended in cases such as this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28600/23]

\*852. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the security protections in place for remote workers within civil and public service organisations to safeguard against personal information of members of the public in audio, text and electronic form being inadvertently exposed to unauthorised third parties within the remote setting; if she can provide a copy of the remote working best practice guidelines for civil and public service workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [28641/23]

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

\*853. To ask the Minister for Justice if a factory (details supplied) in Carrickmacross was part of any application for the immigrant investor scheme; the details of any application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27093/23]

\*854. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a list of the projects approved under the IIP project prior to the closing of the scheme which are still eligible to drawdown endowments to ensure completion, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [27094/23]

\*855. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 33 of 25 May 2023, how often the information is collated. — Pearse Doherty. [27095/23]

\*856. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 33 of 25 May 2023, if there are any vacancies at the station; and if so, the number. — Pearse Doherty. [27097/23]

\*857. To ask the Minister for Justice if the e-gates in Dublin Airport for passport control have been subject to any review and checking since the IT malfunction in the UK; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27183/23]

\*858. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new staff devoted to handling the increasing number seeking international protection; the target processing capacity which is planned over the coming year; if this is causing an increase in the prospective waiting period for a decision to be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [27225/23]

\*859. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the current status of an EU Treaty Rights application by a person (details supplied); if the application has been reviewed by the relevant authorities; if so, the outcome or progress of the assessment; if there are any outstanding issues or requirements related to the application that need to be addressed; the estimated timeline for the final decision on the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [27275/23]

\*860. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who were granted permission to enter the State in the context of the temporary protection decision who have left the State since the introduction of the decision, by month and year, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27289/23]

\*861. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to work in Ballymun Garda station. — Dessie Ellis. [27317/23]

\*862. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda personnel assigned to the Santry/Whitehall area, given the closure of Whitehall Garda station. — Dessie Ellis. [27318/23]

\*863. To ask the Minister for Justice if an application for asylum which was made in 2021 is being processed for a person (details supplied); when a decision will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27319/23]

\*864. To ask the Minister for Justice if asylum seekers can engage in third level programmes and/or apprenticeships if they have a permit to work but are waiting for their asylum application to be granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27320/23]

\*865. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will conduct a review of the business visa requirements based on the information in a letter (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [27327/23]

\*866. To ask the Minister for Justice the cost associated with any current planned updates Garda ICT structures. — Pa Daly. [27345/23]

\*867. To ask the Minister for Justice the cost of the pilot mental health de-escalation programmes within An Garda Síochána. — Pa Daly. [27346/23]

\*868. To ask the Minister for Justice the projected cost of implementing the Judicial Planning Working Group recommendations. — Pa Daly. [27348/23]

\*869. To ask the Minister for Justice the projected cost of increasing funding to restorative justice initiatives by 100%. — Pa Daly. [27349/23]

\*870. To ask the Minister for Justice the projected yearly cost to the Prison Service of housing a single prisoner. — Pa Daly. [27350/23]

\*871. To ask the Minister for Justice the projected cost of doubling funding to the International Protection Office and International Protection Appeals Tribunal. — Pa Daly. [27352/23]

\*872. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 15 of 25 May 2023, the projected cost of doubling funding for Garda diversion programmes and extending the programmes' eligibility criteria to include those who are aged 25 years. — Pa Daly. [27354/23]

\*873. To ask the Minister for Justice the cost of establishing a homicide review board within her Department, including designated office space and administrative support. — Pa Daly. [27360/23]

\*874. To ask the Minister for Justice the cost of training an additional 3,000 gardaí in the Competency-Based Driver (CBD) Level 2 course in 2023. — Pa Daly. [27363/23]

\*875. To ask the Minister for Justice the cost of providing an additional three staff members to Garda DPSUs per annum. — Pa Daly. [27364/23]

\*876. To ask the Minister for Justice the cost of providing a crime prevention officer, including administrative and technological support per annum. — Pa Daly. [27365/23]

\*877. To ask the Minister for Justice the cost of GDPR and data protection training for at least four members of An Garda Síochána per district headquarters. — Pa Daly. [27366/23]

\*878. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of single male applicants who were granted asylum in each year from 2000 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27370/23]

\*879. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of single male applicants who were granted asylum and who were subsequently granted family reunification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27371/23]

\*880. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the current capital funding allocations from her Department to the Garda small capital works budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [27430/23]

\*881. To ask the Minister for Justice since reform in January 2021, how many international protection applicants have sought work after six months of waiting for a decision on their international protection application; and the percentage of international protection applicants that are currently in employment. — John Lahart. [27484/23]

\*882. To ask the Minister for Justice the actions she will take following publication of the Study on Familicide and Domestic and Family Violence Death Reviews. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27502/23]

\*883. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of beneficiaries of temporary protection accommodated in County Donegal, broken down by townlands and from where they have come; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [27504/23]

\*884. To ask the Minister for Justice if a dedicated Garda liaison officer exists to investigate complaints of assault against taxi drivers and to liaise generally with the taxi industry on safety matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [27530/23]

\*885. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 533 of 23 May 2023, the overall value of overtime payments paid to members of An Garda Síochána in administrative posts in each of the years 2018 to 2022 inclusive and to date in 2023. — Neasa Hourigan. [27567/23]

\*886. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 404 of 18 May 2023, if she will give confirmation as requested (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [27593/23]

\*887. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost of doubling the number of psychologists in the Irish Prison Service. — Pa Daly. [27608/23]

\*888. To ask the Minister for Justice if he has information on what process is in place to allow charitable organisations or people make donations to prison libraries. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [27629/23]

\*889. To ask the Minister for Justice the percentage of social media videos posted on each of her Departmental social media accounts, or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under her remit, that included closed captioning/subtitling between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; and the percentage of same that feature translations into Irish or another language; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27660/23]

\*890. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department, and public bodies and agencies under her remit, have an anti-racism policy which can be accessed by the public; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27678/23]

\*891. To ask the Minister for Justice the length of time it currently takes for a citizenship application to be processed; the reason a person (details supplied) has still not had their application determined after 21 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [27693/23]

\*892. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of illegal narcotic seizures and the monetary value of each seizure in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, per county, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [27728/23]

\*893. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on reviewing guardianship laws (details supplied) to reflect larger societal changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27738/23]

\*894. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide details of the average processing time for the join spouse visa - spouse of an Irish national; the steps she is taking to reduce these processing times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27743/23]

\*895. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is any pathway whereby an experienced prison officer could transfer to An Garda Síochána without going through the basic recruitment process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27752/23]

\*896. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of a visa application in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision is likely to issue; the reason for the delay in issuing visas to date; the plans that are in place to address this delay; when a visa is expected to issue given it was first applied for on 8 October 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27765/23]

\*897. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application by a person (details supplied), for citizenship which is pending since 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27766/23]

\*898. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of two projects (details supplied) that are to be funded through the immigrant investor programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27775/23]

\*899. To ask the Minister for Justice his position in relation to establishing the three-year statute of limitations for medical negligence cases, in light of the difficulty getting doctors’ notes and other necessary materials to launch an action. — Pa Daly. [27794/23]

\*900. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress she has made in relation to the establishment of the proposed role of the Ombudsman in prisoner complaints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [27806/23]

\*901. To ask the Minister for Justice for a tabular breakdown of the projected and actual numbers of Garda recruits, resignations, retirements and overall force numbers for 2018 to 2023 year to date. — Pa Daly. [27831/23]

\*902. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent, if any, to which parental alienation is a defined condition in this country, given the extent to which the concept is contested; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27862/23]

\*903. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which she remains satisfied that concept of parental alienation is not used in this country to militate against the interest of the child or either of the parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27863/23]

\*904. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the implementation plan for restorative justice; the plans to invest in services to make restorative justice more accessible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [27900/23]

\*905. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason a person's (details supplied) approval of visa was two weeks' into the approval dates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [27903/23]

\*906. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding will be provided to purchase high-powered jet skies for the Garda water unit. — Catherine Murphy. [27907/23]

\*907. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans to purchase unmarked vans attached to Garda public order units. — Catherine Murphy. [27908/23]

\*908. To ask the Minister for Justice if she plans to visit the United States before the end of 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27925/23]

\*909. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons currently in prison for the offence of handling stolen goods and who are due to be released in either 2025 or 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27926/23]

\*910. To ask the Minister for Justice the current status of the Postal Packages, Telecommunications Messages (Regulation Amendment) Bill; when this Bill will move to the next Stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27927/23]

\*911. To ask the Minister for Justice if An Garda Síochána or her Department has made funding applications for projects under the EU anti-fraud programmes in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; if so, the applications that were approved, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27928/23]

\*912. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the Stamp 4 application for (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [27956/23]

\*913. To ask the Minister for Justice the total spend on consulting services and on 'business-as-usual' outsourcing, as differentiated under the Code of 'Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016' for each non-commercial public body under the aegis of her Department for the year 2022. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27967/23]

\*914. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on adoption applications (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [27988/23]

\*915. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the family reunification application of persons (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [28032/23]

\*916. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will clarify whether there are states or territories that have refused to readmit persons who were the subject of a deportation order in this state; if she will identify these locations; the number of refusals to readmit such persons that have

occurred from 2011 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [28055/23]

\*917. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide, in tabular form, details of the judgements made against Ireland in the Court of Justice of the European Union in each of the past five years; the nature of the case and judgement in question; the total amount in euro of fines and/or penalties paid to date associated with each adverse finding, broken down by amount paid by day, week, month, and so on, as per the judgement; the remedial procedures, if any, that have been undertaken by the State to address each of the judgements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28130/23]

\*918. To ask the Minister for Justice the powers An Garda Síochána has to disclose personal information to a victim of a violent crime in relation to their perpetrator; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [28145/23]

\*919. To ask the Minister for Justice the powers she has granted An Garda Síochána to disclose an alleged perpetrator’s previous convictions where a victim’s life is believed to be in danger; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [28146/23]

\*920. To ask the Minister for Justice the process that is in place for Ukrainian nationals here under temporary protection who wish to establish permanent roots and purchase a home in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [28151/23]

\*921. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of staff seconded to her Department from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the title and/or role they filled; and the duration of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28182/23]

\*922. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of instances in which her Department availed of services and or consultancy and or advices from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the costs of same; the number of contracts between the company and her Department; and the duration and costs of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28201/23]

\*923. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of psychologists employed in each prison; the number of vacant positions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [28218/23]

\*924. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the application status of a person (details supplied) to the Afghan Admissions Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28232/23]

\*925. To ask the Minister for Justice if a person (details supplied) will be granted their IRP renewal as soon as possible as they have experienced a very lengthy wait and have since been let go from their current employment and cannot access and welfare claims; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28261/23]

\*926. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will expedite the application by a person (details supplied) for family reunification, in order that the child concerned can join school here in September. — Paul Murphy. [28263/23]

\*927. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1064 of 18 April 2023, if he will ensure that an original passport is returned to a person (details supplied) who

submitted it as part of a visa application in respect of their father and which they now require urgently in order to travel for medical treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [28302/23]

\*928. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a schedule of Irish soccer clubs (details supplied) that registered their interest in accessing funds and or investment in the context of the Immigrant Investor Programme in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [28364/23]

\*929. To ask the Minister for Justice the plans being put in place by her Department to address serious backlogs in atypical visa processing (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28374/23]

\*930. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps being taken to ensure adequate staff are available to service the nursing homecare sector (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28375/23]

\*931. To ask the Minister for Justice in relation to the hundreds of long-term undocumented migrants who applied for the Government scheme in early 2022, who were advised that their applications would be processed by the end of last year but are still waiting on confirmation, if she will ensure that her Department processes these pending applications in a timely manner without any undue delay; if she will provide an expected timeframe for these remaining application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [28418/23]

\*932. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of WTE forensic analysts working in the Garda national economic crime bureau in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased. — Alan Kelly. [28443/23]

\*933. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons successfully prosecuted for being a passenger in a stolen vehicle in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28444/23]

\*934. To ask the Minister for Justice if consideration will be given to issuing a certificate of naturalisation at the forthcoming ceremony in June in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28459/23]

\*935. To ask the Minister for Justice the position regarding the ownership of the small building at the rear of a courthouse (details supplied); if this is under the control of her Department; and if so, if it will be considered for community use through a leasing arrangement. — Steven Matthews. [28497/23]

\*936. To ask the Minister for Justice the resources allocated to An Garda Síochána; the Government's planned investments aimed at ensuring that An Garda Síochána has adequate resources and a modern Garda fleet of vehicles to effectively carry out their duties in maintaining law and order, preventing crime and protecting the safety of communities across Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28563/23]

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

\*937. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if ten farmers are owners in a commonage and one farmer cuts turf against the rules in that commonage, if all farmers will be penalised; if he will consider changing the law in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [27125/23]

\*938. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the details of the scheme (details supplied) for the forgotten farmers will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27230/23]

\*939. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding allocated to his Department from the Brexit Adjustment Reserve in 2022 and 2023; the areas to which his Department has allocated this funding, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27305/23]

\*940. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the Suckler Carbon Efficiency Programme; how many applications have been received for the scheme and how many have been approved; the amount of payments that have been made under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27306/23]

\*941. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how much of the announced €1.3 billion for forestry that is from core expenditure; how much additional funding is in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27307/23]

\*942. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration would be given to increasing direct payments per sheep under the sheep improvement scheme which is a targeted scheme for sheep farmers, in order to provide much-needed additional support to sheep farmers, encourage young farmers to enter and continue sheep farming, and ensure that this type of farming is viable going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [27310/23]

\*943. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of the reports in the latest edition of 'The Skipper' of the alleged actions of SFPA officials, while encouraging fishing skippers to agree to install remote electronic monitoring (REM) cameras on board their fishing vessels; and if he will order an independent review of these serious allegations. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [27369/23]

\*944. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he accepts that foresters need some form of financial support to stay in the industry while his Department is awaiting approval from the European Commission for the €1.3 billion forestry programme launched eight months ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27411/23]

\*945. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he sees it fit to make a one-off payment to aid foresters in making their annual insurance payment, given that it is a requirement to have professional indemnity insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27412/23]

\*946. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will clarify the status of the internal departmental report which suggested that up to 65,000 cows would need to be culled for each of the next three years at an annual cost of €200 million (details supplied); if this

option has been endorsed by him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27432/23]

\*947. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the plans his Department has to ensure that all breeders selling animals as pets online are registered with his Department under The Animal Health and Welfare (Sale or Supply of pet animals) Regulations 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [27505/23]

\*948. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action his Department is taking to support the farm machinery industry, in view of the current critical shortage of qualified mechanics in the farm machinery industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [27579/23]

\*949. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the Scheme of Investment Aid for the Development of the Commercial Horticulture Sector will open for applications in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27580/23]

\*950. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of social media videos posted on each of his Departmental social media accounts, or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit, that included closed captioning/subtitling between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; and the percentage of same that feature translations into Irish or another language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27649/23]

\*951. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department, and public bodies and agencies under his remit, have an anti-racism policy which can be accessed by the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27667/23]

\*952. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current cattle, sheep and pig population in each county in the State, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [27711/23]

\*953. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine by how much the Government intends to reduce the national herd; within what timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [27712/23]

\*954. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications received for the Scheme of Investment Aid for the Development of the Commercial Horticulture Sector in 2021 and 2022; the number of applications accepted and the number refused, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27713/23]

\*955. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cow and calf pairs, per applicant, on which payments were made under the BEEP scheme in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27714/23]

\*956. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of BDGP herds not included in BEEP-s in 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27715/23]

\*957. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline, in tabular form, the number of bovine animals slaughtered and processed at DAFM approved processing plants from both factory-owned and factory-controlled (farmer-owned) feed units (CFUs) during the period

1 January 2023 to 1 June 2023; to categorise and break down the number of slaughtered cattle in this period under various subheadings (details supplied); the total tonnage of saleable meet yield on a weekly basis between the period 1 January 2023 to 1 June 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27716/23]

\*958. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding provided to the bride project in 2022; the amount allocated for 2023; and if he plans to extend this funding beyond 2023. — Darren O'Rourke. [27755/23]

\*959. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the acres scheme will open for new applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27767/23]

\*960. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding allocated to Coillte in 2022 and 2023; the staffing levels for WTE and PTE staff; and the staffing costs in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [27779/23]

\*961. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications for environmental impact assessment screening for boundary removals that have been received; the number of screening applications approved; the corresponding length of hedgerows approved for removal in each of the years from 2010 to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27825/23]

\*962. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is reluctant to accepting the UN recommendation for countries to leave untouched all peat soils of 10cm depth rather than afforesting and reforesting sites with peat depths of 30cm, 40cm, and even 50cm deep peat as alluded to in Parliamentary Question No. 135 of 26 April 2023, if he can at least assure this Deputy that he will end afforestation and reforestation on peat soils of a greater depth than 15cm, given that his Government itself has published as part of the EU Green Deal 'Keeping Ireland Green: 12 Stories about the EU and Ireland's Environment' with an introduction by him in which it is stated in Section 9 that 'A climate change solution beneath our feet' that 'It is estimated that a 15cm thick layer of peat contains more carbon per hectare than a tropical forest.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27834/23]

\*963. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the management of assets and occupancy at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [27857/23]

\*964. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current status of the Fishery Harbour Centres (Amendment) Bill; when this Bill will move to the next stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27924/23]

\*965. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total spend on consulting services and on 'business-as-usual' outsourcing, as differentiated under the Code of 'Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016' for each non-commercial public body under the aegis of his Department for the year 2022. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27957/23]

\*966. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total hectares of afforestation for each of the past ten years; the total area of afforestation planted with Sitka spruce in each of those years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27981/23]

\*967. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the cost of establishing the Teagasc signpost advisory programme; the staffing levels and workforce plan of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27983/23]

\*968. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27994/23]

\*969. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware that the North Tipperary Horse Show had to cancel this year's show due to rising insurance costs; and the steps he is taking to ensure that insurance is available and affordable for country shows. — Martin Browne. [28003/23]

\*970. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of any analysis which has been conducted in County Wicklow to determine the extent of the spread of Ash dieback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28007/23]

\*971. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers and individuals in Wicklow who have availed of the Ash dieback reconstitution and underplanting scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28008/23]

\*972. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are plans to expand the Ash dieback reconstitution and underplanting scheme further; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28009/23]

\*973. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are plans to provide funding to local authorities to address safety concerns surround Ash dieback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28010/23]

\*974. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider banning the use of pregnant mare serum gonadotropin (PMSG) in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [28148/23]

\*975. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider banning the importation of products containing pregnant mare serum gonadotropin (PMSG) to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [28149/23]

\*976. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding given to each greyhound track from the horse and greyhound racing funds from 2016 to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [28161/23]

\*977. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of staff seconded to his Department from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the title and/or role they filled; and the duration of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28174/23]

\*978. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of instances in which his Department availed of services and or consultancy and or advices from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the costs of same; the number of contracts between the company and his Department; and the duration and costs of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28190/23]

\*979. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the European Commission has reverted to his Department with any questions or requests for further information in relation to the forestry programme application which was submitted in April; if so, the dates on which such requests or questions occurred; if any such questions or requests have been dealt with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28314/23]

\*980. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details on the projected timeline for the completion of the strategic environmental assessment (SEA) attaching to the new forestry programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28315/23]

\*981. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm that there are no differences in the procedure or process through which private tree felling licences and Coillte tree felling licences are administered by the Forest Service of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28316/23]

\*982. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount the Horse and Greyhound Fund has received since its inception, by year and amount allocated, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28343/23]

\*983. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are any plans to introduce a scheme for private homeowners living in the countryside in addition to the €9 million in support to landowners with ash dieback infected plantations by removing and replanting their sites with alternative species to avoid an endemic spread of the disease to rural gardens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28378/23]

\*984. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise when the fodder support scheme will open for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28404/23]

\*985. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration has been given to expanding the fodder support scheme to applicants who did not participate in the scheme in 2022 or 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28405/23]

\*986. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applicants to the fodder support scheme in 2022 and 2023; the number that were accepted and rejected in each year; if he will provide this information, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28406/23]

\*987. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applicants to the reconstitution scheme for ash dieback from 2013 to date and the reconstitution and underplanting scheme (ash dieback) from 2020 to date; if he will advise the number of applications and funding allocated per year per scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28407/23]

\*988. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the dates to date in 2023 where he has met each CEO and or chairperson of each State agency under the remit of his Department, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28442/23]

\*989. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update regarding reports of 'severe' penalties should ACRES scoring deadlines not be met; if he will

advise what measures are being taken to ease the pressure being placed on farmers and farm advisors to have land scored by the current August deadline given the app for advisors to do so has been delayed during what is already a very busy period for applications to the scheme; if consideration has been given to extending the scoring deadline into September; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28456/23]

\*990. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a breakdown of his Department's spending of EU CAP funding in 2022, after meeting all direct farm payments for that year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28463/23]

\*991. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures his Department will take to ensure the welfare of all animals currently being looked after by an organisation (details supplied) which has called a national emergency appeal due to the fact that all its centres have reached maximum capacity; and if his Department is considering taking further measures to ensure that the current situation is not repeated as a result of excess breeding. — Mick Barry. [28501/23]

\*992. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how many applications to the investment aid scheme for the development of commercial horticulture there were in 2022; how many were successful and how many were rejected, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28514/23]

\*993. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara cén uair a cheadófar airgead do Chomhairlí Áitiúla le h-aghaidh oibreacha mara ar chéibheanna beaga i mbliana; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28555/23]

\*994. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on his efforts to protect Ireland's ritual (religious) slaughter practices in order that the meat industry can continue to supply meat to the Jewish and Islamic religious faiths in Ireland and throughout Europe (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28558/23]

\*995. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the Government's efforts to promote sustainable agriculture, ensure food security, and support rural farmers in Ireland; the initiatives and policies being implemented to improve environmental stewardship, promote sustainable farming practises, and assist farmers in adopting sustainable and climate-resilient agricultural methods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28559/23]

\*996. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking in response to the significant decline in the salmon population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [28584/23]

\*997. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the security protections in place for remote workers within civil and public service organisations to safeguard against personal information of members of the public in audio, text and electronic form being inadvertently exposed to unauthorised third parties within the remote setting; if he can provide a copy of the remote working best practice guidelines for civil and public service workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [28642/23]

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

\*998. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of beds, in tabular form, in each unit, in each LHO, assigned for respite for children and families of those with additional needs; and the cost per centre and staff allocated per centre of respite, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [27750/23]

\*999. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline on delivery of funding for a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28262/23]

\*1000. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many of the 22 neurologist speciality nurse positions that were announced have been filled to date; if he will list the areas that still have vacancies in these positions after funding being allocated to hire these nurses, in tabular form, by HSE region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28270/23]

\*1001. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a list of HSE-run residential care homes for persons with mental health difficulties and an acquired brain injury in the State; how many beds are there in the State for such residential places for these vulnerable persons to support them, especially when care at home can no longer be provided as parents get older; what plans are there to increase these places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28278/23]

\*1002. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the crisis in the recruitment and retention of staff in Section 39-funded disability organisations, which is caused by a disparity in pay and conditions in Section 39-funded organisations compared to their HSE and Section 38 counterparts; if he agrees that a resolution for this issue needs to include a formal agreement to address the pay disparity of Section 39 organisations, a multi-annual, sustainable funding model for voluntary organisations and a review of the out-of-date Health Act 2004, which does not reflect the reality and essential nature of services provided by Section 39 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [28424/23]

\*1003. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will seek an update from the HSE on much-needed plans to establish a community neuro-rehabilitation team in CHO8 area; if he will provide a timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [28455/23]

\*1004. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can guarantee to a person (details supplied) that four home care hours will become four 'actual' hours rather than 'pending' hours prior to the end of this month. — Peadar Tóibín. [28493/23]

\*1005. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address three specific matters raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [28496/23]

\*1006. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the need and acknowledgement from the HSE that a population-based community neuro-rehabilitation team needs to be developed within CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [28508/23]

\*1007. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to address the recruitment and retention crisis in Section 39 disability organisations which is having a catastrophic impact on essential services (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [28512/23]

\*1008. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will respond to queries raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [28605/23]

\*1009. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on outstanding payments to an accommodation centre for Ukrainian refugees (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27055/23]

\*1010. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child (details supplied) will receive appointments for speech and language and occupational therapy; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [27056/23]

\*1011. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many young adults with an intellectual disability on the southside of Dublin are on the waitlist for day services. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [27084/23]

\*1012. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the progress that is being made on his previously stated confirmation in February 2021, as to the development of a modern multidisciplinary centre, inclusive of providing early intervention and respite, for children with additional needs in the Waterford area and as a replacement for a current HSE facility at the Sacred Heart Centre, Lady Lane, Waterford. — Alan Kelly. [27085/23]

\*1013. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the cost to undertake the external expert report 'Towards a new governance framework for children and youth policies in Ireland'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [27087/23]

\*1014. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if psychological or other such assessments for children paid for privately by parents, rather than waiting years on HSE or other such assessments, are accepted by CAMHS or DNT services to allow the children to access services, or whether the parents have to await the publicly funded assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27117/23]

\*1015. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if parents of children with disability/educational/psychological assessments who pay for such assessments privately to try and overcome a public service waiting list for such an assessment, can recoup the costs of such an assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27119/23]

\*1016. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is any legislative/policy impediment preventing private, not-for profit, voluntary services delivering care or services on behalf of the State for children with additional educational needs accepting disability/educational/psychological assessments which have been paid for by parents privately, or if there is a framework list of such private psychologists, and so on, from which they must access such; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27121/23]

\*1017. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on plans (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [27182/23]

\*1018. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if permission will be provided by IPAS in relation to the specific case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [27199/23]

\*1019. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure that the regulations for domestic violence leave under the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2023 is paid at 100% of the person's normal rate of pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27202/23]

\*1020. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the cross-departmental engagement his Department has had with the Department of Education in relation to the scoping inquiry, as announced by the Minister for Education in March 2023 into allegations of historical sexual abuse in schools run by religious orders. — Sorca Clarke. [27213/23]

\*1021. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if it is his intention to organise work done by speech and language, OT and physio professionals who work with ASD classes around the class as a whole rather than individual students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27234/23]

\*1022. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount each Section 38 and 39 organisation receives from the HSE per hour to fund personal assistant services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27260/23]

\*1023. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will confirm that as part of the personalised budgets demonstration projects pilot, that when PAS funding is unbundled from existing services, how much of that HSE budget is retained by organisations which will no longer provide a PA service to disabled people in this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27261/23]

\*1024. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the lack of early learning and care and school-age childcare services in the Dublin 7 area; if he will outline the most recent research conducted into the capacity of existing childcare provision in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [27271/23]

\*1025. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the age criteria for qualifying for the early childhood care education programme; if exceptions can be made for children who are younger by less than a month; if there are any plans to review the qualifying criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [27276/23]

\*1026. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address concerns that the OPW has failed to actively engage with residents of the Clonminch Lane area, County Offaly following the announcement that modular housing was developed at a site there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27298/23]

\*1027. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if matters raised in correspondence by an organisation (details supplied) will be examined. — Robert Troy. [27316/23]

\*1028. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will expand community neurological-rehabilitation teams to each CHO area; the timeline for delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [27325/23]

\*1029. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when his Department will pay a contractor (details supplied) in Cork for accommodation and services rendered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [27328/23]

\*1030. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when payments long overdue will issue to a centre housing refugees from Ukraine (details supplied) in view of the fact that the contract with this provider states that they will be paid in advance monthly and they have not received payments for April, May and June 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [27416/23]

\*1031. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the capital cost of providing 1,200, 1,450 and 1,700 additional day service places for school leavers and graduates of rehabilitative training respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27487/23]

\*1032. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current cost, including staff and operating cost, of providing 1,200, 1,450 and 1,700 additional day service places for school leavers and graduates of rehabilitative training respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27488/23]

\*1033. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the first and full-year costs of providing 1,200, 1,450 and 1,700 additional day service places for school leavers and graduates of rehabilitative training respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27489/23]

\*1034. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated number of additional day services for people with disabilities that will be required in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27490/23]

\*1035. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of residential units managed directly by TUSLA or its predecessor agency for each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [27495/23]

\*1036. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the terms of reference for the interdepartmental committee concerning the referendums on family, care and equality will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27503/23]

\*1037. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when River Walk House, Carndonagh, County Donegal will reopen to offer respite services to families in Inishowen, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [27506/23]

\*1038. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when payments for April, May and June will issue to an accommodation provider for Ukrainian refugees (details supplied); whether all outstanding queries raised with the supplier have been replied to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [27516/23]

\*1039. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what funding is available to a facility (details supplied) for works considering that the works are urgent as there are health and safety concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [27518/23]

\*1040. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the first and full-year current costs of providing 24, 36 and 48 additional planned residential places respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27541/23]

\*1041. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated number of planned residential places for people with disabilities that will be required in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27542/23]

\*1042. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of planned residential places for people with disabilities that have been delivered in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27543/23]

\*1043. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the first- and full-year current costs of transferring 100, 200 and 300 people with disabilities out of congregated settings and into an assisted community home respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27544/23]

\*1044. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of people with disabilities still residing in a congregated setting; the number of people with disabilities transferred from a congregated setting to an assisted community home or their family home in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27545/23]

\*1045. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the first and full-year current costs of transferring 50, 100 and 200 people with disabilities, under the age of 65 years, out of a nursing home and into an assisted community home respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27546/23]

\*1046. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of disabled people under the age of 65 years who are currently residing in a nursing home; the number of these people who have requested to be transferred to an assisted community home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27547/23]

\*1047. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of disabled people under the age of 65 years who were transferred from a nursing home to an assisted community home or their family home in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27548/23]

\*1048. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated number of intensive home support packages for children with disabilities that will be required in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27549/23]

\*1049. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the first and full-year current costs of providing one additional respite centre for people with disabilities in each CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27550/23]

\*1050. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current number of respite centres for adults with disabilities, by county, in each CHO; the current number of respite centres for children with disabilities, by county, in each CHO, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27551/23]

\*1051. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of new respite centres that have been opened since 26 June 2020; the number of additional respite hours that this has delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27552/23]

\*1052. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of additional respite hours delivered by opening one additional full-time four-bed respite centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27553/23]

\*1053. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [27560/23]

\*1054. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when PA home support hours will be provided a person (details supplied) who is being discharged from hospital shortly in view of their care needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [27571/23]

\*1055. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE behaviour therapists working in children's disability network teams based in County Kilkenny in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [27626/23]

\*1056. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount that TUSLA has spent on redeveloping St. Dymphna's Hospital, Athy Road, Carlow. — Kathleen Funchion. [27627/23]

\*1057. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of a report published by an organisation (details supplied); if he will respond to the recommendations set out in the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [27640/23]

\*1058. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will work with Sport Ireland and sporting NGBs to develop a strategy that will support the delivery of sporting infrastructures and or upgraded facilities and pathways for young persons into sport.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [27648/23]

\*1059. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the percentage of social media videos posted on each of his Departmental social media accounts,

or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit, that included closed captioning/subtitling between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; and the percentage of same that feature translations into Irish or another language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27650/23]

\*1060. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department, and public bodies and agencies under his remit, have an anti-racism policy which can be accessed by the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27668/23]

\*1061. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which children continue to be supported in situations that present a threat to their wellbeing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27702/23]

\*1062. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to ensure that a building (details supplied) being used to accommodate refugees has a fire certificate. — Holly Cairns. [27732/23]

\*1063. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the senior Departmental officials will meet with an organisation (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [27734/23]

\*1064. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions being taken to house homeless refugees camping at Mount Street's International Protection Office; if the gathering of non-IPAT homeless individuals has been noted by his Department; and the efforts that are being to end drug use in the camp by such individuals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [27748/23]

\*1065. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of beds, in tabular form, in each unit, in each LHO, assigned for respite for relatives of families aged 18 years and older; and the cost per centre and staff allocated per centre of respite, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [27751/23]

\*1066. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if exit interviews or questionnaires are conducted when staff leave Children's Disability Network Teams; if so, to provide analysis of the responses given; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [27845/23]

\*1067. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which it is expected to augment social facilities in the vicinity of Firmount, Clane, County Kildare, in the event of the deployment of refugees thereat, if social or community facilities can be augmented to ensure the best possible standards are applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27859/23]

\*1068. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the grounds upon which a person (details supplied) may not get redress, who is a potential beneficiary under the Mother and Baby Home Redress Programme, but who understands that despite being affected in a similar way to others, may not get redress on the basis of their lesser stay in the institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27864/23]

\*1069. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will commit to entering into a formal agreement to address the pay disparity of Section 39 organisations; if he will develop a multi-annual, sustainable funding model for voluntary organisations; if he will conduct a review of the out-of-date Health Act (2004) which does not reflect the reality and essential nature of services provided by Section 39; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [27895/23]

\*1070. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the Inter-Departmental Committee concerning the Referendums on Family, Care and Equality will produce their findings and/or make recommendations to Government. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27896/23]

\*1071. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason montessori or other pre-school teachers/practitioners who may have taken time out to care for their own children for a period of time, find that the qualifications accepted when they started out in their careers and saw some of them progress to managerial positions in the industry, now find on their return that these qualifications and experience are not universally recognised. — John Lahart. [27898/23]

\*1072. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason a qualification would be accepted by ECCE as a teaching qualification but disregarded by his Department and Tusla when it comes to a returning professional who had taken some time out to care for their own children and had many years of experience accumulated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [27899/23]

\*1073. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the additional funding that is required for the national MS respite centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27915/23]

\*1074. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total spend on consulting services and on ‘business-as-usual’ outsourcing, as differentiated under the Code of ‘Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016’ for each non-commercial public body under the aegis of his Department for the year 2022. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27958/23]

\*1075. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a child’s absence by virtue of illness will impact on their qualification for receipt of the NCS grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [27986/23]

\*1076. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if childcare services making financial losses under core funding will be allowed to increase their fees to protect the future viability of their services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28016/23]

\*1077. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if childcare services core funding will be increased in line with the current rate of inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28018/23]

\*1078. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 462 of 25 April 2023, the number of children that were referred to Kilbixy Paddocks for respite who were subsequently excluded from the service in each month since January 2020; the number in each month that had commenced the service before being

excluded; the number from each month that were offered alternative respite supports that matched the hours and days provided in Kilbixy Paddocks; the average timeframe for this alternative to be provided, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28026/23]

\*1079. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 492 of 25 April 2023, if it is the intention that a child (details supplied) will be provided with alternative weekend day-respite services following their exclusion from those services at another centre; the proposed timeframe for this alternative respite to be provided given their exclusion from the centre at the beginning of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28027/23]

\*1080. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a policy advisor will meet with a childcare representative (details supplied) from County Kerry to discuss issues affecting the sector following the introduction of Core funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28039/23]

\*1081. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige maidir leis an ‘Little Baby Bundle’ atá le dáileadh ag do Roinn ar 500 tuismitheoir nua ó Mhí Feabhra 2023 ar aghaidh le tacú leo agus a leanbh tagtha ar an saol: cé gur fógraíodh go mbeadh leabhair faoi leanaí agus bileoga faisnéise faoi chúrsaí sláinte ar fáil i mBéarla agus i nGaeilge sna pacáistí, an bhféadfadh an tAire a dheimhniú an mbeidh aon ábhar ar fáil iontu a chabhródh le tuismitheoirí nó a thabharfadh spreagadh dóibh Gaeilge a úsáid lena bpáistí; murab amhlaidh an cás faoi láthair, an féidir leis an Aire a chinntiú go mbeidh a leithéid de leabhair/de bhileoga ar fáil ina mbeidh faisnéis faoin gcineál cuir chuige ba cheart a bheith ag tuismitheoirí agus iad ag tosú amach leis an nGaeilge a úsáid leis an leanbh nuabheirthe, faoi na buntáistí a bhaineann leis an dátheangachas don leanbh, agus faoi na Naíonraí/Gaelscoileanna atá sa limistéar, mar shampla, curtha san áireamh; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Kathleen Funchion. [28073/23]

\*1082. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can detail the procedures and systems in place in the Citywest centre for IPO applicants, specifically in relation to a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [28078/23]

\*1083. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of staff seconded to his Department from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the title and/or role they filled; and the duration of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28171/23]

\*1084. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of instances in which his Department availed of services and or consultancy and or advices from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the costs of same; the number of contracts between the company and his Department; and the duration and costs of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28191/23]

\*1085. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of whole-time equivalent posts broken down, in tabular form by the numbers vacant and occupied in each Tusla social work area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [28230/23]

\*1086. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of foster carers in Tusla broken down in tabular form by local area office; the number who have an allocated fostering link worker; the number not allocated a fostering link worker; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [28231/23]

\*1087. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of foster care children who are without a fully qualified social worker; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [28307/23]

\*1088. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has been consulted and or briefed by the Garda Commissioner and or his staff, the Department of Justice or the Minister in respect of concerns relating to accommodation and related services contracts between him and entities in the persons seeking international protection system. — Catherine Murphy. [28336/23]

\*1089. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will set out the depth of due diligence he and his officials undertake in advance of activating contracts with service and accommodation providers in the persons seeking international protection system. — Catherine Murphy. [28338/23]

\*1090. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has reviewed expenditure and value for money element in respect of the persons seeking international protection system in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if the Comptroller and Auditor General and or his officials have raised any concerns in respect of that expenditure or sought any clarifications from him and or his officials. — Catherine Murphy. [28339/23]

\*1091. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he ensures that he and or his officials have full knowledge of the beneficial owners of companies and their subsidiaries that provide accommodation and related services in the persons seeking international protection system. — Catherine Murphy. [28340/23]

\*1092. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 635 of 9 May 2023, the reason that funding for respite services is not collated by CHO area and is not broken down into respite and residential respite respectively; if applications for non-residential services are disaggregated between personal assistance, home support and respite services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [28420/23]

\*1093. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1596 of 26 April 2022, the reason that funding for respite services is not routinely collated and aggregated into a statistical profile; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [28421/23]

\*1094. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 133 of 16 February 2023, the reason there is no centrally maintained waiting list for respite services; if he has plans to commence the collection and publication of this information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [28422/23]

\*1095. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE allocations for the north Tipperary and Clonmel children's disability network teams; the

number of WTE posts vacant on 6 June 2023, broken down by discipline, in tabular form; and the current caseload for these teams. — Alan Kelly. [28448/23]

\*1096. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what stage the ECCE programme review is at; when he expects the review to be completed; if the recommendations of this review will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [28506/23]

\*1097. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the review of the ECCE scheme is considering increasing the number of entry points into the ECCE scheme from one to two, or one to three; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [28509/23]

\*1098. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to review the case of a young person unable to access disability services (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [28585/23]

\*1099. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to ensure that a child with additional needs (details supplied) will be provided with the necessary supports to attend school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [28586/23]

\*1100. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will engage with the Minister for Transport concerning the assignment of bus stops and the timetable on the 232 bus service in County Cork to enable this new service accommodate the needs of users with disabilities, especially those attending local day services and training centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [28587/23]

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

\*1101. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the extent of the use of lean management systems in the health service to make it more efficient and effective for staff and patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [27051/23]

\*1102. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the development of the Health (Adult Safeguarding) Bill 2017 which is currently being led by his Department; and the reason this is not being developed by the Department, given that adult safeguarding is much broader than health and requires a cross-departmental and inter-agency approach, as well as a whole of society approach. — Róisín Shortall. [27053/23]

\*1103. To ask the Minister for Health if the Health (Adult Safeguarding) Bill 2017 will provide for the establishment of an independent national adult safeguarding authority with an interagency structure, overarching responsibility for safeguarding and clearly defined statutory powers. — Róisín Shortall. [27054/23]

\*1104. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the progress that has been made to date in developing the project of a new paediatric department in Cork University Hospital; the work that will be undertaken in relation to this project in the remainder of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [27062/23]

\*1105. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken regarding the recognition of Covid/long-Covid as having an occupational connection in social or health care and certain other settings (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [27064/23]

\*1106. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) could be given an earlier appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27075/23]

\*1107. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE capital plan for 2023 will be published. — Alan Kelly. [27083/23]

\*1108. To ask the Minister for Health if he will endeavour to ensure that a person (details supplied) receives an urgent orthopaedic appointment at Navan Hospital, considering the significant pain and discomfort that they are currently experiencing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27086/23]

\*1109. To ask the Minister for Health when the report on the home support pilot study undertaken in four CHO areas will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [27090/23]

\*1110. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update in regard to tender 2018 for a service (details supplied); if he will ensure the process is transparent; if he will provide an update on when tender 2023 will be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [27101/23]

\*1111. To ask the Minister for Health if psychological or other such assessments for children paid for privately by parents, rather than waiting years on HSE assessments, are accepted by the CAMHS service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27115/23]

\*1112. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to date in the establishment of the integrated care of chronic disease management hub based in north Cork; the location of the hub; the number of staff working in the hub and their respective roles, in tabular form; the number of patients treated at the hub to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [27122/23]

\*1113. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the plan to regulate the psychology profession under CORU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27124/23]

\*1114. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of long-stay elderly care beds there will be in Roscrea town following the proposed purchase of a nursing home (details supplied) in the town this year, as proposed in the 2023 HSE capital plan. — Alan Kelly. [27169/23]

\*1115. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the situation with regard to the HSE job evaluation team scheme as it relates to the Haddington Road Agreement of May 2013 where an undertaking was given to assess and where feasible, upgrade a position if it was held by a person for a period in excess of 24 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [27181/23]

\*1116. To ask the Minister for Health when a clinical care programme will be implemented to meet the requirements of patients with lung fibrosis; the resources that will be allocated to its implementation and delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27184/23]

\*1117. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); the status of the review of this policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [27191/23]

\*1118. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the situation whereby nursing home residents in private nursing homes who are medical card holders were wrongly charged for nursing home care; the steps that the family of a deceased nursing home resident who died in 2002 can take to establish if their parent and family members were wrongly charged for this care; if he can provide details of the steps to take in the event that their parent was wrongly charged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [27193/23]

\*1119. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive approval for an item; the reason for the delay; the number of such applications awaiting approval in Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [27194/23]

\*1120. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in issuing non-payment-of-pay increases to retired HSE staff (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [27200/23]

\*1121. To ask the Minister for Health his views on providing funding to address the rising cost of baby formula; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27206/23]

\*1122. To ask the Minister for Health when the drug, Ozempic, used to treat obesity as a consequence of polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) will be available to medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [27210/23]

\*1123. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a waiting list for ophthalmology services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27217/23]

\*1124. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the desire of athletic therapists to obtain recognition for their profession; and how such a process can be initiated. — Richard Bruton. [27223/23]

\*1125. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that negotiations have broken down between the NTPF and some private nursing homes, thereby jeopardising continuing care for many residents; if there is scope for mediation or adjudication on the issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [27224/23]

\*1126. To ask the Minister for Health if will outline the recent capital investments made in Beaumont Hospital; and the planned investments in the next five years, covering both buildings and additional equipment for diagnostics and treatment. — Richard Bruton. [27228/23]

\*1127. To ask the Minister for Health If she will outline the progress being made on a 2023 tender for homecare services, and on the development of a statutory scheme for homecare, which would bring equity and consistency into access; if she is aware of the frustration of some existing

care providers on the continuous extension of the 2018 tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [27229/23]

\*1128. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27233/23]

\*1129. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [27237/23]

\*1130. To ask the Minister for Health in view of his Department's decision to fund the recruitment of an additional 3,500 skilled staff for the Enhanced Community Care Programme, 1,500 of whom are specialist staff to deliver urgently needed integrated care across community-hospital setting for older persons and chronic disease, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that it is impossible to deliver such services because of the refusal of his Department to provide the necessary funding for a fully functioning integrated electronic health record system (integrating hospital and community systems) and that the absence of such a system completely undermines the programme and poses a significant clinical risk to patient safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [27239/23]

\*1131. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 737 of 30 May 2023, the number of times the Chief Clinical Officer of the NCPE has briefed him since he took office in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [27244/23]

\*1132. To ask the Minister for Health the reason melatonin is not covered by the medical card or the drug payment scheme; the plans he has, if any, to review this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [27251/23]

\*1133. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure a referral to the National Rehabilitation Hospital is expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [27255/23]

\*1134. To ask the Minister for Health when the increase in the income limit thresholds for medical cards is due to come into effect. — Peter Burke. [27259/23]

\*1135. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the plans to address parking charges in hospitals, especially for those who attend hospital regularly due to ongoing treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [27262/23]

\*1136. To ask the Minister for Health if there have been any circumstances where the State has covered the cost or provided the direct funding for pectus carinatum bracing for an individual, through either the cross-Border Directive or on a discretionary basis to be carried out within another state; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [27269/23]

\*1137. To ask the Minister for Health if stem cell-based therapies are available to people living with arthritis; and if not, if the HSE intends to progress to providing such treatments. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27270/23]

\*1138. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Cork will receive an urgent physiotherapy appointment. — Sean Sherlock. [27291/23]

\*1139. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a day care centre in County Tipperary that is facing a staffing and funding crisis was refused additional Section 39 funding to help meet

the costs of permanent staff; if this matter will be reviewed urgently as the centre is at risk of a reduction of hours of service; if an additional support worker will be funded to ensure continuity of service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [27293/23]

\*1140. To ask the Minister for Health if he will fund a programme to expand the Sláintecare initiative in the West to employ a senior physiotherapist in each CHO area for people with multiple sclerosis and other neurological conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [27326/23]

\*1141. To ask the Minister for Health when a community hospital, Newcastlewest, County Limerick (details supplied) will receive the requested letter from his Department or the HSE in response to their letter concerning an application for refund of unregistered VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [27330/23]

\*1142. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the reason that a person (details supplied) who has a diagnosis of paranoid schizoaffective disorder, dementia and several other physical health difficulties including a visual impairment, COPD, hypertension and arthritis and has been a patient of St. Vincent's Hospital, Fairview, Dublin, for the past two and a half years, has not had their funding request for placement with a nursing home approved, despite the person being assessed and approved for care in this facility, and the request for funding submitted to the HSE last year; when a decision will be made in respect of this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [27332/23]

\*1143. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) has not received their diagnosis letter from a hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [27333/23]

\*1144. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to offer financial support for practical home assistance, such as cleaning, to healthcare workers suffering from long-Covid, whose infection was contracted in the line of duty, including where PPE provided and depended on was inadequate, and now are debilitated to the degree they cannot work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [27367/23]

\*1145. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to assist healthcare workers who developed long-Covid from infection contracted in the line of duty, including in situations whereby they lacked sufficient PPE, and who are debilitated to the degree they are no longer able to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [27368/23]

\*1146. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 466 of 18 May 2023, if he will confirm that the reduction in the definition of the threshold of foetal viability from 24 weeks to 23 weeks for the purposes of the Civil Registration Act 2004 will also apply to the definition of viability in the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; if he will outline what amendments to the Act existing policy he proposes in order to implement this change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27372/23]

\*1147. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to add an illness to the long-term illness scheme, medical card or drugs payment scheme for medications for an illness (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [27377/23]

\*1148. To ask the Minister for Health what plans his Department has, and if it is working with the Department of Social Protection, to ensure the SLWP scheme continues for HCWs who contracted Covid in the workplace and are now suffering serious, long-term debility, such debility affecting their career, their financial, psychological and physical health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [27378/23]

\*1149. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to add an illness to the long-term illness scheme under the terms of mental illness, medical card or drugs payment scheme for medications for an illness (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [27380/23]

\*1150. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that some health insurance companies do not cover the drug, pembro; the way that a patient can avail of it if their health provider does not cover payment of the drug; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27410/23]

\*1151. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an urgent hospital appointment for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27428/23]

\*1152. To ask the Minister for Health if he will follow up on a request by a person (details supplied) for immediate access to CAMHS. — Joan Collins. [27456/23]

\*1153. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) cannot get a letter from their consultant in Monaghan General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [27468/23]

\*1154. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) cannot get a letter from a doctor in Cavan General Hospital with their diagnosis to apply for assistance technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [27470/23]

\*1155. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the refusal of a homecare package for a person (details supplied) who has a variety of obvious and serious needs but is under the age of 65 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [27472/23]

\*1156. To ask the Minister for Health if a surgery appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [27474/23]

\*1157. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE has not published a Performance Profile or Management Data Report since its September 2022 publications; if he can provide both the Performance Profile and Management Data Report for the most recently available quarterly and monthly periods respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [27482/23]

\*1158. To ask the Minister for Health the number and details of all approved consultant posts by discipline, speciality, and clinical site grouped and totalled by Hospital Group/CHO respectively providing the numbers filled listed on each of the following basis as permanent, temporary, locum or agency basis; the total number of vacant consultant posts (including those vacant and newly created and currently under recruitment) similarly grouped as above, in tabular form; the length of time the vacant posts have remained vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [27483/23]

\*1159. To ask the Minister for Health the legislative measures that are in place to ensure parents of an adult child residing with them with a diagnosis of paranoid schizophrenia or other such mental illness which may have a tendency to violence or violent attacks, or be a danger to their parents in the event of such an attack, are informed of the said danger and diagnosis if their adult child chooses to conceal the said diagnosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [27481/23]

\*1160. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people with lung injuries and all other injuries arising from e-cigarettes treated by the health service in 2022 and to date in 2023; the location of this treatment that is, primary or secondary care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [27534/23]

\*1161. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been brought to a campaign (details supplied); the steps being taken to improve access to male infertility services and address stigma surrounding the condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [27561/23]

\*1162. To ask the Minister for Health if the offers of bursaries made to new incoming psychology students who will work in counselling that can be made retrospectively to current second and third year psychology students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [27564/23]

\*1163. To ask the Minister for Health the on-street outreach work that is being conducted in Dublin 1,3,7 and 9 to engage with people who are abusing substances in public places; the level of resources available for this type of work; what has been conducted in the past 12 months; the plan for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [27569/23]

\*1164. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the planned developments in the DTSS; and whether discussions are under way with the profession to extend these services. — Richard Bruton. [27575/23]

\*1165. To ask the Minister for Health if the condition fibromyalgia, will be recognised on the long-term illness scheme; what supports will be introduced to assist people with fibromyalgia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [27592/23]

\*1166. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that adolescent mental health services that parents are being told that there is no funding available for a public bed in a private in-patient adolescent unit; if he will advise why this is the current situation; if funding can be made available; and if so, when. — Paul Murphy. [27604/23]

\*1167. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to support for those with long-Covid, if he agrees that the SLWP scheme needs to be extended; and if he will ensure that this view is expressed at the talks with healthcare union representatives and his Department at the WRC to discuss the future of the scheme. — Paul Murphy. [27614/23]

\*1168. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of home support hours provided; the total number of home support workers covering an area (details supplied); if there are issues with recruitment and staff or funding in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [27615/23]

\*1169. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the potential negative impact of technology and social media on users' mental well-being; if he can detail if current mental health services including CAMHS assess this area or provide education to mitigate the risks; if he can detail whether core mental health professionals from all disciplines of the multidisciplinary teams receive training in this area.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [27618/23]

\*1170. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant consultant posts by speciality and registrar posts by speciality currently at St. Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny; and when each of these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [27623/23]

\*1171. To ask the Minister for Health if a price has been agreed for the purchase of the Mount Carmel nursing home and site in Roscrea that has been referenced in the HSE's 2023 capital plan; and if he will provide, in tabular form all dates and all attendees of all meetings between the HSE and the owners of the site to date. — Alan Kelly. [27631/23]

\*1172. To ask the Minister for Health if it is appropriate for the HSE to say in its capital plan that it intends to purchase a specific site and business without any due diligence undertaken and no discussions having even begun on the price of the acquisition. — Alan Kelly. [27632/23]

\*1173. To ask the Minister for Health how many private nursing homes the HSE is in negotiations to purchase currently and where. — Alan Kelly. [27633/23]

\*1174. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of social media videos posted on each of his Departmental social media accounts, or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit, that included closed captioning/subtitling between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; and the percentage of same that feature translations into Irish or another language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27658/23]

\*1175. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department, and public bodies and agencies under his remit, have an anti-racism policy which can be accessed by the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27676/23]

\*1176. To ask the Minister for Health when semaglutide will be available to diabetic patients as there currently is a shortage of this vital medication for many patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [27686/23]

\*1177. To ask the Minister for Health if he will liaise with the HSE on a case (details supplied) of owed pension arrears; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27688/23]

\*1178. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27689/23]

\*1179. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of delivering a living wage for homecare workers; and the estimated cost of providing for mileage expenses. — David Cullinane. [27690/23]

\*1180. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the 600 job vacancies currently within the HSE, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [27691/23]

\*1181. To ask the Minister for Health if a company (details supplied) has submitted a claim for its employees providing cleaning and support services at University Hospital Waterford, as the employees are unable to get a definitive reply from the employer. — David Cullinane. [27717/23]

\*1182. To ask the Minister for Health if he can confirm that the cost of hearing aids and the cost of replacing hearing aids is covered under the medical card for people over 70 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [27721/23]

\*1183. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to try to improve the waiting list time for cataract procedures in Galway University Hospital given that the list is now at three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [27727/23]

\*1184. To ask the Minister for Health the nursing homes that have already exited the fair deal scheme and the nursing homes that have applied to exit the fair deal scheme, per county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [27729/23]

\*1185. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement his Department has had with an organisation (details supplied) the HSE and the National Treatment Purchase Fund in relation to the fair deal scheme as it applies to nursing homes. — Sorca Clarke. [27730/23]

\*1186. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing homes that have exited the fair deal scheme and ceased operating in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, per county, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [27731/23]

\*1187. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the status of an individual (details supplied) waiting for treatment in a public health service. — Holly Cairns. [27739/23]

\*1188. To ask the Minister for Health his views on recognising Covid-19 as an occupational disease for frontline health care workers as per EU ACSH agreement in November 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27740/23]

\*1189. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the long waiting lists for children with scoliosis for their first appointment with an orthopaedic consultant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27741/23]

\*1190. To ask the Minister for Health for information and contact details for advice on how to procure for a voluntary organisation (details supplied) providing mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27744/23]

\*1191. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied ) who is a retiree of the HSE will receive their arrears of payment under the recent pay agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27746/23]

\*1192. To ask the Minister for Health to indicate the ongoing plans, if any, to have the athletic therapy profession in Ireland regulated, given the ARTI was formed in 2009 and serves as the governing body for Certified Athletic Therapists in Ireland; if athletic therapy can be included

within the regulation process with a view to provision of care services within the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27762/23]

\*1193. To ask the Minister for Health if overspending across his Department will result in any delay to the works required to bring Wexford General Hospital back to full operational capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [27768/23]

\*1194. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine the creation of a mobile dentist unit to provide dental care for housebound people with oral problems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [27769/23]

\*1195. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ascertain from a company (details supplied) when payment will issue to a person given that they have raised this issue directly with their employers to no avail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [27791/23]

\*1196. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications currently being assessed by the CHO4 Resource Allocation Group. — Thomas Gould. [27797/23]

\*1197. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait, from time of prescription to allocation of funding, by the CHO4 Resource Allocation Group. — Thomas Gould. [27798/23]

\*1198. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the situation around the housing of beneficiaries of temporary protection in disused nursing homes, which are no longer in use; if it is the case that these premises are not being considered for accommodation; if he will clarify in detail the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [27802/23]

\*1199. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital pension for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27823/23]

\*1200. To ask the Minister for Health if additional funding could be provided for the expansion of a service (details supplied) to enable people to attend more frequently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [27828/23]

\*1201. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will be seen under the school dental programme for children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [27829/23]

\*1202. To ask the Minister for Health why a person (details supplied) is waiting so long to get their appointment in Monaghan General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [27830/23]

\*1203. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 590 of 24 January 2023, if any price agreement has been reached between the HSE and a drug company (details supplied) for Sunosi in the treatment of narcolepsy or obstructive sleep apnoea; if so, if he will provide an update and to indicate a timeframe when the drug will be available in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [27844/23]

\*1204. To ask the Minister for Health if the GMS contract in place in Newmarket-on-Fergus, County Clare, requires the contracted GP to have a practice located in the town, or if there is leeway whereby patients can be seen in a practice beyond the town. — Cathal Crowe. [27851/23]

\*1205. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider leasing or purchasing a vacant commercial unit in Newmarket-on-Fergus, County Clare, for the provision of community-level healthcare in this populated centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27852/23]

\*1206. To ask the Minister for Health if grants are available to help a GP set up a new practice facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27853/23]

\*1207. To ask the Minister for Health if there is any funding stream by which a community can undertake capital works to facilitate the establishment of a GP practice in their locality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27854/23]

\*1208. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be provided with an appointment for a lung function test with the lung specialist in University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [27866/23]

\*1209. To ask the Minister for Health when a response will be issued to the petition submitted (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [27893/23]

\*1210. To ask the Minister for Health the eating disorder services available to people in CHO3 and CHO8; the plans in place to develop services in these CHO areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [27904/23]

\*1211. To ask the Minister for Health if bereavement support funding will be made available to communities in instances (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27909/23]

\*1212. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a Departmental review of community pharmacy services; if he is currently engaging with an organisation (details supplied) on the concerns of community pharmacists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [27919/23]

\*1213. To ask the Minister for Health the first- and full-year cost of providing five additional ambulances in each HSE region, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27929/23]

\*1214. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list to see a consultant nephrologist at Beaumont Hospital; the average waiting times to see the consultant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27930/23]

\*1215. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dentists and dental surgeons employed by the HSE working in each health centre and primary care centre within CHO1 in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27931/23]

\*1216. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ceiling hoists delivered to families in CHO1 in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27932/23]

\*1217. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [27936/23]

\*1218. To ask the Minister for Health the engagements or training missions abroad engaged in by the Irish National Ambulance Service in the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the purpose of such delegations; the officials or Ministers who provided sanction to such; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27941/23]

\*1219. To ask the Minister for Health if the Mental Health Commission took any action against the HSE in 2022 following the transfer of a resident of the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton, to Unit 3, St. Stephen's Hospital which had conditions on its registration following inspection reports in 2021 and 2022 by the Mental Health Commission which raised serious concerns about the premises, the staff culture, lack of rehabilitation focus and fire safety; if so, if he will provide details of that action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [27942/23]

\*1220. To ask the Minister for Health if he will investigate the reason the HSE has not replied to Parliamentary Question No. 718 of 9 May 2023; when a reply will be forthcoming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [27948/23]

\*1221. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement his Department has had with the INMO in relation to the latest figures outlining the number of patients on trolleys awaiting a hospital bed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [27952/23]

\*1222. To ask the Minister for Health if more funding will be granted for MS services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27954/23]

\*1223. To ask the Minister for Health the total spend on consulting services and on 'business-as-usual' outsourcing, as differentiated under the Code of 'Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016' for each non-commercial public body under the aegis of his Department for the year 2022. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27965/23]

\*1224. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment in Galway University Hospital for cardiac surgery; if they are on the routine or urgent waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [27982/23]

\*1225. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 176 of 10 May 2023, in relation to long-Covid and providing financial support for HSE personnel suffering from long-term-Covid illness and unable to work; if his Department has looked at all available options to support staff who are unable to return to work, given that the current scheme is due to end on 30 June this year; the additional financial support that will be offered to such staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27987/23]

\*1226. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the eye-drop medication, muro, has been removed from the medical card scheme; if he plans to reinstate its coverage in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [27991/23]

\*1227. To ask the Minister for Health if he will liaise with the HSE on the case of a person (details supplied) of owed pension arrears; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28004/23]

\*1228. To ask the Minister for Health further to the release of the CSO Census 2022 population figures which show significant increases in south County Louth and east County Meath, if he will provide details of his Department's plans to develop new health services to cater for this

additional population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [28028/23]

\*1229. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28033/23]

\*1230. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of a CHI-commissioned external review of the paediatric gastroenterology department at Our Lady's Hospital, Crumlin, which was initiated to inform a new multi-annual plan to enhance the service and access to care for children across the State; the current status of the review; if the proposals contained therein will be funded and actioned; if he will provide a timeline for implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28038/23]

\*1231. To ask the Minister for Health if acarizax can be added to the reimbursement list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28062/23]

\*1232. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown and timeline for the allocation of the additional €3.5 million announced in Budget 2023 to support frontline community addiction services. — Cathal Crowe. [28065/23]

\*1233. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to review the Health Act 2004 to assess the nature of services provided by Section 39 organisations; his plans to ensure a multi-annual, sustainable funding model for Section 39 organisations; his plans to address the pay disparity between Section 39 organisations and their HSE and Section 38 counterparts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [28072/23]

\*1234. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to establish if a vaccine compensation scheme will be established in view of the urgent recommendations made in the Expert Group Report to Review the Law of Torts and the Current Systems for the Management of Clinical Negligence Claims; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [28089/23]

\*1235. To ask the Minister for Health if a rehabilitation place will be arranged for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [28107/23]

\*1236. To ask the Minister for Health whether an audit can be lifted for a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28119/23]

\*1237. To ask the Minister for Health the supports his Department has in place for advice, healthcare, medication and mental health supports for adults in Ireland diagnosed with foetal alcohol spectrum disorder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [28121/23]

\*1238. To ask the Minister for Health the opening hours of each MAU in Ireland, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [28122/23]

\*1239. To ask the Minister for Health the opening hours of each LIU in Ireland, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [28123/23]

\*1240. To ask the Minister for Health the total list of GPs in County Clare who are enrolled in the GMS, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [28124/23]

\*1241. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) in County Donegal will have an orthodontic assessment carried out; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [28129/23]

\*1242. To ask the Minister for Health if he has plans to establish a formal agreement to address the following: the pay disparity of Section 39 organisations; a multi-annual, sustainable funding model for voluntary organisations; a review of the out-of-date Health Act 2004, which does not reflect the reality and essential nature of services provided by Section 39 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [28132/23]

\*1243. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine the lack of access to eye care services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [28142/23]

\*1244. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for speech and language therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [28150/23]

\*1245. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the scheme whereby cancer patients can only avail of one wig per year. — Robert Troy. [28156/23]

\*1246. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [28165/23]

\*1247. To ask the Minister for Health the steps if any are currently being undertaken to reduce the HSE general anaesthesia waiting list for children which is currently at 12-18 months within the Louth Meath dental service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [28166/23]

\*1248. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff seconded to his Department from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the title and/or role they filled; and the duration of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28180/23]

\*1249. To ask the Minister for Health the number of instances in which his Department availed of services and or consultancy and or advices from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the costs of same; the number of contracts between the company and his Department; and the duration and costs of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28199/23]

\*1250. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the increasing costs of infant formula, and that amid the cost-of-living crisis some parents are taking drastic measures to try to make ends meet (details supplied); if the Government, therefore, will consider a price-cap on infant formula; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [28212/23]

\*1251. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to altering the salary pay scale of radiation therapists (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28222/23]

\*1252. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychiatrists employed in each prison; the vacancy rates for psychiatry staff within prison services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [28227/23]

\*1253. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE sought to acquire any of the private nursing homes for use as HSE public community nursing homes prior to them being granted permission to transfer change of use for alternative accommodation other than for residential care of the elderly; if so, how many; if the HSE plans to acquire other private nursing homes which cease operating in the future for the purpose of elderly residential and nursing home care given the shortage of beds in the sector and the increasing ageing population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [28235/23]

\*1254. To ask the Minister for Health if he will step in and ensure that a person (details supplied) and the other residents of Beaumont residential care in Cork are not made homeless and are provided with the care that they need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [28237/23]

\*1255. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with the management of hospitals to abolish car parking charges for patients attending hospital for cancer treatment, such as radiotherapy or chemotherapy appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28239/23]

\*1256. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ringfence dedicated funding for the establishment of a ‘treatment abroad fund’ to cover non-medical expenses incurred when travelling abroad for medical treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28240/23]

\*1257. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to ensure that current parking concessions offered to cancer patients are highlighted through the HSE website and hospital websites and publications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28242/23]

\*1258. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ringfence funding to expand the ‘catch up’ programme for HPV vaccination, between the ages of 15 to 24 years, as recommended by the National Immunisation Advisory Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28244/23]

\*1259. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reduce the threshold of the drugs payment scheme to a maximum of €50 per month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28245/23]

\*1260. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to ensure greater take up of the HPV vaccine, including a review of the current information campaign; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28247/23]

\*1261. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ringfence funding to ensure that the provisions of the National Skin Cancer Prevention Plan 2023-2026 are implemented, in light of the fact that it is the most common cancer in Ireland; if he will engage with the relevant authorities to launch a public information campaign regarding skin cancer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28248/23]

\*1262. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take the necessary steps to ensure that environmental health officers are adequately resourced to ensure that sun bed operators comply with current legislation, in light of the fact that it is the most common cancer in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28249/23]

\*1263. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ringfence multi-year funding dedicated to implementing all outstanding recommendations from the National Cancer Strategy to 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28250/23]

\*1264. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with the HSE and other relevant bodies to develop education and awareness campaigns on the dangers associated with e-cigarettes usage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28251/23]

\*1265. To ask the Minister for Health if he will allocate more funding towards targeted QUIT campaigns and support initiatives tailored towards sectors of the population more likely to smoke; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28252/23]

\*1266. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set aside funding to implement the National Cancer strategy 2017-2026 recommendations in relation to genetic services, by reducing genetic service wait times in order to optimise health benefit advancement in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28253/23]

\*1267. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ringfence funding for the implementation of the Genomic Strategy, to ensure that all child, adolescent and young adult (CAYA) patients aged between 16-25 years have access to genome sequencing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28254/23]

\*1268. To ask the Minister for Health how many private and public nursing homes beds are registered in the State for each of the past five years; how many nursing homes have opened and closed in each of the past five years; how many nursing homes places are needed in the State now and for each of the next seven years; the average cost of a nursing home bed in the public and private sector; how many former nursing homes have become accommodation for asylum seekers; and the projected number for the next three years. — Peadar Tóibín. [28259/23]

\*1269. To ask the Minister for Health where a person (details supplied) with a medical card and history of oral cancer can expect to get an urgent appointment with a dentist in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [28264/23]

\*1270. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to meet an organisation (details supplied) to discuss urgent matters on dispensing fees for community pharmacies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [28265/23]

\*1271. To ask the Minister for Health if an application has been made by a nursing home (details supplied) for a pandemic special recognition payment for a staff member; if this payment has been processed and paid to the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [28266/23]

\*1272. To ask the Minister for Health if he has plans to develop housing for older persons where they can live independently but in a safe community, given that older people want to downsize and offering housing suitable for them; if he has engaged with the Minister for

Housing, Local Government and Heritage on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28271/23]

\*1273. To ask the Minister for Health how many private nursing homes the State has purchased or taken over; the locations of these nursing homes; and the costs associated with purchasing/taking over each one, if applicable, from the year 2000 to date, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28272/23]

\*1274. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a copy of all capital acquisition circulars/regulations/capital appraisal/capital value for money rules/capital acquisition due diligence rules, and so on, that the HSE uses. — Alan Kelly. [28273/23]

\*1275. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail the budget allocated to each hospital in the Saolta Hospital Group in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28283/23]

\*1276. To ask the Minister for Health the voluntary mental health/counselling service organisations that are receiving funding from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28311/23]

\*1277. To ask the Minister for Health what voluntary mental health/counselling service organisations are receiving funding from the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28312/23]

\*1278. To ask the Minister for Health the reason court safety orders or court barring orders older than 12 months are not accepted as proof of relationship estrangement by the medical card assessment unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [28317/23]

\*1279. To ask the Minister for Health if he will account for the reason that a medical card was withdrawn from a person (details supplied) in five successive months, and had to be reinstated in each of the five months before being withdrawn entirely, prior to the expiry of the three-year term of their medical card. — Duncan Smith. [28318/23]

\*1280. To ask the Minister for Health his views on reinstating genetic clinician satellite clinics in each of the regions by the national genetic services in Crumlin as national genetic resources are being ramped up, given the immense efficiencies that a timely diagnosis of genetic disease can bring; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [28321/23]

\*1281. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect an appointment from Sligo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [28342/23]

\*1282. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration would be given to implementing a bursary of €5,000 per annum for the training of radiation therapists, similar to the scheme which is currently in place at UCC for the training of diagnostic radiography students and where the participants are required to work for a period of two years after graduation with the HSE South/Southwest Hospital Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28369/23]

\*1283. To ask the Minister for Health the action being taken by his Department to increase the number of training places that can be allocated to radiation therapy students in the HSE, in view

of the current crisis in recruitment and retention of radiation therapists in the health sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28370/23]

\*1284. To ask the Minister for Health the action being taken by his Department to increase the number of training places that are allocated to radiation therapy students in each of the HSE hospitals where radiation treatment is being provided for cancer patients, in view of the current crisis in recruitment and retention of radiation therapists in the health sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28371/23]

\*1285. To ask the Minister for Health his Department's plans to engage with the community pharmacists sector and their representative body (details supplied) as committed to in the Programme for Government, with a view to renegotiating the existing fees model, which remains unchanged for 15 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [28379/23]

\*1286. To ask the Minister for Health what is required by a county to apply for a JIGSAW project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [28382/23]

\*1287. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the provision of respite care for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28388/23]

\*1288. To ask the Minister for Health what plans he has to address hospital parking charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [28393/23]

\*1289. To ask the Minister for Health what plans he has to address the high cost of parking near a Dublin hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [28394/23]

\*1290. To ask the Minister for Health if a pharmacy will be located in the new primary healthcare centre in Roscrea, County Tipperary; if so, if a contract has already been agreed with a provider; if the position has not yet been filled, if the position will be going to tender; if so, when; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28396/23]

\*1291. To ask the Minister for Health the undertakings the HSE committed to in respect of the transfer of a patient to Unit 3, St. Stephen's Hospital in July 2022 in breach of a condition of registration of that service as an approved centre such that the Mental Health Commission suspended a prosecution it had commenced against the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [28398/23]

\*1292. To ask the Minister for Health the steps taken by the Mental Health Commission to uphold the rights of a patient transferred to Unit 3, St. Stephen's Hospital in July 2022, in breach of a condition of registration of that service as an approved centre following the Mental Health Commission's the decision to suspend a prosecution it had commenced against the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [28399/23]

\*1293. To ask the Minister for Health the undertakings the HSE committed to in respect of the transfer of a patient from the Owenacurra Centre, Middleton to another facility in July 2022 outside of the agreed process of transfers in place, such that the Mental Health Commission suspended enforcement action it had commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [28400/23]

\*1294. To ask the Minister for Health if a resident transferred from the Owenacurra Centre, Middleton to another facility in July 2022 outside of the agreed process of transfers in place, was given the option to return to the Owenacurra Centre; if the Mental Health Commission judged the placement in question to be meeting the needs of the resident; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [28401/23]

\*1295. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of free GP care for children aged six and seven years, as announced in Budget 2023; if any automatic GP cards for children aged six and seven years have been issued; if not, when applications will open; when the first cards will be issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [28402/23]

\*1296. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of the dentists in County Wexford providing services to medical card holders under the dental treatment services scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28403/23]

\*1297. To ask the Minister for Health if he will seek an update from within the HSE in respect of the need to provide a state of the art new primary care centre in Dunleer, County Louth given the significant population increase in the area; the details of premises in the area that would be suitable for the project that are already in HSE ownership; the projected cost of such an addition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [28410/23]

\*1298. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28411/23]

\*1299. To ask the Minister for Health the reason (details supplied) is waiting on an appointment in the Mater Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [28412/23]

\*1300. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of the National Strategy for Accelerating Genetics and Genomics Medicine in Ireland; the status of the development of the promised National Testing Directory for genetics and genomics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28413/23]

\*1301. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of extending the opening hours to 8am-9pm, seven days a week for the Cashel minor injury unit. — Alan Kelly. [28435/23]

\*1302. To ask the Minister for Health the services currently available for people who have multiple sulfatase deficiency. — Alan Kelly. [28436/23]

\*1303. To ask the Minister for Health when the new primary care centre in Roscrea will be opened; and the services that will be provided at this PCC when opened. — Alan Kelly. [28437/23]

\*1304. To ask the Minister for Health the out-of-hours GP services that are contracted or in operation; the number of GPs with contracts; and the number of GPs actively making claims, by month, to date in 2023. — Alan Kelly. [28438/23]

\*1305. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals that were allocated funding for obesity surgery in 2023; and the number of such procedures that will be funded. — Alan Kelly. [28439/23]

\*1306. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE midwives working in the University Maternity Hospital, Limerick in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; if this number will be further increased; and if so, when. — Alan Kelly. [28440/23]

\*1307. To ask the Minister for Health the current members of the implementation working group set up to consider and progress the various recommendations contained in a report (details supplied) into governance arrangement to support HSE drug reimbursement; the dates of each of the meetings of the working group; the target month for the working group to report to Government; the consultation process; and the work that has been carried out to date by the group. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [28449/23]

\*1308. To ask the Minister for Health what engagement his Department has had with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to pay for services provided, and where its payments had been reduced in 2009 and have been frozen ever since; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28450/23]

\*1309. To ask the Minister for Health when the Covid bonus will be paid to Section 39 healthcare workers given the significant delay; whether KOSI has engaged with companies (details supplied) to ensure payment is made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28458/23]

\*1310. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not got their pandemic payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [28460/23]

\*1311. To ask the Minister for Health if the report into the tragic death of a person (details supplied) and the subsequent recommendations will be published in full; if not, if he will detail the reasons therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [28461/23]

\*1312. To ask the Minister for Health in respect of the tragic death of a person (details supplied), subsequent to the completion of the report into the tragic circumstances of their death, if, at any stage, this clear neglect of a vulnerable adult was referred to the gardaí by any the services involved; if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [28462/23]

\*1313. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive a date for an operation at Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [28468/23]

\*1314. To ask the Minister for Health given the obligations stipulated by the Public Service Pay and Pensions Act of 2017, can he provide an update on the progress of the review concerning the nature of services performed by community pharmacies; if discussions will be held with community pharmacies about restoring their dispensing fees to a flat fee model in line with the precedent set before the recession-induced cuts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [28470/23]

\*1315. To ask the Minister for Health considering that community pharmacies were linked to the public sector agreements through FEMPI legislation when pay cuts were implemented, but are currently not aligned with the public sector for pay restoration, the measures in place to ensure that community pharmacist pay is restored in congruity with public sector pay arrangements; if he will address the reimbursement for escalating administrative tasks related

to the complex operation of community drug schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [28471/23]

\*1316. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Mayo will be called for a gynaecological procedure in view of the fact that they have been waiting since November 2021 for this procedure and the fact that this person is in constant pain with a greatly diminished quality of life as a direct result of this procedure, not being carried out to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [28477/23]

\*1317. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the progress made to date in relation to the Programme for Government commitment to commence talks with pharmacists on a new contract and enhancement of their role in the delivery of healthcare in the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [28491/23]

\*1318. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 621 of 9 May 2023, if he will increase the level of guaranteed ringfenced annual funding for a meals-on-wheels service to an amount requested (details supplied) to ensure the long-term survival of a vital community service meeting the nutritional needs of a local elderly population in County Meath as outlined to the HSE in previous correspondence. — Peadar Tóibín. [28494/23]

\*1319. To ask the Minister for Health the body or bodies representing professional counsellors and psychotherapists that are recognised by his Department and the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [28495/23]

\*1320. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the social insurance record of a person (details supplied) shows 52 Class D contributions for each year from 1988 to 2018, when in fact they only worked 26 weeks per year during that period. — John McGuinness. [28510/23]

\*1321. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for physiotherapy in Midlands Regional Hospital Mullingar. — Robert Troy. [28511/23]

\*1322. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts being made to reduce medical treatment wait times, improve healthcare infrastructure, and ensure equitable healthcare provision across County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28544/23]

\*1323. To ask the Minister for Health what discussions he or officials from his Department have had with an organisation (details supplied) regarding reduced opening hours at evenings and weekends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28554/23]

\*1324. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of a shortage of HRT medications in the country; the measures being put in place to alleviate this shortage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28566/23]

\*1325. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide his response to the request from an organisation (details supplied) for sustainable funding for national physiotherapy services for people with multiple sclerosis, and other neurological conditions totalling €880,000 per annum across all nine CHOs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [28591/23]

\*1326. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to deploy all healthcare professionals currently on panels in CHO4 to frontline roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [28592/23]

\*1327. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to reform the national treatment purchase fund/fair deal scheme to meet current healthcare costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [28593/23]

\*1328. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking in relation to a nursing home (details supplied) that will exit the fair deal scheme at the end of May if the National Treatment Purchase Fund does not increase payments to it. — Holly Cairns. [28594/23]

\*1329. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to queries raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [28601/23]

\*1330. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken to review the nature of services that community pharmacies perform on behalf of the State, under the terms of the Public Service Pay and Pensions Act 2017; if he will meet with an organisation (details supplied) to discuss this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [28602/23]

\*1331. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a child (details supplied); and when the person concerned can expect an appointment for admission. — Barry Cowen. [28604/23]

\*1332. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made with the provision of a new ambulance base (details supplied); the reason for the delay with this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28608/23]

\*1333. To ask the Minister for Health the security protections in place for remote workers within civil and public service organisations to safeguard against personal information of members of the public in audio, text and electronic form being inadvertently exposed to unauthorised third parties within the remote setting; if he can provide a copy of the remote working best practice guidelines for civil and public service workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Kirby. [28643/23]

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

\*1334. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the policy initiatives his Department supports to protect academic freedom in third level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27069/23]

\*1335. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the measures his Department is taking to support students experiencing sexual, verbal or physical harassment at third level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27070/23]

\*1336. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 940 of 23 May 2023, if he will provide the full-and first-year cost to the Exchequer from the one-off reduction in the student contribution fee that was enacted in the academic year 2022/2023 as part of the cost-of-living response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27076/23]

\*1337. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount of the gap that was closed via Budget 2023, following his Future Funding in Higher

Education report published in June 2022, in which a core funding gap of €307 million was identified and it stated that this would be closed with “additional investment over a number of budgets”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27096/23]

\*1338. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 722 of 9 May 2023, the total number of craft and consortia apprenticeships currently in the system, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27100/23]

\*1339. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 155 of 19 May 2022, the number of on-campus student accommodation or accommodation owned by institutes of higher education that have been added to the system in the past year; the steps being taken to increase the number of on-campus, institution-owned accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27114/23]

\*1340. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will extend the deadline for a training fund (details supplied) beyond 1 November 2023, given that the majority of the fund remains unspent. — Paul Murphy. [27165/23]

\*1341. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when a person (details supplied) will be called for their 2nd-year stage of their apprenticeship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27173/23]

\*1342. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what continual funding will be put in place to ensure that the SUSI grant payments are reflective to the cost of living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27205/23]

\*1343. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason apprentices cannot get a student ID card, given that a number of apprentices have been refused access to various premises despite the fact that they had legitimate ID which was not a student ID card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [27218/23]

\*1344. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if future legislation is planned in the regulation of capitation fees in HEIs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [27242/23]

\*1345. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a part-time apprenticeship course is available for people with disabilities (details supplied).. — Robert Troy. [27256/23]

\*1346. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the student registration fee for 2023-2024 will remain the same as last year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27292/23]

\*1347. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the integration into the higher education framework in a region of an institution (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [27375/23]

\*1348. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what action his Department is taking to attract people into agricultural and heavy vehicle mechanics apprenticeships, in view that there is a growing shortage of qualified mechanics in the farm machinery industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [27578/23]

\*1349. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if universities will be able to avail of Government plans to provide solar photovoltaic panels as part of the summer works scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [27581/23]

\*1350. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update with regard to the Technological University Development Fund, the proposed successor to the Technological University Transformation (TUT) Fund; if this fund will be made available in advance of the expiration of the TUT Fund in August 2023; the level funding that will be made available under the new TUT fund; if the TUs that merged more recently will be treated equally with the TUs who merged earlier; if he is open to keeping in place funding for existing supports which are in place at this important juncture in the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [27587/23]

\*1351. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he can provide an update with regard to the Technological University Development Fund, the proposed successor to the Technological University Transformation (TUT) Fund, given that there are a multitude of systems and processes which need to be integrated and aligned particularly for the recently established TUs; if he will retain the existing financial supports for such institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [27591/23]

\*1352. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update with regard to the technological university development fund, the proposed successor to the technological university transformation (TUT) fund; if this fund will be made available in advance of the expiration of the TUT Fund on 31 August 2023; the level of funding to be made available under the new TUT fund; if he will confirm that those technological universities (TUs) that merged more recently will be treated equally with the TUs that previously merged; if he will confirm that funding will be kept in place for existing supports which are in place at this crucial juncture in the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27596/23]

\*1353. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his awareness of the issues of the subsidisation of college-owned student accommodation but not for extensions of already built accommodation; if he plans to review this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27597/23]

\*1354. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the technological university development fund will be made available in advance of the expiration of the technological university transformation fund (TUTF) on 31 August 2023; what level funding is going to be made available under the new TUT fund; if the Technological University (TUS) who merged more recently will be treated equally with the TUS which merged earlier; if he is open to keeping in place funding for existing supports which are in place at this very important juncture in the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27601/23]

\*1355. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of cases where non-disclosure agreements in third-level institutions have been used and placed upon a student or staff member; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [27607/23]

\*1356. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the mechanism for interested parties to make submissions to the Task Force on Prison Education; and if he will accept a submission or representation from a party interested in promoting education in philosophy. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [27630/23]

\*1357. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he aware that the HEA has written to the recently formed Technological Universities informing them that they will be substantially reducing the level of funding to the Technical Universities from August 2023, if this decision is premature and will leave these universities in a poor financial state; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [27643/23]

\*1358. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the percentage of social media videos posted on each of his Departmental social media accounts, or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit, that included closed captioning/subtitling between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; and the percentage of same that feature translations into Irish or another language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27657/23]

\*1359. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department, and public bodies and agencies under his remit, have an anti-racism policy which can be accessed by the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27675/23]

\*1360. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he can provide an update with regard to the Technological University Development Fund, the proposed successor to the Technological University Transformation Fund (details supplied); if this fund will be made available in advance of the expiration of the Technological University Transformation Fund on 31 August 2023; the level of funding that will be made available under the new TUT fund; if the TUs that merged more recently will be treated equally with the TUs who merged earlier; if he is open to keeping in place funding for existing supports which are in place at this important juncture in the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [27685/23]

\*1361. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update with regard to the technological university development fund, the proposed successor to the technological university transformation (TUT) fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27705/23]

\*1362. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, in light of the technological universities' recent designation, and the requirement for successor funding for the necessary internal infrastructure and the need to maintain stable industrial relations at a critical time of change, this fund will be made available in advance of the expiration of the TUTF fund on 31 August 2023; the level of funding that is going to be made available under the new TUT fund; if the TUs that merged more recently will be treated equally with the TUs that merged earlier; and if he is open to keeping in place funding for existing supports which are in place at this very important juncture in the project. — Mairéad Farrell. [27706/23]

\*1363. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when a person (details supplied) will be called to college as he is 18 months into his electrical apprenticeship; and if he will be given a place in Kilkenny. — John McGuinness. [27763/23]

\*1364. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that Atlantic Technological University (ATU) has been offered technological university-transformation funding for only one year from August 2023, in contrast to the four years' funding provided to Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin); if his Department will work with the HEA to ensure the proposed one-year post-merger funding for ATU will be increased to four-year post-merger funding, in line with TU Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [27785/23]

\*1365. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the Oireachtas direct line contact details for Solas (details supplied). — John Lahart. [27792/23]

\*1366. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he can provide an update with regard to the Technological University Development Fund, the proposed successor to the Technological University Transformation (TUT) Fund; if this fund will be made available in advance of the expiration of the TUT Fund on 31 August 2023, specifically in relation to the position of IR facilitators, who are employed on a seconded basis under this fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [27838/23]

\*1367. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when a further update will be provided regarding the establishment of a new veterinary school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27897/23]

\*1368. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how he intends the Committees of the Board, known as Councils, as part of the new national research agency referenced in the Research and Innovation Bill 2023, will operate; if they should be mandatory to ensure diversity of expertise and advice in relation to excellence in research and innovation and research priorities, including representing researchers at all career stages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27905/23]

\*1369. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in relation to the issue of precarious employment in the university sector, he will be aware that the Employment Control framework managed by the Department of Public Expenditure, National Delivery Plan Development and Reform has been in place since the austerity period, and although reviewed annually as part of the estimates process, hinders long-term planning and contributes to the use of short-term casual contracts, how does he plan to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27906/23]

\*1370. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has met with the CEO of an organisation (details supplied) to date in 2023; when he is next scheduled to meet the CEO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27921/23]

\*1371. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will review the SUSI grant application case of a person (details supplied) on the basis of fairness and justice where the special rate maintenance grant payable heretofore to family members whose father was in receipt of the working family payment and who last year, through illness, was out of work and in receipt of illness benefit, which is not characterised as a long-

term social welfare payment and therefore does not qualify for the special rate of maintenance grant; if he accepts that this is totally unjust; if he will address this anomaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [27933/23]

\*1372. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the procedure that was followed in the appointment of the CEO of the new agency to be created arising from the anticipated amalgamation of SFI and the IRC. — Sean Sherlock. [27938/23]

\*1373. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update in respect of the engagement between unions representing personal assistants in ETBs and his Department in relation to their long-term working conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [27940/23]

\*1374. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagement he has had with TUS, Athlone in relation to student accommodation for the upcoming academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [27951/23]

\*1375. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total spend on consulting services and on 'business-as-usual' outsourcing, as differentiated under the Code of 'Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016' for each non-commercial public body under the aegis of his Department for the year 2022. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27964/23]

\*1376. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update with regard to the technological university development fund, the proposed successor to the technological university transformation (TUT) fund; if this fund will be made available in advance of the expiration of the TUT fund on 31 August 2023, specifically in relation to the position of IR facilitators, who are employed on a seconded basis under this fund. — Pearse Doherty. [28005/23]

\*1377. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of covering subscription costs of publishing and access for HEIs across Ireland with the aim of open access for all students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [28120/23]

\*1378. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update with regard to the technological university development fund, the proposed successor to the technological university transformation (TUT) fund; if this fund will be made available in advance of the expiration of the TUT fund on 31 August 2023; the level of funding that is going to be made available under the new TUT fund; if the TUs who merged more recently be treated equally with the TUs who merged earlier; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [28157/23]

\*1379. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of staff seconded to his Department from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the title and/or role they filled; and the duration of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28179/23]

\*1380. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of instances in which his Department availed of services and or consultancy and or

advices from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the costs of same; the number of contracts between the company and his Department; and the duration and costs of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28198/23]

\*1381. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason universities that are providing courses in radiation therapy have not increased their student capacity (details supplied); if consideration will be given to increasing the student capacity for this course in the two colleges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28221/23]

\*1382. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how second level students could be further incentivised to consider a career as a radiation therapist, given that in Ireland 54% of the population have attained a third level education, which demonstrates that the majority of the current second level students will consider attending third level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28233/23]

\*1383. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [28341/23]

\*1384. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 142 of 1 June 2023, to detail what additionality he has secured in conjunction with the Higher Education Authority in Health and social care professional undergraduate programmes for September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [28503/23]

\*1385. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 142 of 1 June 2023, if the working group established by his Department has established how additional placements can be secured to facilitate greater numbers of training places on health and social care professional programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [28504/23]

\*1386. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 142 of 1 June 2023, the timeframe within which the Higher Education Authority will conduct an exercise to identify where substantial additional capacity could be built in priority health and social care professional disciplines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [28505/23]

\*1387. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason a change of circumstances of reckonable income was not taken into consideration for a student's (details supplied) SUSI application as the student's father's pension increased year-on-year and the family requested for their application to be re-assessed under a change in circumstances of reckonable income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28564/23]

\*1388. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the security protections in place for remote workers within civil and public service organisations to safeguard against personal information of members of the public in audio, text and electronic form being inadvertently exposed to unauthorised third parties within the remote setting; if he can provide a copy of the remote working best practice guidelines for civil and public service workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [28644/23]

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

\*1389. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if consideration will be given to reintroducing the emergency hardship scheme, in view that it was a way that a local improvement scheme application could be prioritised if a resident on the road met certain medical conditions. — Danny Healy-Rae. [28562/23]

\*1390. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 1620 of 21 March 2023, if she will provide an update on the RRDF Project funding for Cahir, County Tipperary; when the local authority will be able to draw down funds and begin work on the town centre renovation, car park, and library projects in Cahir; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27198/23]

\*1391. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the percentage of social media videos posted on each of her Departmental social media accounts, or the social media accounts of public bodies and agencies that operate under her remit, that included closed captioning/subtitling between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive; and the percentage of same that feature translations into Irish or another language; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27662/23]

\*1392. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department, and public bodies and agencies under her remit, have an anti-racism policy which can be accessed by the public; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27680/23]

\*1393. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 661 of 25 April 2023, the status of the development of the pier on Inis Oírr; the status of the CPO process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27782/23]

\*1394. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 662 of 25 April 2023, for an update on the development of the rural proofing model promised in Our Rural Future; the details of the pilot test initiatives to which rural proofing concepts are currently being applied; for details of any ongoing monitoring or analysis being undertaken with regard to the application of these rural proofing concepts to the pilot test initiatives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27783/23]

\*1395. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development what engagement her Department has had with Galway County Council in 2023 with regard to dredging works at Céibh an Chóra on Inis Meáin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27784/23]

\*1396. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total spend on consulting services and on ‘business-as-usual’ outsourcing, as differentiated under the Code of ‘Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016’ for each non-commercial public body under the aegis of her Department for the year 2022. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27969/23]

\*1397. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the current status of an appeal by an organisation (detail supplied) to the community services programme; when a decision is likely to be reached; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28011/23]

\*1398. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will seek an update on the long-awaited and now much-delayed Ardee Castle redevelopment, funded through the rural regeneration and redevelopment fund; the reason for the delays; if a projected timeline can be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [28035/23]

\*1399. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when she will consider opening a scheme in order that highly used community centres can avail of funding to appoint full-time administrators. — Robert Troy. [28154/23]

\*1400. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of staff seconded to her Department from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the title and/or role they filled; and the duration of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28184/23]

\*1401. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of instances in which her Department availed of services and or consultancy and or advices from a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date; the costs of same; the number of contracts between the company and her Department; and the duration and costs of same. — Catherine Murphy. [28203/23]

\*1402. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will make additional allocations within this budgetary year towards local improvement schemes to deal with the huge backlog of applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [20803/23]

\*1403. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the capital spend each year from the island-specific sub-head in the vote of her Department and Departments that have had responsibility for the islands since the year 2000, including the capital allocation for 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28367/23]

\*1404. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will consider providing support for the creation of a broadband connection point (BCP) at a location (details supplied), given that her Department has already granted funds for a remote working hub under the town-and-village renewal scheme (TVRS); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [28465/23]

\*1405. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the 2023 town and village renewal scheme will open for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28567/23]

\*1406. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she remains disposed to the continuation of interaction with urban and rural communities, with a view to identification of their most urgent needs and the nature of supports for the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28570/23]

\*1407. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she and her Department have helped urban and/or rural communities throughout County Kildare and the country in general in the past three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28571/23]

\*1408. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to indicate how she continues to identify the best means of assisting recipients of various payments aimed at rural and

community groups in order to achieve the maximum benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28572/23]

\*1409. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she and her Department expect to support and expand communication hubs at strategic locations throughout the country, with a view to addressing any deficiencies and the need to ensure maximum availability of state-of-the-art communications in increasingly competitive times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28573/23]

\*1410. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she expects to support efforts towards population regeneration on habitable offshore islands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28574/23]

\*1411. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she continues in dialogue with the various rural and urban communities in County Kildare and throughout the country, with a view to greater understanding of community needs and the best methodology to be adopted in the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28575/23]

\*1412. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which the interventions by her Department by way of assistance towards urban and rural community groups throughout County Kildare and the country at large has manifested itself in the greater empowerment of those she has assisted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28576/23]

\*1413. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she anticipates any changes or improvements in the Leader programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28577/23]

\*1414. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to outline her ambitions for the Community Enhancement Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28578/23]

\*1415. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans for the advancement of the Social Innovation Fund in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28579/23]

\*1416. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the degree to which she expects to support the Tidy Towns efforts throughout County Kildare and throughout the country, now and in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28580/23]

\*1417. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her ambitions for the town and village renewal scheme throughout County Kildare and throughout the country, now and in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28581/23]

\*1418. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her ambitions for the development of the National Hub Network in the future; the major beneficiaries to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28582/23]

\*1419. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to outline her ambitions to support the rural road network under the LIS schemes throughout County Kildare and the country in the current year and in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28583/23]

\*1420. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the security protections in place for remote workers within civil and public service organisations to safeguard against personal information of members of the public in audio, text and electronic form being inadvertently exposed to unauthorised third parties within the remote setting; if she can provide a copy of the remote working best practice guidelines for civil and public service workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [28645/23]