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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25560/23]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Gary Gannon. [29331/23]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [29396/23]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29534/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [29537/23]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [29540/23]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Brendan Smith. [29758/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Seán Haughey. [29759/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the wellbeing framework for Ireland, overseen by his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25561/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the wellbeing framework for Ireland, overseen by his Department. — Mick Barry. [29264/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the wellbeing framework for Ireland, overseen by his Department. — Neasa Hourigan. [29295/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the wellbeing framework for Ireland, overseen by his Department. — Gary Gannon. [29332/23]
13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the wellbeing framework for Ireland, overseen by his Department. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [29514/23]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the wellbeing framework for Ireland, overseen by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29535/23]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the wellbeing framework for Ireland, overseen by his Department. — Bríd Smith. [29538/23]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the wellbeing framework for Ireland, overseen by his Department. — Paul Murphy. [29541/23]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the wellbeing framework for Ireland, overseen by his Department. — Cian O’Callaghan. [29566/23]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the wellbeing framework for Ireland, overseen by his Department. — Alan Dillon. [29570/23]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the wellbeing framework for Ireland, overseen by his Department. — Mick Barry. [29626/23]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the wellbeing framework for Ireland, overseen by his Department. — Aindrias Moynihan. [29760/23]

21. 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]

22. To ask the Taoiseach the measures he has taken to improve gender equality in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [29330/23]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department’s Public Sector Duty Equality and Human Rights Assessment. — Gary Gannon. [29333/23]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department’s Public Sector Duty Equality and Human Rights Assessment. — Peadar Tóibín. [29397/23]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department’s Public Sector Duty Equality and Human Rights Assessment. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29536/23]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department’s Public Sector Duty Equality and Human Rights Assessment. — Bríd Smith. [29539/23]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department’s Public Sector Duty Equality and Human Rights Assessment. — Paul Murphy. [29542/23]

28. 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]

29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the first progress report for Q1 2023 of the Climate Action Plan. — Neasa Hourigan. [29296/23]

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the first progress report for Q1 2023 of the Climate Action Plan. — Mary Lou McDonald. [29328/23]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the first progress report for Q1 2023 of the Climate Action Plan. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [29515/23]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the first progress report for Q1 2023 of the Climate Action Plan. — Gary Gannon. [29337/23]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the first progress report for Q1 2023 of the Climate Action Plan. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29543/23]

34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the first progress report for Q1 2023 of the Climate Action Plan. — Bríd Smith. [29546/23]

35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the first progress report for Q1 2023 of the Climate Action Plan. — Paul Murphy. [29549/23]

36. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the first progress report for Q1 2023 of the Climate Action Plan. — Mick Barry. [29627/23]

37. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the first progress report for Q1 2023 of the Climate Action Plan. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [29761/23]

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

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

40. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Neasa Hourigan. [29297/23]

41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [29329/23]

42. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [29523/23]

43. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [29567/23]

44. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy and Investment will next meet. — Alan Dillon. [29568/23]

45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Gary Gannon. [29338/23]

46. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [29398/23]

47. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29544/23]

48. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [29547/23]

49. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [29550/23]

50. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy and Investment will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [29811/23]

51. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [29762/23]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

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

56. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the meeting of the European Political Community on 1 June 2023. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [29524/23]

57. 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. — Alan Dillon. [29569/23]

58. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the meeting of the European Political Community on 1 June 2023. — Gary Gannon. [29339/23]

59. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the meeting of the European Political Community on 1 June 2023. — Peadar Kirby. [29399/23]

60. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the meeting of the European Political Community on 1 June 2023. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29545/23]

61. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the meeting of the European Political Community on 1 June 2023. — Bríd Smith. [29548/23]

62. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the meeting of the European Political Community on 1 June 2023. — Paul Murphy. [29551/23]

63. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the meeting of the European Political Community on 1 June 2023. — Mick Barry. [29625/23]

64. To ask the Taoiseach to report any recent discussions he has had with the Ukrainian President or Ukrainian authorities, directly or at European level. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29828/23]

65. To ask the Taoiseach to report on any recent discussions he has had with the British Prime Minister, directly or at European level. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29827/23]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the establishment figure for the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps; the current number of each; and the number in the years 2020, 2021 and 2022. — Matt Carthy. [29857/23]

67. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has finalised the terms of reference for the statutory inquiry into abuse in the Defence Forces; if he has accepted the views put forward by the Women of Honour group; when he expects to present his proposals to the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [29729/23]

68. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline his intentions regarding the acquisition of primary radar; if the Office of Government Procurement or contracts branch of the Defence Forces are actively working in relation to such; and the process by which locations for related installations will be decided. — Matt Carthy. [29858/23]

69. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he is willing to apply the terms of reference provided by the Women of Honour group to the planned statutory inquiry into abuse and bullying in the Defence Forces. — Réada Cronin. [29859/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

70. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his Government's recent discussions with the Women of Honour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [29556/23]

71. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his intentions with regard to international co-operation in the context of maritime security and protecting subsea cables; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28293/23]

72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which ongoing changes identified in the Review of the Defence Forces, including pay, gender respect and bullying and/or other sensitive issues, are likely to be addressed in total; the progress to date in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29513/23]

73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on developments in relation to the killing of a member of Ireland's UNIFIL mission last December; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [28298/23]

74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the outcome of the current recruitment campaign in respect of all branches of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [29073/23]

75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which his Department is involved in developing anti-drone technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [29571/23]

76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his views on a complaint made by Defence Forces representatives over the failure to pay proper overtime to their members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [29558/23]

77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans for Ireland's participation in the European Union Common Security and Defence policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28294/23]

78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for a report on the role of the Naval Service in fisheries protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [28117/23]

79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if it is intended to resume the practice of naming Irish Naval Service vessels after figures in Irish mythology, as was the practice up to 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [29511/23]

80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his views on the deployment of the LÉ William Butler Yeats to the coast of Libya; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [29557/23]

81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department plans to offer healthcare benefits to members of the Defence Forces and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [29521/23]

82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the reason no Air Corps apprentices have been inducted this year; when this induction is going to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [29271/23]

83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the initiatives he will undertake to improve recruitment and retention in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [29459/23]

84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the actions proposed to augment the ability of the Defence Forces here to protect vital subterranean and submarine infrastructure in light of recent global threats in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29512/23]

85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his policy in relation to the naming of new Naval Service vessels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [29510/23]

86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline how European defence policy has evolved since the start of the war in Ukraine. — Richard Bruton. [29561/23]

87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of times that sailings by the Naval Service have been cancelled due to staffing issues to date in 2023. — Thomas Gould. [29553/23]

88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the proposed timeframe for the application of the Working Time Directive within the Defence Forces. — Matt Carthy. [29527/23]

89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the strength of the permanent Defence Force as of 1 June 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [28295/23]

90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has engaged with calls by the Women of Honour group for a public inquiry into the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [29554/23]

91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on the work of the External Oversight Body of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [28297/23]

92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the steps he is taking to improve recruitment and retention rates in the Defence Forces. — Holly Cairns. [29552/23]

93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the date by which he expects primary radar coverage of Irish airspace to be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [29272/23]

94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of persons recruited to the Defence Forces in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [29441/23]

95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when it is expected that two vessels acquired from the Royal New Zealand Navy will be brought into the service; the total crew complement required to put each vessel to sea; and the extent of territorial waters and the State's Exclusive Economic Zone these vessels are suitable to patrol. — Matt Carthy. [29528/23]

96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of applications currently being processed by the Defence Forces as a result of the most recent recruitment campaign; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [29074/23]

97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [28291/23]

98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if additional funding will be allocated in Budget 2024 in order to implement the recommendations of the Commission on Defence in relation to capital spending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [29458/23]

99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he is willing to apply the terms of reference provided by the Women of Honour group to the planned statutory inquiry into abuse and bullying in the Defence Forces. — Matt Carthy. [29531/23]

100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his views on how the role of the Irish Defence Forces would change if the Triple Lock were to be altered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [29555/23]

101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his views on the progress of the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [29559/23]

102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline the implications of the ongoing war in Ukraine for Ireland's security and defence. — Richard Bruton. [29560/23]

103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the engagement he or his Department has had with the Land Development Agency and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regard to the identification (details supplied) by the Land Development Agency of Renmore Barracks in Galway as a potential site for housing development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [29520/23]

104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which the Defence Forces monitor the presence of naval vessels from other countries in Ireland's waters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [28118/23]

105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on Ireland's submarine cables; if they have been put at risk in recent months by hostile states travelling through Irish waters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [29572/23]

106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline, in tabular form, the numbers of RDF recruited and discharged from both the Army Reserve and the Naval Reserve, since 1 January 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [29273/23]

107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the actions his Department has taken since the Report of the Commission on Defence Forces was published in February 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [29522/23]

108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his proposals to support members of the Defence Forces transition to civilian life upon retirement. — Matt Carthy. [29529/23]

109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for a report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Report of the Commission on Defence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [28292/23]

110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how many of the currently unoccupied married quarters/family homes in the Defence Estate he expects to have refurbished and reoccupied by the end of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [29270/23]

111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his proposed timeframe to deliver primary radar to facilitate domestic oversight of Irish airspace. — Matt Carthy. [29530/23]

112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 52 of 16 May 2023, the status of the promised statutory inquiry to identify systemic failures in the Defence Forces complaints system, including in relation to sexual misconduct; the timeline for the statutory inquiry; the terms of reference of the statutory inquiry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [29519/23]

113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the reason the military medicine scheme for military medical officers has been so poorly resourced that the scheme appears to no longer be viable; if he will engage with the representative associations on improved terms and conditions for improved direct-entry medical officers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [29274/23]

114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has plans to review the decision to withdraw Irish troops from the UNDOF Mission to the Golan Heights in Syria to allow participation in an EU Battlegroup, as this undermines our neutrality and our sterling role and record as a peacekeeping force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [29574/23]

115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress there has been in plans for the protection of critical State infrastructure in the coming months and years including against cyber and hybrid attacks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [29525/23]

116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his views on the progress being made in the investigation into the death in Lebanon of UNIFIL soldier, Private Seán Rooney; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [29526/23]

117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of persons who resigned or retired from the Defence Forces in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [29442/23]

118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what measures have been implemented to increase the monitoring of Irish waters and Irish airspace from Russian vessels and aircraft since the start of the Ukrainian war; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [29533/23]

119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what measures are being taken to address recruitment issues for the Defence Forces and Naval Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [29532/23]

120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the strength of the reserve Defence Force as of 1 June 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [28296/23]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*121. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide details on the CSO release on Data Centres Metered Electricity Consumption 2022; to outline how the CSO accounted for the failure of ESB Networks to properly meter electricity consumption by a company (details supplied) data centre at Clonée; and to clarify if the full demand from that data centre is included in the CSO release, or only the demand which has been metered. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29229/23]

*122. To ask the Taoiseach the number of people with disabilities in Ireland who were deemed to be self-employed in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; the number who had employees; and the number who had no employees, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [28942/23]

*123. To ask the Taoiseach if he will outline the implementation of circular 25/2016 by each State body under the aegis of his Department; and if he will provide, in tabular form, by State agency, the compliance with each of the standards and timelines set out in responding to Oireachtas Members' queries. — Denis Naughten. [29483/23]

*124. To ask the Taoiseach if he will outline the principles of the mission statement of his Department, with particular reference to the full range of responsibilities; and if a reduction or extension of such responsibilities is intended. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28939/23]

*125. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the establishment of a child poverty unit in his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [29727/23]

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

*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he could provide an update on an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [29138/23]

*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the last time discussions were held to promote strengthen ties between the EU and Singapore; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29160/23]

*128. 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. [29204/23]

*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the passport application for a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Paul McAuliffe. [29233/23]

*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of embassies and consulates operated by his Department; the total WTE and cost of each, by state; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [29245/23]

*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the financial allocation to each embassy and consulate operated by his Department in each of the years 2019 to 2023, excluding salaries, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [29246/23]

*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the financial allocation provided to an organisation (details supplied) in each of the years 2017 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [29247/23]

*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the WTE within the passport service in each of the years 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [29248/23]

*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the Government targets regarding the allocation of Exchequer funds to overseas development aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [29249/23]

*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the allocations and expenditure on humanitarian aid in the years 2017 to date; the purposes for which such funding was allocated and expended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [29250/23]

*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount of Overseas Development Aid in 2022 which was comprised of first-year costs associated with the provision of services for beneficiaries of temporary protection; if such expenditure can be accounted for under overseas development aid in year two or thereafter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [29251/23]

*137. 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. [29267/23]

*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in processing this application given the fact that it is a renewal application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [29279/23]

*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue on time for travel date of 26 June 2023 for an online application submitted by a person (details supplied) on 19 May 2023; if additional supporting documents were correct; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [29407/23]

*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number and percentage of staff based at either the Irish Embassy in New Delhi or Consulate General Office in Mumbai, who are fluent in speaking and or writing in Hindi. — Paul Donnelly. [29437/23]

*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will be issued to a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [29439/23]

*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the implementation of circular 25/2016 by each State body under the aegis of his Department; and if he will provide, in tabular form, by State agency, the compliance with each of the standards and timelines set out in responding to Oireachtas Members' queries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29475/23]

*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a child passport submitted in April 2023 will process in time for travel on 21 June 2023 to a family wedding abroad (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [29597/23]

*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the length of time it will take to get rid of the backlog for Irish passport-application processing. — Thomas Gould. [29645/23]

*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide an update on the status of a passport application (details supplied) as the applicant's travel date is imminent; the application

has passed the estimated target issue date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [29667/23]

*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs in relation to a case (details supplied), if he will request confirmation as to why the Irish Consulate are suggesting that this person physically represents themselves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [29674/23]

*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will expand the current Passport Service and open a number of regional passport offices to cover the different counties outside Dublin and Cork (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [29685/23]

*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 134 and 137 of 13 June 2023, in which he indicated that “the contribution by the Department of Foreign Affairs will be made from within existing resources in Vote 28”, to provide specific detail on the precise programme and heading within vote 28 in which the expenditure for Forum is accounted for and/or reflected in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [29744/23]

*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason he has established a consultative forum to discuss future Irish foreign policy instead of proposing the establishment of a citizens’ assembly; the reason he feels that a citizens’ assembly would not have been conducive to discussion of these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29752/23]

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

*150. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide information on the provision of policy advice for projects related to the development of green hydrogen projects; how the Government is supporting and encouraging the advancement of green hydrogen initiatives; the specific policy measures that are being considered to foster the growth of this sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [29506/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his Department’s role in policy making on the provision of cybersecurity and data protection; the measures he is taking in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [29781/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to outline his engagement with Inland Fisheries Ireland conceding the impacts of the Bandon Fish Pass on the flow of the River Bandon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [29836/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to attend the UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in July 2023, where Ireland will present its Voluntary National Review; the concrete commitments he will make between now and then to ensure we are reaching the furthest behind first; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [28429/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied) published last month which assesses Ireland's progress on meeting UN Sustainable Development Goals, specifically the commitment to reach the furthest behind first; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [28430/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the current and capital budget allocations for each programme under each subhead of the revised estimates for 2023 in the manner provided in response to Parliamentary Question Nos. 10 and 11 of 30 March 2023. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29189/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to outline all the occasions on which a direction was given under section 40M subsection 2 of the Electricity Regulation (Amendment) (Carbon Revenue Levy) Act 2010 subsection 3; and to outline the manner in which he directed them. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29192/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the cost of the subscription to the Energy Charter Treaty for 2023. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29193/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the current status of the waste reduction levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [29215/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has read the recent report by an organisation (details supplied) which calls for urgent political leadership from Government by moving the sustainable development goals unit from the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications to the Department of the Taoiseach; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [29275/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question no. 216 of 21 March 2023, to outline if his Department has reclassified a premises (details supplied) for inclusion under the National Broadband Plan; if this reclassification has been formally transmitted to National Broadband Ireland; if not, when he expects these details to be transmitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [29449/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the timeline for completion of a policy on geothermal energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [29451/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline work undertaken by his Department to map the Dublin city area for geothermal energy potential; when it will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [29452/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the powers he used to direct the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities to use the 2009 special dividend from the ESB to subsidise the electricity bills of large energy users. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29462/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline the implementation of circular 25/2016 by each State body under the aegis of his Department;

and if he will provide, in tabular form, by State agency, the compliance with each of the standards and timelines set out in responding to Oireachtas Members' queries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29473/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to remove the registration fee per product under the deposit return scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [29602/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to outline the measures he is taking to ensure that the deposit return scheme does not importunately impact on small-scale drinks producers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [29603/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason no Angling Consultative Council of Ireland meetings were held under the auspices of the Inland Fisheries division from 26 July 2022 until 23 March 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [29620/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if, when he signed the Western Fisheries Region Conservation of Trout Bye-Law No. 840, 2008 into law on 28 July 2008, it was his and his Department's intention for this legislation to regulate the number of mounted fishing rods that may be used by an individual or the number of mounted fishing rods in the possession of an individual when trolling for Atlantic salmon on Lough Corrib SAC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [29621/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will indicate a date on which former workers at An Post can expect to receive an increase to their pensions, following an agreement reached in March 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29688/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the prospective compulsory purchase order of a facility (details supplied) in Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [29756/23]

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

*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if a new cadetship recruitment campaign for the Naval Service will be launched in Quarter 3 this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29148/23]

*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of vacant dentists, physiotherapists, nurses and doctors currently in the Defence Forces Medical Corps as of 12 June 2023; when these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29149/23]

*173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he is aware of the bravery of a person (details supplied) who displayed selfless and exceptional bravery on 31 May 1999 at Post 6-42 in South Lebanon, where under fire he risked his own personal safety in order to ensure the security and safety of his comrades; if he is aware that the person was never posthumously awarded a medal for gallantry in recognition of the bravery he showed on that fateful day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [29464/23]

*174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline the implementation of circular 25/2016 by each State body under the aegis of his Department; and if he will provide, in tabular form, by State agency, the compliance with each of the standards and timelines set out in responding to Oireachtas Members' queries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29470/23]

*175. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if there has been an increase to the budgetary figure for meals for personnel within the Defence Forces; if he could provide the figure for these meals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [29594/23]

*176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to his statement on 13 June 2023 to Parliamentary Question Nos. 134 and 137 of 13 June 2023, namely, that "Costs related to the Forum [Consultative Forum on International Security Policy] be split on an equal basis between the Department of Foreign Affairs and his Department", to detail the precise programme and heading within vote 36 in which expenditure for the Forum is accounted for and/or reflected in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [29743/23]

*177. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the reason a role (details supplied) in the Army is less remunerated than the same role in the Naval Service, where the qualifications and training are the same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [29746/23]

*178. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will seek that grade 6 pay be introduced for a role (details supplied) in the Army given the shortage of artillery experts, and to ensure fair pay within the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [29747/23]

*179. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will consider the awarding of a commemorative medal to Defence Forces personnel involved in the Decade of Centenaries commemorations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [29773/23]

*180. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if we will outline the actions taken to date to procure a primary radar capability for the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [29774/23]

*181. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will set out the progress made to date in establishing a Joint Cyber Defence Command; the number of additional cyber specialists recruited to date to manage cyber defence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [29775/23]

*182. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline the progress made since the publication of the Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces on the development of anti-drone or counter UAS (unmanned aircraft systems) in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [29776/23]

*183. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current progress on providing alternative accommodation for the UN Veterans facility at Portlaoise Garda Station, which is a consequence of the construction works and extension to the Garda Divisional HQ. — Brian Stanley. [29783/23]

*184. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will confirm whether the Department of Justice and the prison authorities in the Midlands, along with the OPW, have finalised agreement on the construction of the Defence Forces Unit, including the UN Veterans facility at the Midlands Prison. — Brian Stanley. [29784/23]

*185. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which issues relating to pay and conditions with the Defence Forces have been resolved or are under review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29797/23]

*186. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which optimum strength in the Defence Forces is being maintained, with equal reference to the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29798/23]

*187. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which updating of training procedures continues within the Defence Forces at all levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29799/23]

*188. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which part-time members of the Defence Forces are given opportunities to upgrade their skills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29800/23]

*189. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the degree to which he remains satisfied regarding the strength of the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps, with particular reference to ensuring the maintenance of recommended levels of strength throughout all branches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29801/23]

*190. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which equipment in the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps continue to be upgraded through the standards equal to the best; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29802/23]

*191. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which the numbers of women applying for and enlisting in the Defence Forces with equal respect to the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29803/23]

*192. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which he remains satisfied that the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps remain sufficiently equipped to deal with any emergency or natural disaster that might arise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29804/23]

*193. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of vacant posts remaining to be filled at all levels in the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29805/23]

*194. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the total number of Irish military personnel serving at various locations overseas; the level of future deployments, if known; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29806/23]

*195. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which the budget available to his Department remains sufficient to meet requirements in the course of the coming year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29807/23]

*196. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to indicate the extent to which the Air Corps and the Naval Service continue to cooperate in air/sea rescue missions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29808/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update in respect of the All-Island Strategic Rail Review, and the costs incurred to date in respect of the consultation and review. — Catherine Murphy. [29071/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the feasibility and options report to assess potential measure for the N5/R320 junction, Swinford Bypass, County Mayo, as directed by a coroner three years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [29082/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with toll companies regarding the upcoming toll increases; if he will consider extending the timeframe of the reduced toll rates given the cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [29085/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport his views and advice in relation to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [29140/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the grant funding provided to each of the four Dublin local authorities for road maintenance in each of the past ten years to date; how this compares with the funding requested; the measures in place to ensure that the funding is drawn down and spent by the local authorities on road maintenance works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [29144/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of electric vehicle charging points at each Irish Rail train station car park nationwide; if this number will be further increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29157/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are any plans to link Portlaoise and Carlow on a more direct basis on the rail network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29158/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport why there has been an increase from €5 to €20 in the credit that needs to be on an EV deposit card before charging; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [29214/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a service (details supplied) is being withdrawn; and if this decision will be reversed. — Sean Sherlock. [29225/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport how much of the 40.8 hectares of port lands described in Appendix 1 of the Dublin Port Company's Franchise Policy, published in May 2014, as being used for non-core activities are still being used for non-core activities; if any of this land is now being used for core activities; if so, if he will make a statement on what these core activities are and their location in relation to the maps outlined in Appendix 1 of the Dublin Port Company's Franchise Policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [29227/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [29355/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will expedite a driving test for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [29360/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport the frequency with which the help and emergency push-button system on train stations' platforms are tested to ensure that the help/emergency press buttons are in full working order. — Paul Donnelly. [29427/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport if the new DART and commuter rail carriages coming onto board over the next few years will have automatic retractable ramps covering fully the gap between station platform and train carriages at all stations where these new carriages will be in use; and if not, if Iarnród Éireann will carry out the necessary improvements needed at the stations to ensure that the retractable ramps covers the whole gap between the platform and train carriages. — Paul Donnelly. [29428/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport to confirm whether employees will be protected under European worker's rights legislation and whether "TUPE" will apply to the employees of CHC Ireland currently operating the search and rescue helicopter service on behalf of his Department and Irish Coast Guard when Bristow take over the running of the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29443/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the pathfinder projects for Limerick city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [29453/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will stop toll increases due on 1 July 2023 (details supplied) given that there has not been an increase in toll charges for cars with tags for ten years and the €344 million in toll revenue in 2022; if he agrees that these increases should not be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [29457/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the implementation of circular 25/2016 by each State body under the aegis of his Department; and if he will provide, in tabular form, by State agency, the compliance with each of the standards and timelines set out in responding to Oireachtas Members' queries. — Denis Naughten. [29485/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport when the E spine of BusConnects Dublin will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [29495/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport when the F spine of BusConnects Dublin will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [29496/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport when the N2 route of Dublin BusConnects will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [29497/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport when the 19, 23 and 24 routes of Dublin BusConnects will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [29498/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will support measures to promote the establishment of hydrotreated vegetable oil fuel as a viable alternative to diesel, given the growing interest in renewable energy sources and the need to transition to greener transportation

options, similar to CNG; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [29501/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the alternatively fuelled heavy-duty vehicle purchase grant scheme introduced in March 2021; the current status of the scheme; how many applications have been received; how many have been approved; the cost of the scheme to date; the effectiveness of the scheme in promoting the adoption of alternatively-fuelled large vans, trucks, buses and coaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [29503/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport to elaborate on the expansion of the accelerated capital allowance scheme for natural gas propelled vehicles and equipment to include HVO and hydrogen vehicles and equipment; the measures that have been taken to facilitate the inclusion of HVO and green hydrogen technology within this scheme; what impact is expected from this expansion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [29504/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport following the roll-out of the compressed natural gas (CNG) fuelling network, can he provide an update on the progress made in establishing an extensive CNG infrastructure across the country; if there are any plans to expedite this roll-out and ensure wider accessibility of CNG as a fuel option for heavy-duty vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [29505/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport given the positive response to the alternatively fuelled heavy-duty vehicle purchase grant scheme; the details of the additional funding allocations for the scheme in 2023; the way these funds will be utilised to further support the purchase of alternatively-fuelled heavy-duty vehicles; the outcomes that are expected from this increased investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [29507/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport if matters (details supplied) in relation to toll charges will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29575/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport if any requests for additional park-and-rides for specific festivals in an area have been received by the NTA (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [29593/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport if he would consider asking Bus Éireann to make a small amendment to its timetable for the Sligo and Galway buses to facilitate those travelling to Limerick (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [29619/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the M20 redevelopment timeline; and how it will work logistically in order that there are no more delays. — Thomas Gould. [29650/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport about electric charging points (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29666/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the delay in processing an application (details supplied) under the wheelchair accessible vehicle grant scheme; the steps he is taking to expedite such applications in view of the Government's "shameful neglect" of action on transport access issues for people with disabilities according to the ombudsman; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29673/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress of the implementation of the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan for Kerry, and in particular routes 2A from Skibbereen to Killarney and 280 Ring of Kerry route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [29677/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the effect of an increase in taxi fares, implemented since September 2022, on the number of taxi drivers; the number of new taxi driver licences sought in each county in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023; the number of active taxi driver licences in each county in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [29683/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding provided to Ireland West Airport Knock under the various schemes and investment programmes for our regional airports since 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [29724/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has concluded his consideration of the Derry City Airport's economic assessment and supporting materials for a Dublin/Derry air route submitted to his Department in December 2022; and the progress he has made in delivering on the air connectivity review commitment under the New Decade, New Approach agreement since taking up office in 2020. — Mary Lou McDonald. [29788/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Transport if the NTA or TII have considered a park-and-ride-style model of transport to run from Youghal, County Cork, to the train station in Midleton, County Cork, so as to facilitate a proper public transport corridor to Cork city via the train to Cork city and beyond; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [29809/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*235. To ask the Minister for Finance what his Department is doing to improve the eligibility criteria for the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; how many people receive support from this scheme; how many people have been excluded from the scheme; if his Department will make a commitment to re-establishing the appeals mechanism for the disabled passengers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29706/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost to the Exchequer of increasing the incapacitated child credit from €3,300 to €3,500 per year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [29066/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the specifics of how Ireland 'positively influences' the IMF in the context of overseas aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [29075/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline how Ireland challenges any conditionality in IMF programmes that undermines our own, stated commitment to public services, our own aid programme and those concerning women's rights in particular; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [29076/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Finance if Ireland will conduct an assessment of the impact of IMF programmes in the context of both gender and human rights; if Ireland will examine whether or how they undermine Irish Overseas Aid objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [29077/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has spoken with his Australian counterpart to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29147/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline the number of cars sold with an open market selling price above €70,000 and above €100,000, for the years 2021-2023 year to date, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29190/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Finance the up-to-date position in relation to the residential zoned land tax; when it is expected that changes will be made to the tax; when the changes will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [29201/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to reducing VAT on animal food from the current rate of 23%, given the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on families, and animal shelters being unable to afford animal food; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [29206/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected revenue raised in first-year (2024) and full-year terms from the scheduled increase in carbon tax on 1 May 2024 and 9 October 2024, respectively and combined. — Pearse Doherty. [29285/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the items of which the reduced VAT rate of 5% have been applied in the Irish context to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [29300/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Finance whether the reduced VAT rate of 5% has been applied to all 24 points of goods and services, as per the VAT Directive, to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [29301/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the items of which the reduced VAT rate of less than 5% have been applied in the Irish context to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [29302/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Finance whether the reduced rate of 0% VAT has been applied to a maximum of seven items as per the VAT Directive to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [29303/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost to the Exchequer of removing the 23% VAT rate on sunscreen products of SPF30 and above; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [29327/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the implementation of circular 25/2016 by each State body under the aegis of his Department; and if he will provide, in tabular form, by State agency, the compliance with each of the standards and timelines set out in responding to Oireachtas Members' queries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29474/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason stamp duty is 6.5% when buying farmland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29500/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has initiatives and plans to facilitate the adoption of alternative fuel source to transition to greener transportation options; if he can provide details on any financial incentives, grants, or assistance programmes currently in place or being considered to encourage the utilisation and production of hydrotreated vegetable oil fuel, biofuels, biomethane, green hydrogen or other greener fuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [29502/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will respond to matters raised in correspondence regarding mortgage protection (details supplied); if the person applying for mortgage protection in this case may be facing discrimination on health grounds; if his Department will issue any additional guidance in relation to the rights of the person in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [29692/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Finance if the deposit return scheme will be subject to VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [29710/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that are being taken, domestically and at EU level, to ensure that public access to the register of beneficial is restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29794/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide a report on the Ministerial Trade Visit to Money2020 Europe 2023 in Amsterdam; the way in which he supported the IDA and Enterprise Ireland to achieve their objectives on this visit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Damien English. [29817/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on Ireland's bid to host the new EU AML Authority; if Ireland having a strong AML, legal and administrative framework will assist in this bid; the next steps that will be taken in order to advance Ireland's bid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Damien English. [29818/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Finance to detail the progress of the Office to Promote Competition in the Insurance Market as it continues to work to help to attract new entrants into the Irish market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Damien English. [29819/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent of the domestic financial services and the international financial services sectors in Ireland in terms of the number of people employed and the value to the Exchequer by way of corporation taxation; his views on the future growth of both these sectors in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Damien English. [29820/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on credit union mortgage-lending in the State; the plans he has to assist credit unions in reaching an increased number of first-time home buyers with their mortgage offering; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Damien English. [29821/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on credit union SME lending in the State; the plans he has to assist credit unions in reaching an increased number of SMEs with their lending offering; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Damien English. [29822/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Finance the impact that fraudulent claims are having on insurance premiums in the private motor, home and public liability insurance for businesses in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Damien English. [29823/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied with progress to date on the Women in Finance Charter, which was developed in partnership with several stakeholders (details supplied) whereby signatories of the Charter commit their organisations to improving the number of women in management and board-level positions to achieve better gender balance and a more inclusive working environment. — Damien English. [29824/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide the details of the flat-rate expense allowances for the building industry allowed by Revenue, to include an itemised list for all the sub trades of this sector; the way in which apprentices are treated for flat-rate expenses in the building industry; if he will rebalance any variances upwards for all those workers operating in the building industry in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Damien English. [29825/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Finance the impact that ‘micro sectoring’ by the insurance industry in Ireland is having on the availability of insurance cover for niche markets, such as thatched cottages, adventure tourism, and playcentres; the way in which a fairer balance can be achieved in these instances in order that cover can be provided for those seeking insurance in such niche markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Damien English. [29826/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the driver and passenger must be related in order for an application to be made under the disabled drivers and passengers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [29847/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will replace all mentions of the Minister for Health with the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth with respect to S.I. No. 353 of 1994; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [29848/23]

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.

*268. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide a year-by-year breakdown of how many dividends were paid under section 40M subsection 2 of the Electricity Regulation (Amendment) (Carbon Revenue Levy) Act 2010 into the carbon revenue levy account of subsection 1, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29191/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW made efforts to purchase lands in close proximity to Castletown House; and if the OPW has investigated whether the grounds and or lands of Castletown House have been the subject of poisonous overspill (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [29162/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of approved but unfilled civil service positions, by grade and department; the number of qualified candidates in each panel available to fill them on 31 May 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [29257/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform in light of the finding of the Data Protection Committee that the Department of Social Protection improperly gathered data through the Public Service Card, his views on whether the call in June 2018 by the then-Secretary General at his Department for a ban on those with free travel passes from public transport during rush hour was made based on the data improperly gathered through the public services card; and the procedures that will be put in place to ensure this cannot happen again. — Paul Murphy. [29268/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will ask officials from the Office of Public Works to reengage with a person (details supplied). — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [29374/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW has ever or will make an application to designate lands (details supplied) as either a special area of conservation and special protection area, otherwise known collectively as NATURA 2000 sites and or a natural heritage area. — Catherine Murphy. [29417/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW intends to put out a tender for the provision of restaurant/café service at Dublin Castle during the remainder of 2023. — Paul Donnelly. [29426/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a breakdown in tabular form of dividends disposed of for the benefit of the Exchequer in such manner as he or she may direct under section 7 of the Electricity Act 2001, specifically those which were not paid into the exchequer, for each year from 2009 to date. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29463/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the implementation of circular 25/2016 by each State body under the aegis of his Department; and if he will provide, in tabular form, by State agency, the compliance with each of the standards and timelines set out in responding to Oireachtas Members' queries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29480/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he can provide clarification on the role and focus of the independent review panel for senior public service recruitment and pay processes; if he can confirm what the terms of reference primarily pertain to in this process, including remuneration and recruitment; when the findings and recommendations from this panel are expected to be presented to the Cabinet for consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [29487/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he is satisfied that the proposed development of the lands immediately surrounding Castletown House will not impact negatively on the structure and its historical, aesthetic, architectural and cultural integrity; if he will publish the expert basis for that satisfaction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [29679/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the reason the State did not purchase the lands adjoining Castletown House; if the purchase was ever a consideration; if so, the reason it was not concluded by and for the State; if he will publish the reasons for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [29680/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the State has conducted an environmental and wildlife assessment of development of the lands adjoining Castletown House; if so, if he will publish the results of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [29681/23]

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

*281. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how a person (details supplied) can receive a permit for employment without immigration status, which is required for their worker's permit, but they cannot gain immigration status (stamp 1) without a worker's permit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29142/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the level of trade between Mexico and Ireland in 2022 and Quarter 1, 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29159/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will review the work visa application of a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [29228/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 465 of 13 June 2023, when he anticipates the amendment to the Employment Permits Bill 2022 to allow general employment permit and critical skills employment permit holders to transfer employer within the bounds of the original employment permit, after a shorter period of nine months has passed from the start of their first employment, will be enacted into law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [29280/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an on access to work for people with a disability in the private and public sector (details supplied). — Seán Canney. [29412/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline the implementation of circular 25/2016 by each State body under the aegis of his Department; and if he will provide, in tabular form, by State agency the compliance with each of the standards and timelines set out in responding to Oireachtas Members' queries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29472/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he has taken to address rising rates of food prices, including his engagement with larger retailers and wholesalers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [29601/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the Workplace Relations Commission intends to publish the Code of Practice on the 'Right to Request Remote Working'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [29684/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to outline the procedures, if any, that he intends to put in place to establish independent assurance services providers in Ireland following the transposition of the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive into Irish law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [29695/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of times in each of the years 2014 to 2022, and to date in 2023, that the Labour Court has used its powers under section 41 of the National Minimum Wage Act 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [29711/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will expand the remit of the review which is to be undertaken by the IP unit in his Department on outcomes from the transposition of the Copyright Directive into Irish law, to include Article 17 of the Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [29856/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*292. To ask the Minister for Education her views on class sizes increasing by approximately 35% to 40% due to a reduction in the staff allocation at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [29067/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the data her Department considers when projecting second level school place requirements; how often this data is reviewed; if such data has highlighted the need for an additional second-level school in the east Cork area in the near future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [29072/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the case of two children who live more than 3.2 km from their local school who have been turned down for school transport (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [29080/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Education the information her Department's planning and building unit has available regarding current Irish primary school outdoor spaces, including the average space available, how the space was designed, what boundaries, surfaces, equipment and natural elements are in-situ, whether funding for equipment has been through public or private means, if the outdoor space is also used for community purposes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [29088/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Education the reason it would take up to seven weeks in her Department's primary school payroll section to progress the paperwork on a jobseeker's application for a teacher (details supplied) who does not have a permanent full-time contract and is concerned about a seven-week or more delay in getting paid jobseekers payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [29090/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Education the number of WTE structural engineers working in her Department in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29150/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of concerns expressed about the challenging nature of Leaving Certificate 2023 maths paper 1; if she will ask the State Examinations Commission to examine these concerns and respond to them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [29195/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for the reform of the Leaving Certificate examination; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [29196/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Education the remuneration that will be provided to the link person referenced in the letter to principals on the Pilot Programme of Counselling Supports in Primary Schools; the resources that will be put in place for them; the hours will be made available to them to coordinate this programme in their school; and where her Department sees capacity for a link person given the current workload on teachers and school principals. — Mattie McGrath. [29197/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware that there are still children with no second level school place secured in east Cork ahead of the commencement of the 2023/2024 school year in September; the action she intends to take to ensure that these young people are offered school places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [29213/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that many students have contacted my office and many other offices throughout the country in an extremely upset manner after sitting the Leaving Certificate maths paper 1 (details supplied). — Richard O'Donoghue. [29236/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [29253/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [29254/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [29255/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the reserved specialists tender process for the school building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [29278/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the Digital Strategy for Schools to 2027; when ICT funding will become available again for schools at primary and post-primary level; when ICT funding was last available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [29314/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Education if the ICT grant for primary schools has been discontinued; if so, the rationale for doing so; if so, are there any plans to have it reinstated for the academic year beginning September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [29323/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Education if she will remove the distance criteria in the school transport scheme ahead of the 2023/2024 school year. — Sean Sherlock. [29406/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Education if all public post-primary schools have an entitlement in relation to the parental support towards the cost of schoolbooks for post-primary schools set out in circular letter 0046/2013 and in relation to the book rental scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [29413/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on developments around needs-based accommodations and support in education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [29415/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the long-awaited Celbridge schools' project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [29418/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Education when a school place will be offered in a Kildare ASD unit for the son of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29420/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update regarding an additional school accommodation application for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [29421/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full-year cost of recruiting 35 additional WTE psychologists for the National Educational Psychological Service. — Paul Donnelly. [29424/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Education the number of places in each teacher training college for initial teacher training for primary school teachers for the past three years, including 2023. — Paul Donnelly. [29425/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive payment for working as an SNA; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [29438/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Education if the ICT grant as part of the Digital Learning Plan will be paid to a school (details supplied) in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29460/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the implementation of circular 25/2016 by each State body under the aegis of her Department; and if she will provide, in tabular form, by State agency, the compliance with each of the standards and timelines set out in responding to Oireachtas Members' queries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29471/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided in the case of each child from a household (details supplied) who have concessionary tickets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [29488/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) can expect to have their UP2CD forms to be returned to them by the primary payroll division of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [29489/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Education when an announcement will be made regarding an extension to a primary school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [29490/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 376 of 28 March 2023, the status of a school construction project (details supplied) in Thurles, County

Tipperary; when the building projects will receive full and final approval; when the necessary funding will be released; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [29509/23]

*324. To ask the Minister for Education if she will restore the ICT grant for schools in respect of the provision of laptops, iPads and interactive whiteboards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [29590/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Education if the scheme for schools to obtain solar panels, as announced in Budget 2023, has commenced; if so, if she will outline the application process for schools; if not, when the scheme will be open for applications; if 100% funding will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29591/23]

*326. To ask the Minister for Education to provide the figures on a waiting list (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [29618/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Education the amount of funding that will be provided for SNAs and autism training for teachers. — Thomas Gould. [29644/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the results of the Irish portion of the Leaving Certificate over the past five years; and the reason the results have changed throughout those five years. — Thomas Gould. [29649/23]

*329. To ask the Minister for Education the reason schools will not be receiving the ICT grant payments in June as expected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29668/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Education the measures being taken to address the need for an increase in the capitation grants for schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29669/23]

*331. To ask the Minister for Education the steps being taken to reduce the pupil teacher ratio; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29670/23]

*332. To ask the Minister for Education if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding an overcrowded school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29671/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Education the plans in place to address the current lack of places in a school (details supplied); how many students the school can currently accommodate in a junior infants class; how many are on the waiting list; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [29693/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Education if she will advise on a specific issue regarding school transport routes for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [29725/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to how difficult the higher level history Leaving Certificate paper was this year, compared to other years, even with the additional questions included; if the State Examinations Commission will be taking this into

account when correcting papers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [29734/23]

*336. To ask the Minister for Education if she has made a decision on the allocation of ICT grants to schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [29770/23]

*337. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the capitation grants differ so much from primary school (€183) to second level school (€316); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [29772/23]

*338. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department can provide any form of funding, one-off or reoccurring, to an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [29779/23]

*339. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking in response to concerns regarding a Leaving Certificate examination paper (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [29839/23]

*340. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department is considering the full rollout of mental health supports for schools in Ireland; if the establishment of mental-health supports on-site in schools is being considered, with 544,788 primary pupils (details supplied), which equates to €20 per pupil; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [29860/23]

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

*341. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a breakdown of vote 33 across programmes A, B and D subheads, including both current and capital expenditure in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29145/23]

*342. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will detail the way in which Fáilte Ireland select influencers for use on its promotional campaigns; the due diligence process that is undertaken; and if payment issues post-campaign after all metrics are reviewed and KPIs achieved. — Catherine Murphy. [29239/23]

*343. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media where the results of the National Swimming Strategy survey that was carried out in 2022 by the former Minister of State for Sport, the Gaeltacht and Defence can be accessed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29259/23]

*344. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when details of the 2023 Sports Capital Programme will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [29291/23]

*345. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the financial assistance available for operating costs for community radio stations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [29372/23]

*346. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the financial assistance available for operating costs, and the programme of costs that may be available for community radio stations from her Department. — Dara Calleary. [29402/23]

*347. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she can verify whether any funding for the commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the 1798 Rebellion was provided under the auspices of her Department; if she can provide information on which counties have received grant funding under this initiative; when this scheme was advertised; when applications closed; if there will be funding available to facilitate a commemorative event in County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [29409/23]

*348. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she last met the CEO of Screen Ireland; the issues that were discussed; and when she is next scheduled to meet the CEO. — Paul Donnelly. [29423/23]

*349. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline the implementation of circular 25/2016 by each State body under the aegis of her Department; and if she will provide, in tabular form, by State agency, the compliance with each of the standards and timelines set out in responding to Oireachtas Members' queries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29484/23]

*350. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if, given the 3,000-year historical and cultural impact of hurling, money will be provided to support the GAA in promoting the sport in counties where it is not the primary sport. — Thomas Gould. [29646/23]

*351. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department will support the funding of Irish-language programmes within the GAA, given that the Irish language is to be promoted by the State and the GAA. — Thomas Gould. [29647/23]

*352. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 630 of 13 June 2023, 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 which were unsuccessful, in tabular form; 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. [29812/23]

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

*353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the date on which the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People Implementation Plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [29657/23]

*354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People Implementation Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [29719/23]

*355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if properties currently under construction at a location (details supplied) have been acquired by an approved housing

association for social, affordable and cost rental homes; and if locals will be afforded the opportunity to apply for these homes. — Duncan Smith. [29068/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount of approved housing body and local authority borrowings for social and affordable housing that was drawn down and accounted for in the Governments expenditure for 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29137/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current status of the Fire, Emergency, Management and Public Safety Bill; when this Bill will move to the next stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29146/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many new units of Traveller-specific accommodation were provided in 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29164/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the review of the Adaptation Grant for Older People and People with a Disability Scheme for private houses will be published. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29165/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the Céide Fields lost its place on UNESCO's tentative list for world heritage status, considering its significance as a world-renowned heritage site and its historical evidence of Ireland's first farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [29174/23]

*361. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the review of the game bird open seasons Order; if he will provide an update on the progress of meetings held between key stakeholders and the National Parks and Wildlife Service, as well as a list of any potential changes or recommendations that have emerged from the review and public consultation process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [29181/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage concerning the review of the game bird open seasons Order, if he will provide a list of key stakeholders and other organisations of interest within the game shooting fraternity that have been invited to engage the National Parks and Wildlife Service as part of the review and public consultation process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [29182/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the review of the rental accommodation scheme will be published. — Louise O'Reilly. [29211/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline clearly his Department's plans regarding the open seasons Order; to outline the reason a position paper and plans by the NPWS Management Board (dated September 2022) were not referenced during the public consultation process held between March and May 2023; the reason two options were outlined in these plans and set out before the consultation process began; the reason those engaging in the consultation process were not made aware of the options as set out by the NPWS; if he will address the concerns by game hunting clubs in relation to their lack of confidence in this consultation process given the position of the NPWS; if he will outline what the "other" options being considered are as they are not referenced in the paper; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [29212/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will make publicly available the information that the open season Order for 2023 was based on. — Martin Browne. [29230/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department recognises the contribution of gun clubs to conservation efforts in Ireland in light of his Department engaged with game hunters and gun clubs prior to making the decision on the open season Order last year. — Martin Browne. [29231/23]

*367. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his Departments plans to meet with gun clubs ahead of the start of open season 2023. — Martin Browne. [29232/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage why an application has been deemed ineligible for a scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [29235/23]

*369. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of cost rental tenant-in-situ referrals to the Housing Agency to date; the number of cost rental tenant-in-situ applications submitted by landlords; the number rejected by the Housing Agency; the number at valuation stage; the number at inspection stage; the number at legal/conveyancing; the number of offers made; and the number of properties purchased, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29237/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagements he has had with local authorities regarding the Framework Transformation Document of June 2022 relating to the transformation of water services to Uisce Éireann; if it is the position of Government that this agreement should be honoured; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [29252/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the provision of emergency funding for interim measures in buildings with construction defects; and when he will publish the code of conduct on remediating fire safety defects. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29304/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Q1 2023 social housing output report will be published. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29305/23]

*373. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will set out, in tabular form, the targets for affordable delivery for 2023 and 2024 under the affordable housing fund; the cost rental equity loan; project Tosaigh and the LDA direct delivery. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29306/23]

*374. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of part 8 derogation planning applications that have been initiated since the derogation was introduced; and if he will provide a list of the derogations, broken down by local authority, location of scheme and number of units in each scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29307/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on plans to deliver 1,500 social homes using modular building technology, including a list of projects proposed to date, by local authority, with information on location and number of units involved. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29308/23]

*376. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of tenant-in-situ applications and purchases, by local authority. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29309/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of all legislation including non-consequential amendments he intends to bring forward before the summer recess. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29315/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost to the Exchequer of increasing the housing adaptation grant from €30,000 to €60,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [29319/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many people have applied for the cost rental tenant-in-situ scheme in County Donegal; what stage the applications are at; how many applications have been successful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [29322/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the defective apartments and duplexes redress scheme will be enacted; if retrospective applications for redress will be included in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29324/23]

*381. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the defective apartments and duplexes redress scheme; the stage of the establishment of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [29325/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will investigate claims that the landlord was asking tenants for their HAP pin number - as per the email your office received on 25 May 2023 (details supplied); and if he will consider that this a serious breach of data protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [29357/23]

*383. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the Céide Fields no longer appear on Ireland’s UNESCO world heritage tentative list; and if an application for inclusion was received for the site during the most recent application process. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29375/23]

*384. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if signs will be erected at Torc waterfall, Killarney (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29376/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can confirm the specific funding scheme, under the auspices of his Department, that facilitated the allocation of capital funding for the commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the 1798 Rebellion; if he can provide information on which counties applied and received funding through this scheme; when this scheme was advertised; when applications closed; if he will confirm whether an application for such funding would be considered from County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [29410/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the implementation of circular 25/2016 by each State body under the aegis of his Department; and if

he will provide, in tabular form, by State agency, the compliance with each of the standards and timelines set out in responding to Oireachtas Members' queries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29478/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the procedure to be followed by a person (details supplied); the status of the remediation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [29499/23]

*388. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of delays in land ownership that has seen successful applicants draw down and begin the process of repaying mortgages for the Newton Heights Affordable Housing Scheme in Cork city without receipt of keys; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [29615/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of people on local authority housing lists who are wheelchair users or persons with disabilities requiring UD+ or UD++ accommodation; if he will provide data as to the percentage of social housing builds per each local authority which are being, or are due to be built, to UD+ standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [29687/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of his Department's underspend for Q1 of 2023, including the capital carry over from 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [29699/23]

*391. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that a site (details supplied) was not included on a new list as announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [29701/23]

*392. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on plans to amend Part M of the Building regulations to include UD++ Wheelchair liveable accommodation; if he will provide a timeline for the same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [29717/23]

*393. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the flexibility that local authorities have when it comes to introducing caps on amounts awarded under housing adaption grants for persons with a disability, such as caps based on room size; if local authorities have the autonomy to introduce caps to limit the amounts being awarded despite what is outlined as regards amounts available under these grants, as per the application form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [29726/23]

*394. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an apartment owner carries out remediation work on their apartment to correct a building defect, if that hinders them subsequently accessing financial assistance for these works under the upcoming defective builds scheme for apartments, considering they have a builder ready to carry out these works to prevent water getting into the building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [29740/23]

*395. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the waiver for new Irish Water connections for new builds is also being extended to cover the charges for new builds connecting to group water schemes, which are not linked to Irish Water; if he would consider doing so to alleviate the cost of building on those affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [29741/23]

*396. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects the new Electoral Commission to be fully functional and in a position to perform all of its functions prescribed by the Electoral Reform Act 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29753/23]

*397. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the penalties, if any, that apply to individuals or families on local authority housing lists who are offered social housing but who turned down that offer; if he believes that any changes should be made to legislation governing these schemes to encourage acceptance of such offers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29754/23]

*398. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant and derelict homes brought back into use for each year from 2020 to 2023, in tabular form, under the following schemes with a breakdown by local authority - buy and renew, repair and lease, ready to build, refurbishment grant, CPO activation, UDF €150 million fund and over-shop/pub planning exemptions. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29795/23]

*399. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the targets for vacant and derelict homes to be brought back into use for each year from 2023 to 2026, in tabular form, under the following schemes with a breakdown by local authority - buy and renew, repair and lease, ready to build, refurbishment grant, CPO activation, UDF €150 million fund and over-shop/pub planning exemptions. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29796/23]

*400. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details on how many void properties have been brought back into use to date in 2023, broken down by local authority; and the average turnaround times for vacant council properties per council. — Emer Higgins. [29831/23]

*401. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the targets, per local authority, for each of the Housing For All initiatives targeting vacancy and dereliction. — Emer Higgins. [29832/23]

*402. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the supports for prospective homeowners who do not qualify for a mortgage based on this year's income, but do not qualify for the local authority home loan because the process is based on income in 2022 rather than income in 2023. — Emer Higgins. [29833/23]

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

*403. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he has any intention to make Covid-19 an occupational disease as has been done in other EU member states; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [29612/23]

*404. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the Review of the Reasonable Accommodation Fund; when it will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [29723/23]

*405. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the Exchequer of introducing a cost-of-disability payment of €20, €25, €30, €40 and €50 per week to support the additional costs as a disabled person living in Irish society, as set out in a report (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [29065/23]

*406. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the criteria for the additional needs payment to ensure that money saved to pay for items such as funeral and headstone costs are exempt from inclusion as income or savings in the application process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [29210/23]

*407. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for a disability allowance by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [29216/23]

*408. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the work undertaken by her Department to date to develop proposals to benchmark rates of pension payments to gross average industrial earnings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [29222/23]

*409. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views in relation to the finding of the Data Protection Committee that her Department improperly gathered data through the public services card (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [29266/23]

*410. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to a claim for carer's allowance by a person (details supplied) considering that the application has been ongoing for several months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [29269/23]

*411. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider increasing the income means threshold for carer's allowance given the cost-of-living increases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [29277/23]

*412. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she agrees that the report from her Department given to the Oireachtas Public Accounts Committee in December 2019, which stated that her Department received free travel pass "usage data" which "indicates that a FT Travel pass was used at a particular time and date" and that "this data is non-identifying and does not provide journey duration or fare collected" was inaccurate, given the finding of the Data Protection Commissioner that her Department was collecting massive amounts of excess data using the free travel pass, including identifying information, journey duration and fare collected. — Paul Murphy. [29311/23]

*413. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person's disability allowance payment (details supplied) will be increased following the reduction in his spouse's employment hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [29320/23]

*414. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of extending the household benefits package to all cancer patients from the point of diagnosis to the cessation of treatment without means testing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [29358/23]

*415. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the expansion of the partial capacity payment scheme will be considered in Budget 2024, to introduce a new statutory payment for employees and self-employed people with chronic illness to attend medical appointments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [29359/23]

*416. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal regarding a State pension review; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [29401/23]

*417. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the implementation of circular 25/2016 by each State body under the aegis of her Department; and if she will provide, in tabular form, by State agency, the compliance with each of the standards and timelines set out in responding to Oireachtas Members' queries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29482/23]

*418. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current average wait time for an additional/urgent needs payment in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [29614/23]

*419. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that no response has issued from the disability allowance section of her Department for a person (details supplied) considering that four queries were sent by email to that section; if the claimant can continue to be paid through their bank account rather than having to collect the payment at the post office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [29629/23]

*420. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to clarify if a social welfare claimant selected for participation in a programme (details supplied) is obliged to sign a PPP; if they do not, if there can be any sanctions applied by her Department; if the claimant has the right to appeal such sanctions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [29640/23]

*421. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the delay in publishing the Review of the Reasonable Accommodation Fund; the timeline he is working towards for publication; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [29661/23]

*422. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she can clarify if Seetec have been awarded the contract for operating the JobPath programme; the costs of this award; the length of time the company will operate it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [29665/23]

*423. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) in County Cork is on a reduced rate of contributory pension. — Michael Creed. [29689/23]

*424. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of Defence Forces personnel that received family income supplement or working family payment in each of the years 2013 to 2022 and to date in 2023. — Maurice Quinlivan. [29715/23]

*425. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department can provide any form of funding, one-off or reoccurring, to an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [29780/23]

*426. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on the review of a decision on an exceptional needs payment in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [29791/23]

*427. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide her response to a campaign (details supplied) which is calling on the Government to honour its commitment to a State pension rate of at least 34% of average earnings. — Holly Cairns. [29845/23]

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

*428. To ask the Minister for Justice when recipients under the latest community innovation funding call will be announced; when the fund will reopen to applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [29086/23]

*429. To ask the Minister for Justice how a person (details supplied) may gain immigration status given that their stamp 1G visa has expired and they wish to continue working in Ireland with no need to pursue further education, but they have been refused a working permit on the grounds of immigration status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29141/23]

*430. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount of cash seized by gardaí on proceeds of crime legislation in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the amount of cash seized that was returned to the Exchequer in each of the years in question, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29151/23]

*431. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 476 of 16 May 2023, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this PQ answered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29152/23]

*432. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the full details of the EU General Agreement on Migration and Asylum reached recently; the obligations this agreement would have on Ireland; whether or not Ireland will have the option of opt-out of this agreement; the contributions of her Department in reaching this agreement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [29200/23]

*433. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prisoners currently accommodated at the National Violence Reduction Unit operating in the Midlands Prison, Portlaoise; the length of stay of each prisoner; how often each prisoner is reviewed; the way in which the review is carried out and, if multidisciplinary, to explain the function and statutory provision utilised; the details of any independent inspection of the facility and its method of operation since inception; if IPS staff are specifically designated and trained to work exclusively in that unit; the details of all complaints, if any, of the NVRU by staff, prisoner and/or relatives; the details of any legal action taken regarding the NVRU including the grounds and outcome of same; the total cost to run the unit over the past 12 month period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [29218/23]

*434. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline all steps currently being taken to tackle the abuse of older persons within society; and the specific measures being taken to deal with fraud which is particularly targeted at older persons. — Robert Troy. [29265/23]

*435. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and/or expected position in relation to an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29283/23]

*436. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and/or expected position in relation to application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29284/23]

*437. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide a list of the recipients of the community fund put in place to benefit the community as a result of the building of the new Cork Prison from 2014, in tabular form; and the amount received. — Sean Sherlock. [29293/23]

*438. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the projects (details supplied) submitted under the IIP initiative; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [29405/23]

*439. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new Garda cars and vans that have been added to each Garda district within the DMR division to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [29429/23]

*440. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of serious and fatal road-traffic collisions that gardaí attended between Junction 6 and Junction 15, in both directions on the M50, in the years of 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [29430/23]

*441. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí, by rank, attached to the Dublin crime response team. — Paul Donnelly. [29431/23]

*442. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 512 of 30 May 2023, if the necessary information from the Garda authorities has been supplied in order to have this PQ answered. — Paul Donnelly. [29432/23]

*443. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of WTE staff, by grade, working in her Department's Registration Office in Burgh Quay as of 13 June 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [29433/23]

*444. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is satisfied with the level of compliance by persons (details supplied) who are subject to the requirements of Part 2 of the Sex Offenders Act 2001; how many convicted sex offenders travelling to Ireland from another country, EU and non-EEA, that have been prosecuted for breaching these conditions for the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [29440/23]

*445. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the implementation of circular 25/2016 by each State body under the aegis of her Department; and if she will provide, in tabular form, by State agency, the compliance with each of the standards and timelines set out in responding to Oireachtas Members' queries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29479/23]

*446. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has discussed with the Garda Commissioner the ongoing blight of anti-social behaviour and assaults on Dublin city centre's streets. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [29486/23]

*447. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 885 of 13 June 2023, the overall value of overtime payments paid to members of An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2018 to 2022 inclusive and to date in 2023. — Neasa Hourigan. [29609/23]

*448. To ask the Minister for Justice when the review into the discontinued Immigrant Investor Programme will be completed and published. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [29630/23]

*449. To ask the Minister for Justice to list the countries from which non-EU citizens made applications for the discontinued Immigrant Investor Programme; and the number from each country who applied, were granted or refused residency rights along with their spouses and children since its inception in 2012. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [29631/23]

*450. To ask the Minister for Justice how many of the successful Immigrant Investor Programme applicants invested the minimum of over €1 million in a business in Ireland, or a minimum of €500,000 in a charity; and how much money was involved annually since the scheme began in 2012. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [29632/23]

*451. To ask the Minister for Justice to list the businesses and charities that benefitted from the Immigrant Investor Programme since its inception in 2012 to date. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [29633/23]

*452. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of the potential beneficiaries of the Immigrant Investor Programme scheme she met personally in advance of a decision being made on their applications to the scheme, or those who would benefit from same. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [29634/23]

*453. To ask the Minister for Justice what exact role she played in overseeing or signing-off on the granting of residency to Immigrant Investment Programme applicants, their spouses and children. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [29635/23]

*454. To ask the Minister for Justice the number/percentage of Immigrant Investment Programme applicants who were female. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [29636/23]

*455. To ask the Minister for Justice the counties, the businesses and charities which benefitted from investment of funds as a consequence of the Immigrant Investment Programme since its inception in 2012. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [29637/23]

*456. To ask the Minister for Justice is she aware of a charity (details supplied) in Kells, County Meath, which was a beneficiary of the Immigrant Investment Programme; if she is aware that a magazine has highlighted issues in relation to the appropriateness of her adjudicating on that application and more; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [29638/23]

*457. To ask the Minister for Justice when it is expected to finalise the application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied) who has been married to an Irish citizen for over twenty years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29663/23]

*458. To ask the Minister for Justice the telephone numbers that the public use in relation to An Garda Síochána that are freephone; the numbers that incur a charge; for those numbers that incur a charge, how much was charged to callers in the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and who benefits from those charges, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [29676/23]

*459. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of foot, bicycle and other patrols, broken down by patrol type, carried out in each Garda district in Dublin as part of Operation Citizen during each month from January 2022 to May 2023; the financial resources specifically dedicated to Operation Citizen from January 2022 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [29682/23]

*460. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will examine the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [29707/23]

*461. To ask the Minister for Justice when decisions will be made in the applications for atypical visas by a nursing home (details supplied), which has applied for 35 atypical visas since 15 March 2023, and has yet to receive a decision on any of these applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [29708/23]

*462. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department can consider a request (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [29709/23]

*463. To ask the Minister for Justice when it is expected the Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022 will progress; when it is expected to become law; if it is intended that people will be able to apply to the District Court for new licences in respect of a building that was previously a pub; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [29745/23]

*464. To ask the Minister for Justice to list all Peace Commissioners appointed from 11 February 2022 to date and the areas to which they were appointed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29755/23]

*465. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of unaccompanied or separated children whom her Department referred to the Tusla under section 14 of the International Protection Act 2015 in advance of an application for international protection being lodged in 2022 and to date in 2023, broken down by year, gender and nationality, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [29787/23]

*466. To ask the Minister for Justice to engage with a group (details supplied) regarding its concerns on parental alienation. — Holly Cairns. [29844/23]

*467. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a list of all peace commissioners, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [29852/23]

*468. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will list all of the peace commissioners that have been appointed since the beginning of this Government term, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [29853/23]

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

*469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on requests previously made by an organisation (details supplied) that his Department create a national herd DNA profile database in order to enhance the traceability options available for Irish beef is being included and rolled out as part of the new national herd genotyping programme; if he will also advise on a specific aspect of this request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [29069/23]

*470. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the tonnage of meat imported into Ireland to date in 2023, by month and meat product that is, beef, sheep and pig meat, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [29099/23]

*471. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the measures his Department has taken to implement the recommendation of the final report of the beef taskforce that the Irish Government should seek the invocation by the EU of the World Trade Organisation's safeguard clause to reduce the level of beef imports from third countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29139/23]

*472. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagement his Department has had with a premises; and the plans, if any, his Department has to meet with a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29163/23]

*473. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if, given that there is a strong view among the environmentalist community that different stages of afforestation in a particular area are of benefit to protected species, he or his Department or the Minister with responsibility for this area have any plans to run a pilot programme on such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [29172/23]

*474. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine with reference to his Department's PV panel installers registration form, and with further reference to the requirement to have completed a training course in solar photovoltaic panel installation, to outline the training courses recognised; whether or not certification is required; if so, the details of same; to further outline the recognised training providers mentioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [29205/23]

*475. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if applications for the native woodland conservation scheme in situations pertaining to the conversion of existing conifer forest to native woodland must be lodged with the Forestry Service before the clear felling or final harvesting of commercial sitka spruce takes place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [29260/23]

*476. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will be sending a representative to the Global Congress on Implementation of the International Code of Marketing of Breast-Milk Substitutes in Geneva. — Neasa Hourigan. [29288/23]

*477. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his response to the data on future needs (total job openings) (details supplied) by occupation in Ireland in 2022-2035 provided by the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, which shows that Ireland is set to lose 10,600 jobs in farming and related work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29312/23]

*478. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will introduce grants to assist non-organic farmers to install rainwater harvesting systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [29354/23]

*479. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide progress and a timeline for the announcement and implementation of the replacement scheme for BEEP; if measures are being taken to ensure that the new scheme adequately addresses the concerns raised by farmers to sustain the suckler sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [29368/23]

*480. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm the number of farmers who have applied to join the newly introduced suckler carbon efficiency programme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [29369/23]

*481. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide details on the specific criteria that farmers need to meet in order to join the Bord Bia quality assurance scheme and thereby be eligible for participation in the suckler carbon efficiency programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [29370/23]

*482. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to confirm the estimated time duration involved in obtaining certification under the Bord Bia quality assurance scheme, from the initial application to the final approval; how long the certification process typically takes for farmers interested in joining the scheme, including those in the SCEP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [29371/23]

*483. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the implementation of Circular 25/2016 by each State body under the aegis of his Department; if he will provide, in tabular form, by State agency, the compliance with each of the standards and timelines set out in responding to Oireachtas Members' queries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29468/23]

*484. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will, given the historical treatment of our forests, invest more money in protecting our forests and planting more trees. — Thomas Gould. [29648/23]

*485. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide information on his Department's key policies around manure management and relevant publications on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [29694/23]

*486. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department can provide any form of funding, one-off or reoccurring, to an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [29778/23]

*487. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the decommissioning scheme being operated by his Department; how many applications have been approved; the stage they are at in progression; how many vessel owners have been paid at this stage of the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [29792/23]

*488. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason Ireland decided not to implement the EMFF 2014-2020 and EMFAF 2021-2027 making crisis support available for the operators in the fishery and aquaculture sectors for income lost due to adverse conditions caused by the war in Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [29793/23]

*489. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise on the continued implementation and monitoring of regulations around live exports; if he will advise with regard to reports regarding a specific case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [29829/23]

*490. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking in response to CSO figures showing that 14,119 tonnes of beef was imported into Ireland in the first three months of 2023, including where this beef is being imported from and which markets it is servicing. — Holly Cairns. [29835/23]

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

*491. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of assessment of need assessments that have been outsourced by the HSE to private providers in CHO4 in 2022 and 2023; the cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29388/23]

*492. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of assessment of need assessments that have been outsourced by the HSE to private providers in CHO5 in 2022 and 2023; the cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29389/23]

*493. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of assessment of need assessments that have been outsourced by the HSE to private providers in CHO6 in 2022 and 2023; the cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29390/23]

*494. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of assessment of need assessments that have been outsourced by the HSE to private providers in CHO7 in 2022 and 2023; the cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29391/23]

*495. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of assessment of need assessments that have been outsourced by the HSE to private providers in CHO8 in 2022 and 2023; the cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29392/23]

*496. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of assessment of need assessments that have been outsourced by the HSE to private providers in CHO9 in 2022 and 2023; the cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29393/23]

*497. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the HSE will establish a community neuro-rehabilitation team in the CHO8 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [29400/23]

*498. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on developments around needs-based accommodations and supports for people with a disability in getting employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [29414/23]

*499. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the additional staff and resources that have been provided through secondment or otherwise to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth since the beginning of the war in Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [29846/23]

*500. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure that a child (details supplied) receives speech and language, occupational therapy and psychology input as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [29064/23]

*501. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the contractual requirements on suppliers of accommodation to international protection residents to provide supports for children in their care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [29084/23]

*502. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when appropriate supports will be provided to the son of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29173/23]

*503. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has plans to implement a formal agreement to address the pay disparity of Section 39 organisations; if there are plans to conduct a review of the Health Act 2004 in relation to services provided by Section 39 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [29180/23]

*504. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he agrees that all Government information must have a version that is accessible for people who may be neurologically different or who are not computer literate to ensure no one is excluded, for example, in relation to making a submission to raise concerns over a local building project; if he will work with local authorities to ensure everyone has equal opportunities to make a submission and will he make a statement in relation to this?. — Paul Murphy. [29198/23]

*505. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if money granted by Caranua to a survivor of an institution that was to be used only for household goods, but not yet used may still be claimed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29208/23]

*506. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of available children’s residential places across CHO5 at present; the number of those that are currently filled on a full-time basis; and the various levels of priority in place for children seeking residential placement. — Martin Browne. [29220/23]

*507. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children who are assessed to be a priority one for residential placement across CHO5; the waiting times for those children waiting for residential placement from the time they entered the system; if funding has been given to increasing full-time residential capacity in CHO5; and if so, to provide details. — Martin Browne. [29221/23]

*508. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for a breakdown of the most up-to-date number of children on waiting lists across all of the CDNTs in CHO9, in tabular form; the breakdown of children on waiting lists for occupational therapy, physiotherapy, and speech and language therapy across all the CDNTs in CHO9; the most recent date this data was collected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [29290/23]

*509. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacant roles in occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and psychology broken down by discipline in each CDNT in CHO1; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29345/23]

*510. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacant roles in occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and psychology broken down by discipline in each CDNT in CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29346/23]

*511. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacant roles in occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and psychology broken down by discipline in each CDNT in CHO3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29347/23]

*512. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacant roles in occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and psychology broken down by discipline in each CDNT in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29348/23]

*513. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacant roles in occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and psychology broken down by discipline in each CDNT in CHO5; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29349/23]

*514. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacant roles in occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and psychology broken down by discipline in each CDNT in CHO6; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29350/23]

*515. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacant roles in occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and psychology broken down by discipline in each CDNT in CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29351/23]

*516. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacant roles in occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and psychology broken down by discipline in each CDNT in CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29352/23]

*517. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacant roles in occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and psychology broken down by discipline in each CDNT in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29353/23]

*518. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will instruct his Department to investigate the situation with 21 Harrington Street; if he will ensure other landlords do not illegally evict tenants so they can get a contact with the State (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [29356/23]

*519. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of assessment of need assessments that have been outsourced by the HSE to private providers in CHO1 in 2022 and 2023; the cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29385/23]

*520. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of assessment of need assessments that have been outsourced by the HSE to private providers in CHO2 in 2022 and 2023; the cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29386/23]

*521. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of assessment of need assessments that have been outsourced by the HSE to private providers in CHO3 in 2022 and 2023; the cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29387/23]

*522. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the work undertaken by the Inter-Departmental Committee concerning the Referendums on Family, Care and Equality; if that committee has engaged in any external stakeholder or targeted consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [29411/23]

*523. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children who are currently in temporary (bridging) foster placements and/or using emergency accommodation such as hotels, youth homelessness- or hostel-type accommodation, who are approved and are awaiting a residential placement, broken down by CHO, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [29450/23]

*524. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to 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 who will no longer provide a PA service to disabled people in this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [29455/23]

*525. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether a public consultation will form part of the stakeholder engagement process during his Department's ongoing review of the ECCE programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [29465/23]

*526. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the new guidelines around the use of vacant or closed nursing homes for housing refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [29467/23]

*527. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the implementation of circular 25/2016 by each State body under the aegis of his Department; and if he will provide, in tabular form, by State agency, the compliance with each of the standards and timelines set out in responding to Oireachtas Members' queries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29469/23]

*528. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of assessment of need applications received by CHO in each of the last five years, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [29491/23]

*529. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if children referred to children's disability network teams by a GP, public health nurse or other health official are automatically added to the assessments of need waiting list as covered by the Disability Act 2005; if not, if they are added to a separate list that is not covered by the Act; where a separate list that is not covered by the Disability Act 2005 is maintained, how a child can be added to the assessments of need waiting list covered by the Act; if this requires an application via an assessment of needs officer; the number of children on a separate list that is not covered by the Act, by CHO; their duration on this list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [29493/23]

*530. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how much it would cost his Department to introduce a €500-per-month payment for the families who have a child/children participating in the AIMs programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [29599/23]

*531. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of the analysis carried out concerning the cost of providing State-funded early-years services for all children resident in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [29600/23]

*532. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for a breakdown by county and, in Dublin, by post code of the total number of people in International Protection Accommodation Services or direct provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [29606/23]

*533. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether his Department considers existing International Protection Accommodation Services, direct provision and regional homeless facilities when locating a new International Protection Accommodation Services centre. — Neasa Hourigan. [29607/23]

*534. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for a table of the top ten recipient companies, by cumulative funding, for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 May 2023 for direct provision services, the accommodation of International Protection seekers and accommodation for the Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection, with funding broken down by year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [29608/23]

*535. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will examine the case of a child (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [29613/23]

*536. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current staffing position of CDNT1 in Brú Caoimhín, Dublin 8, and CDNT 3 at Armagh Road, Dublin 12; the vacancies that exist; the length of time those positions are vacant; and whether private services have been contracted to address growing waiting lists for each of the services meant to be offered by the Community Disability Network Teams. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [29616/23]

*537. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will clarify the persons that reviewed cases on foot of a recommendation from a report (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [29628/23]

*538. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to address the issue of a shortage of childcare places and extensive waiting lists for same in

Dublin, and the State more generally; if his Department has any intention to actively engage with providers and intervene in childcare provision where necessary to provide communities with childcare facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [29639/23]

*539. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the date at which the Disability Capacity Review Action Plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [29656/23]

*540. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline he is working towards for publication of the Roadmap for Progressing Disability Services which was said to be in development in June 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [29658/23]

*541. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline he is working towards for publication of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) Implementation Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [29659/23]

*542. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline he is working towards for publication of the Cost of Disability Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [29660/23]

*543. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what his Department is doing to progress the Transport Working Group's final report published in February this year to enhance transport and mobility supports for people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [29700/23]

*544. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what plans his Department has to fill the void left after the closure of the motorised transport grant and mobility allowance schemes to support people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [29702/23]

*545. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he expects Ireland to ratify the Operational Protocol as part of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; if he will detail the reason there is a delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [29705/23]

*546. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the Disability Capacity Review Action Plan; when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [29718/23]

*547. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the Roadmap for Progressing Disability Services; when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [29720/23]

*548. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the UNCRPD Implementation Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [29721/23]

*549. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the Cost of Disability Action Plan; when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [29722/23]

*550. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of new children that have started working in special care units in each month in the past 24 months. — Patrick Costello. [29735/23]

*551. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of new children that have stopped working in special care units in each month in the past 24 months. — Patrick Costello. [29736/23]

*552. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of new of total wholetime equivalent staffing posts in special care units broken down by grade and special care unit. — Patrick Costello. [29737/23]

*553. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of wholetime equivalent vacancies in special care units broken down by grade and special care unit. — Patrick Costello. [29738/23]

*554. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if Pobal will provide details on the reasons a grant application was refused for a child care facility (details supplied) in Dublin 10; if an application for this grant can be made again or when it can be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [29739/23]

*555. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unaccompanied or separated children on behalf of whom Tusla has made an application for international protection in 2022 and to date in 2023, broken down, by year, gender and nationality, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [29786/23]

*556. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to ensure a refugee family (details supplied) is facilitated to stay in accommodation as they have already integrated into the area, including gaining employment and children attending local schools. — Holly Cairns. [29837/23]

*557. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 140 of 31 May 2023, to publish the findings of the Joint Review commissioned by the HSE and Tusla to establish the circumstances of this issue and the learnings from it (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [29838/23]

*558. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update with respect to the review currently being undertaken into the primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [29849/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*559. To ask the Minister for Health what additional services he and his Department are looking for pharmacists to be involved in as part of negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [29697/23]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health the approximate estimate cost to upgrade Ennis Hospital to Model Three status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [29851/23]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 468 of 5 November 2019, if he will provide an update in respect of bloodspot screening cards that were retained without consent from 1984 to mid-2011. — Catherine Murphy. [29070/23]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who is awaiting an operation at Croom Orthopaedic Hospital, Limerick and has not received an appointment date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [29078/23]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 604 of 16 May 2023, the reason for the removal of the service; if there is an intention to replace the service; if not, where else the service might be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29079/23]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health if he will work with the EU to extend the EU Cross-Border Health Directive (2014) to all residents of Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [29081/23]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health if targeted international recruitment with an agreed relocation allowance is taking place to fill vacant therapist roles in primary care services; if not, if there are plans to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29083/23]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health under the Public Service Pay and Pension Act 2017, if he will engage with an organisation (details supplied) as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [29087/23]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29091/23]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health if he and his Department will actively engage with community pharmacists regarding the review of dispensing fees in advance of the upcoming 30 June 2023 deadline; if he will fully consider the introduction of a flat fee model of care of reimbursement of €6.50 per medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [29092/23]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to ensure that the restoration of community pharmacists pay is in line with public service pay agreements, prior to FEMPI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [29093/23]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health if he will actively engage with the community pharmacy sector to ensure that the highly complex nature and operation of community pharmacy schemes is recognised and that community pharmacists are reimbursed appropriately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [29094/23]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health to take the necessary steps to ensure that community pharmacists achieve pay parity with other health care workers, who have seen their pay increased

on average by 14% per hour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [29095/23]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health if he and his Department will actively engage with community pharmacists to begin contract discussions with them, as was pledged under the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [29096/23]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment. — Marian Harkin. [29097/23]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a psychology appointment in CHO1; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29101/23]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a psychology appointment in CHO2; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29102/23]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a psychology appointment in CHO3; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29103/23]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a psychology appointment in CHO4; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29104/23]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a psychology appointment in CHO5; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29105/23]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a psychology appointment in CHO6; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29106/23]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a psychology appointment in CHO7; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29107/23]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a psychology appointment in CHO8; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29108/23]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a psychology appointment in CHO9; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29109/23]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an occupational therapy appointment in CHO1; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29110/23]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an occupational therapy appointment in CHO2; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29111/23]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an occupational therapy appointment in CHO3; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29112/23]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an occupational therapy appointment in CHO4; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29113/23]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an occupational therapy appointment in CHO5; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29114/23]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an occupational therapy appointment in CHO6; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29115/23]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an occupational therapy appointment in CHO7; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29116/23]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an occupational therapy appointment in CHO8; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29117/23]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an occupational therapy appointment in CHO9; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29118/23]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a speech and language appointment in CHO1; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29119/23]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a speech and language appointment in CHO2; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29120/23]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a speech and language appointment in CHO3; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29121/23]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a speech and language appointment in CHO4; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29122/23]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a speech and language appointment in CHO5; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29123/23]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a speech and language appointment in CHO6; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29124/23]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a speech and language appointment in CHO7; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29125/23]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a speech and language appointment in CHO8; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29126/23]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a speech and language appointment in CHO9; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29127/23]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a physiotherapy appointment in CHO1; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29128/23]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a physiotherapy appointment in CHO2; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29129/23]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a physiotherapy appointment in CHO3; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29130/23]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a physiotherapy appointment in CHO4; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29131/23]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a physiotherapy appointment in CHO5; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29132/23]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a physiotherapy appointment in CHO6; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29133/23]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a physiotherapy appointment in CHO7; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29134/23]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a physiotherapy appointment in CHO8; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29135/23]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a physiotherapy appointment in CHO9; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29136/23]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric ophthalmologists attached to both CHI Crumlin and CHI Temple Street in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29153/23]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE advanced nurse practitioners for diabetes in pregnancy working in each maternity unit in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29154/23]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE cardiac physiologists attached to University Hospital Waterford in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29155/23]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health the number of addiction rehabilitation, detox and stabilisation beds opened in CHO5 in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29156/23]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [29166/23]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the operation for a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [29167/23]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of a shortage of supply of hormone replacement therapy (HRT) products in Ireland; his plans to ensure a regular supply of these products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [29168/23]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health the consideration that is being given to addressing the pay disparity between Section 38 and Section 39 workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [29169/23]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the shortage of HRT (hormone replacement therapy), used to relieve the symptoms of menopause, in pharmacies across the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [29170/23]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the review of community pharmacies services. — Sorca Clarke. [29175/23]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health the representative bodies he and his Department have engaged with as part of the review of community pharmacies services, the representative bodies that remain to be engaged with, and the timeline for such engagement. — Sorca Clarke. [29176/23]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health his and his Departments engagement to date with the Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform in relation to an increase in dispensing fees for community pharmacies to €6.50 per medicine. — Sorca Clarke. [29177/23]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of increasing dispensing fees of community pharmacies, to a flat fee model of care being reimbursed at €6.50 per medicine. — Sorca Clarke. [29178/23]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health when he will publish the HSE Amyloidosis Working Group report, a new model of care and national guidelines, which was submitted in August 2020, approved in October 2022 and remains uncirculated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [29179/23]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects implementation of the guidelines set out in the HSE Amyloidosis Working Group report, a new model of care and national guidelines, which was submitted in August 2020, and approved in October 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [29183/23]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people that are currently on the waiting list to attend a weight management clinic (details supplied) by CHO, in tabular form broken down by length of time 3, 6, 12, 18, 24 months and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [29184/23]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health how many people are currently attending a weight management clinic (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [29185/23]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health when the weight management new patient clinic will resume at a hospital (details supplied); how many dietitians there are at this clinic at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [29186/23]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health if he is in favour of a ban on all e-cigarette product flavours, barring tobacco flavour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [29187/23]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health if he will restore the pay of community pharmacists by restoring dispensing fees, by granting pay parity with other healthcare workers and by recognising the administrative burdens faced by community pharmacists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [29199/23]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health if a long-term bed will be offered to a person (details supplied) in the Killarney or Kenmare area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29202/23]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health about the case of a person (details supplied), who despite being a medical card holder has been charged for blood tests despite these being necessary as part of an investigation of medical symptoms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [29203/23]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health how the number of primary care therapists eg physiotherapists, speech and language therapists, occupational therapists etc employed in each CHO area is determined; if population and/or numbers on waiting lists are taken into consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29207/23]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health if he has been made aware of the current lack of supply of progesterone across pharmacies in the country; if he is taking action to rectify the supply issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [29209/23]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health for an update plan for changes to the GP visit card eligibility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [29217/23]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health why Tipperary University Hospital is being grouped with hospitals from Dublin and the South East as part of the realignment process, rather than with hospitals in Cork; if he will examine this matter and give it further consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [29219/23]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health the current eye care services available to children aged eight years and over in CHO9. — Mary Lou McDonald. [29240/23]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health how many children in the CHO9 area that have been referred to HSE eye clinics, having failed the school screening services for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively. — Mary Lou McDonald. [29241/23]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health the current average wait time for an appointment with HSE eye clinics for children in the CHO9 area. — Mary Lou McDonald. [29242/23]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health the current average wait time for an eye examination for children in the CHO9 area. — Mary Lou McDonald. [29243/23]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to provide a standardised eye-care programme for children aged eight years and over; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [29244/23]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine restoring rates for community based pharmacies as per the Public Service Pay and Pensions Act 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [29256/23]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health to list the project expenditure and total annual quantum of capital expenditure with associated and relevant capital project name and reference details under the expenditure heading of acute, community health, mental health and each and any other relevant capital expenditure heading with details thereof on the campus in Cork University Hospital, Galway University Hospital, Limerick University Hospital and Waterford University Hospital, in each of the years 2013 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [29258/23]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department's look-back review into Kerry CAMHS should go back further than July 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29276/23]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a hospital issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29281/23]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29282/23]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health the reason only one consultant is carrying out paediatric ENT surgeries on patients in CHU (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29286/23]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health if he will be sending a representative to the Global Congress on Implementation of the International Code of Marketing of Breast-Milk Substitutes in Geneva. — Neasa Hourigan. [29287/23]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health to list the hospitals with the National Acute Oncology Nursing Service to assist patients undergoing active cancer treatment in avoiding attending the emergency department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [29298/23]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Acute Oncology Nursing Service is in place in Letterkenny University Hospital to assist patients undergoing active cancer treatment in avoiding attending the emergency department; if not, if there is an alternative system in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [29299/23]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health if he will instruct the HSE to assist a woman (details supplied) to find a new GP surgery to attend as a matter of urgency. — Paul Murphy. [29313/23]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times the HSE's Chief Clinical Officer has been briefed on the NCPE's ongoing activity; what reporting requirements are in place for the NCPE to report to the chief clinical officer; what performance measurements are in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [29316/23]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be expedited for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29317/23]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a fair deal application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29318/23]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health for clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [29321/23]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of expanding the bowel screening programme to people aged 55 to 74 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [29340/23]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of expanding the BreastCheck screening to women aged between 45 and 74 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [29341/23]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of abolishing parking charges at public hospitals for cancer patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [29342/23]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing medical cards to all cancer patients upon diagnosis to cessation of treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [29343/23]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of abolishing prescription charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [29344/23]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of reducing the threshold of the drugs payment scheme to a maximum of €72 per patient per month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [29361/23]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the public service record of a person (details supplied) is not being considered on entry point level given they have a previous service record; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [29362/23]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 599 of 25 April 2023 and 622 of 16 May 2023, if he will provide a detailed breakdown of the change of scope of works to the Carraig Mór intensive care mental health facility (details supplied) in Cork; if these changes involve an increase in bed capacity; if so, by how much; the number of service-users who will be accommodated on site when the building works are complete; if these will include service-users referred for acute admissions as well as long-stay residents; the breakdown of bed capacity for each cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [29365/23]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 599 of 25 April 2023 and 622 of 16 May 2023, the reason the HSE cited a figure publicly in 2021 of €4.5 million to renovate the Carraig Mór mental health facility in Cork without accounting for design team costs, site works, surveying works, VAT and other essential costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [29366/23]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health the number of grievance and dignity at work cases submitted by HSE employees to management and recorded by employee relations in each CHO in 2022 and to date in 2023; the duration in each case that the employee waited or is waiting for a grievance or dignity at work hearing to take place since submitting their complaint, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [29367/23]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health what discussions he has had with Government colleagues regarding a campaign (details supplied) for the restoration of community pharmacy pay. — Sean Sherlock. [29377/23]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the number of inpatient beds for CAMHS; if he will explain the difference between the numbers cited in Parliamentary Question No. 626 of 31 May 2022 and those in the Mental Health Commission's Annual Report 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [29380/23]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health if there are national standards for assessing ADHD; if so, if these are applied in each CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [29381/23]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the work carried out by the Changing Lives Initiative to date; the plans that are in place for the further roll-out of the Changing Lives Initiative; what funding is available; what steps are being taken to secure additional funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [29382/23]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young people on CAMHS waiting lists who are waiting on an ADHD assessment, by CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [29383/23]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on CAMHS waiting lists by CHO and length of wait for May 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [29384/23]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has any plans to introduce an over eight's voucher scheme for optometry assessment and treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [29394/23]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to analysis conducted (details supplied) which shows that Ireland is slipping down the rankings when it comes to the number of diseases screened for in the heelprick test when compared to European counterparts, falling from 21st place last year, to 23rd place; if he is aware that, despite his announcement in January that severe combined immunodeficiency is to be included in the heelprick test, no babies have yet been screened for this disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [29403/23]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health when parents in Ireland can expect to have their babies screened for severe combined immunodeficiency disease as part of the heelprick test, given his announcement that it is to be included in January of this year; the other diseases that use the same T-cell receptor excision circle screening and may be added to the newborn screening programme easily as a result; the resources that the HSE has requested from his Department in order to implement this new screening methodology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [29404/23]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department or the HSE has plans to fund the drug, dupilumab which is used to treat a form of asthma, under the reimbursement scheme; if so, when; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29408/23]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged with community pharmacies or with an organisation (details supplied) to conduct a review of their services under Public Pay and Pension Act 2017 legislation; when this review will take place; if he is aware of the huge increase in business costs wages and overheads since cuts were imposed during the recession in 2009; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [29419/23]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a hip replacement surgery for a person (details supplied) through the national treatment purchase fund. — Robert Troy. [29422/23]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE emergency nurses working in each of the three children's emergency departments within Dublin in the years of 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [29434/23]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE staff, by job title, working in the eating disorder teams based in CHO7 and CHO9; the number of WTE vacancies, by job title, in each of these teams; and when each of these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [29435/23]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health the number of laparoscopic gastric bypass surgeries performed at St. Vincent's University Hospital in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [29436/23]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health to outline how donors to St. Brigid's District Hospital Carrick-on-Suir can claim their money back after the hospital was closed in 2020. — Finian McGrath. [29444/23]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health how much 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. — Duncan Smith. [29454/23]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give urgent and detailed consideration to a number of healthcare issues raised by a national representative organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [29456/23]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered the need to review fees to pharmacists which were cut under FEMPI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [29461/23]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the implementation of circular 25/2016 by each State body under the aegis of his Department; and if he will provide, in tabular form, by State agency, the compliance with each of the standards and timelines set out in responding to Oireachtas Members' queries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29477/23]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assessments of need performed by each CHO in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [29492/23]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health regarding the funding allocation for public nursing homes under the HSE's jurisdiction, if there has been an increase in funding per resident in 2023 for public nursing home; if so, the amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [29494/23]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health 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, by HSE region, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [29576/23]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [29577/23]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health the major capital works that were carried out at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan in 2022 and to date in 2023; the nature of these works; and the additional capital works that are scheduled to be carried out at this hospital over the next 12 months, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [29578/23]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health the full-year cost to recruit one additional WTE genetic consultant and one extra WTE genetic counsellor, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [29579/23]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultants in emergency medicine based at Portiuncula University Hospital in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [29580/23]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE orthodontists employed by the HSE in CHO5 in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [29581/23]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE clinical specialist physiotherapists in musculoskeletal triage at St. Vincent's University Hospital in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased. — Duncan Smith. [29582/23]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE vacancies, by job title, at the HSE National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics; and the estimated full-year cost of filling these vacancies, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [29583/23]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health the early intervention psychosis services currently available within CHO8. — Duncan Smith. [29584/23]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE plastic surgeon registrars working in the South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [29585/23]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health the number of heart transplant procedures carried out to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [29586/23]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health the WTE number of dietitians employed by Naas General Hospital; and the specific services in which these dietitians are employed, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [29587/23]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health the origins of emails sent by clerical staff of the Cork HSE mental health services on 7 January 2021 offering the possibility of priority Covid vaccines to non-patient facing staff, including several senior HSE managers (details supplied); the HSE managers responsible for making these offers of priority vaccines to colleagues; if the CEO of the HSE is aware of this possible breach of the vaccine scheduling protocol in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [29589/23]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health the current situation in relation to a nursing home (details supplied); the role the HSE plays in the management and functioning of the facility; if the HSE intends to take over the management of the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [29592/23]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug, sativex, will be made available for people diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [29595/23]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who were assessed by addiction rehabilitation, detox and stabilisation facilities in 2022, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [29596/23]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health if he can confirm that the Health Service Executive is planning a new cancer unit and public health care centre for its site on Davitt Road; if the primary care centre is built on this site; if he can confirm that the current public health care centre on Curlew Road will remain in place; and if he can guarantee that the Mother McCauley Centre and all of its current services will remain in place at this site. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [29598/23]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to extend special leave with pay for sufferers of long-Covid beyond 30 June 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [29610/23]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health for an update regarding talks in the WRC between the HSE and his Department on the issue of special leave with pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [29611/23]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health about a bus route being added for patients from Killarney to Kenmare Hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29622/23]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health whether his Department is considering funding medications and therapies for persons with early onset Parkinson's (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [29624/23]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health whether the decision to exclude Section 39 workers from the Covid recognition payment who provided essential frontline work in homeless services throughout the pandemic, will be reconsidered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [29641/23]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the CORU accreditation application for social care courses in MTU Cork. — Thomas Gould. [29651/23]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated timeline for completion of the CORU accreditation application for social care courses in MTU Cork. — Thomas Gould. [29652/23]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health the average annual cost of an addiction stepdown bed. — Thomas Gould. [29653/23]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health the average annual cost of an addiction rehabilitation bed. — Thomas Gould. [29654/23]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health the average annual cost of an addiction detox bed. — Thomas Gould. [29655/23]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite the admission of a person (details supplied) to the National Rehabilitation Hospital. — Pa Daly. [29662/23]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health when he will introduce the safe access zone legislation in order that women availing of legal services can do so in peace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [29664/23]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the over-eights eye-care scheme across the nine HSE CHOs; whether he believes a dedicated national programme is required in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [29678/23]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been brought to a campaign by an organisation (details supplied) calling for a national strategy for haemochromatosis to be developed in Ireland; his views on same; if he will commit to developing a national strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [29690/23]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1312 of 13 June 2023 and as per original question, if he will answer the question on whether “this clear neglect of a vulnerable adult was referred to the gardaí by any the services involved.”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [29698/23]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider increasing the pharmacy dispensing fee from €6 to €6.50 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29703/23]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to meet with an organisation (details supplied) before the review of the nature of community pharmacies services, which is due to take place before the end of June; if he plans to review the current dispensing fee model for community pharmacies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [29704/23]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health what his plans are for a disused building that could be potentially made available for homeless/family/refugee housing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [29714/23]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the application for pricing and reimbursement of (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [29728/23]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to engage with an organisation (details supplied) to review the nature of community pharmacies’ services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [29771/23]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department can provide any form of funding, one-off or reoccurring, to an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [29777/23]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health the number of facilities that have closed and ceased operations, by name and location, since the payments were awarded, of the recent TAPS payments of nearly €150 million distributed to nursing homes throughout the country to help manage the response to Covid-19, in tabular form; if any nursing homes voluntarily returned monies to his Department for any reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [29782/23]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update and dateline as to when the new GP only thresholds will be increased (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [29789/23]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public representatives who applied to HSE management for consent to make political videos on the grounds of HSE health settings in CHO4 for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022; the names of the HSE representatives who monitored the making of those political videos, as per the HSE communications policy; if applicable, the number of public representatives who made such political videos on HSE grounds without consent and who were later contacted by HSE management in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [29790/23]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health if South Doc services will remain unchanged in the Kerry area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29813/23]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a review of the community ophthalmic services medical treatment scheme; if he will request this process to be expedited in view of ongoing concerns related to reimbursement from medical professionals in this sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [29814/23]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of a call by an organisation (details supplied) for an end to a significant geographical inequality in children's eye-care and for a national public eye-care programme for children over eight years; the steps his Department is taking to tackle this inequality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [29834/23]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on how and when public funding for IVF treatment will be distributed; when funding for treatment through the public hospital system will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [29840/23]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure an individual is supported in seeking specialist care in the UK (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [29841/23]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health to provide his response to an organisation's (details supplied) call for a national eye-care programme for children aged 8-16 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [29842/23]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that all equipment and aids, including specialist chairs, provided to individuals are non-flammable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [29843/23]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health if the significant vacancy in the post of paediatric neurology consultant at UHL has been filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [29850/23]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the situation when a member of the public is unable to secure their own dentist; what he will do for them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [29854/23]

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

*737. 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 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [29089/23]

*738. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to end the current restrictions on recruitment in the higher education sector imposed under the Employment Control Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [29194/23]

*739. 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 he will advise, 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 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [29234/23]

*740. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total number of first-year apprentices in the system on 1 January 2023, broken down thematically across the individual wet trades; the total number of apprentices across all years in the system as it relates to the wet trades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [29395/23]

*741. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline the implementation of circular 25/2016 by each State body under the aegis of his Department; and if he will provide, in tabular form, by State agency the compliance with each of the standards and timelines set out in responding to Oireachtas Members' queries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29476/23]

*742. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what he plans to do to deal with the student accommodation crisis facing hundreds of students due to student accommodation being repurposed to house refugees (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [29617/23]

*743. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to develop and support further and higher education in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [29672/23]

*744. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if any work has been done to analyse whether young people are opting to forego apprenticeships to go straight to labour work, given current available wages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [29712/23]

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

*745. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to bring forward a new broadband connection point programme; and if she will consider Mount Temple hall, County Westmeath for inclusion on a new round of the scheme. — Robert Troy. [29261/23]

*746. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will outline the implementation of circular 25/2016 by each State body under the aegis of her Department; and if she will provide, in tabular form, by State agency, the compliance with each of the standards and timelines set out in responding to Oireachtas Members' queries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29481/23]

*747. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on community enhancement grants for County Westmeath. — Robert Troy. [29691/23]

*748. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the contact her Department has had in the past six months with the owners of land on a mountain (details supplied) which is part of the pilot mountain access scheme; whether the terms of a possible indemnity scheme, indemnifying them against claims by hill walkers, have been discussed with them and draft insurance policies shown to them; the progress made in discussions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [29751/23]

*749. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development whether it is intended to tender for one or two ferry contracts to an island (details supplied) later in 2023; the consultation that will take place with the island community in relation to this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [29757/23]

*750. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the contact her Department has had in the past six months with the owners of land on a mountain (details supplied) which is part of the pilot mountain access scheme; whether the terms of a possible indemnity scheme, indemnifying them against claims by hill walkers, have been discussed with them and draft insurance policies shown to them; the progress made in discussions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [29763/23]

*751. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the Community Recognition Fund will next reopen to new applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [29830/23]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,
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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the non-statutory public service modernisation, development and reform functions for which his Department is responsible. — Mary Lou McDonald. [29334/23]

2. To ask the Taoiseach his intention to establish additional units/divisions in his Department to those outlined in the Programme for Government. — Mary Lou McDonald. [29336/23]