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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. 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]
2. 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]
3. 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]
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9. 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]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Neasa Hourigan. [29297/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [29329/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [29523/23]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [29567/23]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22. 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]

23. 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]

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

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

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

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of peacekeeping missions proposed at the UN since 2014; the number vetoed at the Security Council; the country that exercised the veto in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [29896/23]

*38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to furnish a definition of ‘the rules-based international order’ referred to in the programme for an event hosted by his Department (details supplied); to outline the difference between same and the provisions of the UN Charter and international law, if any; to detail the reason Ireland is characterised as being reliant on the rules-based international order and committed to upholding it, rather than to the UN Charter and international law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [29897/23]

*39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to outline the officially adopted view of his Department in regard to the NATO intervention in Kosovo in 1999; if that view holds that it was in line with the fundamental underpinnings of European security within the framework of the OSCE, namely, sovereign equality, refraining from threat or the use of force, inviolability of frontiers, peaceful settlements of disputes, fulfilment in good faith of obligations under international law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [29898/23]

*40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide details on the number of times the United States has exercised its veto at the UN Security Council to veto resolutions in

regard to Israel/Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [29899/23]

*41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if representatives from Austria, Cyprus or Malta were invited to address the Consultative Forum on International Security; if not, to detail the reason why; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [29901/23]

*42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of each category of Irish passports that were issued to date in 2023 for example, adult renewal, child renewal, and so on. — Catherine Murphy. [29925/23]

*43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has engaged with European counterparts in respect of further sanctions to be applied to Belarus ahead of the next EU Foreign Affairs Council meeting. — Catherine Murphy. [29926/23]

*44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [29948/23]

*45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide an update on the application by a person (details supplied) for a passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30015/23]

*46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the funds allocated for the purpose of Climate Finance in the years 2020 to date; the subhead they are allocated under; if it is his intention to allocate and account for climate finance separately from Overseas Development Aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [30061/23]

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

*47. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are scientific projections available to predict if fish stocks will rise sufficiently to allow draft net fishing licence holders resume fishing on the Boyne; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [29868/23]

*48. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the regulation if any, that apply to telecommunications companies in respect of their obligations to know their customers, particularly regarding commercial services they offer for the mass sending of text messages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [29874/23]

*49. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he intends to approve the pension increase due to An Post pensioners this year; his views on whether it now needs to match the rate of inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [29920/23]

*50. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he can detail what progress has been made on signing off on the promised pension increase for An Post workers; if he can further clarify the timeframe for same given the length of time that retired workers have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [30007/23]

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

*51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the Irish Government ever put forward plans to, or gave consideration to, allowing members of the Defence Forces to serve outside the State in forces other than United Nations Forces at any time between the passage of the Defence (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 1960 and the dissolution of the USSR, in view of the regular exercise of Security Council vetoes by both the USA and the USSR during that period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [29900/23]

*52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 240 of 13 June 2023, if the Naval Service and the Air Corps keep comprehensive records of sighting and observation of foreign military ships passing through the Irish EEZ; if it produces statistics for delivery to him and/or the Government, on the number of military ships from each country present in or passing through the Irish EEZ, by year or by other relevant time period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [29902/23]

*53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 240 of 13 June 2023, the number of military ships from, respectively, Russia, China and the US that have been subject to sighting and observation by the Irish Naval Service and/or Air Corps while present in or passing through the Irish EEZ in each year since 2008. — Catherine Connolly. [29903/23]

*54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the estimated cost it would take to extend the runway at Baldonnel Casement Aerodrome to be able to handle A380 type of aircrafts; and if consideration has been given in the past ten years to date to dispose of or transfer the land to another State body. — Catherine Murphy. [29935/23]

*55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he is currently giving consideration to Irish participation in any further common security and defence mission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [30062/23]

*56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence whether the LÉ William Butler Yeats had been issued a general order to assist vessels in peril or anyone in distress at sea during their current UN mission off the coast of Libya; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [30130/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*57. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of commuters that have used the Dublin Pearse to Maynooth train service in both directions in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [29932/23]

*58. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding that has been provided for cycling facilities in Kildare in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [29933/23]

*59. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress that have been made in respect to the installation of a bus shelter at (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [29934/23]

*60. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are any rules governing the use of roads by driving instruction companies to avoid unreasonable disruption or to avoid risks to public safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [29939/23]

*61. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department or the Irish Coast Guard has or had in its possessions drone footage and audio and visual recordings footage from an Irish Coast Rescue helicopter of the rescue attempt of a person (details supplied) on the day of their death. — Michael McNamara. [29971/23]

*62. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department or the Irish Coast Guard has or had in its possessions the safety helmet and clothing of the late person (details supplied) from the day of their death. — Michael McNamara. [29972/23]

*63. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update in relation to proposals to remove the Hebble Sand from the River Boyne; for an update on Parliamentary Question No. 38 of 19 April 2023 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30065/23]

*64. To ask the Minister for Transport the projected overall increases in numerical and percentage terms in public transport use and in active travel and the projected reductions in car use as a result of BusConnects, with breakdowns by city and area where available; the projected impact of this on reducing carbon emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [30125/23]

*65. To ask the Minister for Transport the projected overall increases in bus passenger capacity projected from BusConnects nationally, and in Dublin, Cork, Galway and Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [30126/23]

*66. To ask the Minister for Transport what percentage of urban bus routes are currently operated by publicly owned companies, nationally and in Dublin, Cork, Galway and Limerick respectively; whether this is projected to increase or decrease following the implementation of BusConnects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [30127/23]

*67. To ask the Minister for Transport what percentage of currently rolled out BusConnects routes are operated by private and publicly owned operators, nationally and in Dublin, Cork, Galway and Limerick respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [30128/23]

*68. To ask the Minister for Transport what percentage of currently rolled out Connecting Ireland and Local Link routes are operated by private and publicly owned operators, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [30129/23]

*69. To ask the Minister for Transport when he intends to allocate funding from his Department's €97 million euro surplus for road maintenance; how much of that will be allocated to Kildare County Council, which, in response to representation made by this Deputy, has stated that it has 'nothing in the budget' to fix a very badly deteriorated and pot-holed section of road in Monasterevin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [30213/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*70. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost if the number of Revenue Commissioners drugs detection teams increased to 41. — Catherine Murphy. [29931/23]

*71. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify a taxation query (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29979/23]

*72. To ask the Minister for Finance the grounds upon which an employee (details supplied) whose company availed of TWSS in 2020, and who received no increase in their net pay during the same period that their company availed of TWSS, is now considered liable for tax on that period by the Revenue Commissioners; if this case can be re-examined as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30093/23]

*73. To ask the Minister for Finance what steps, if any, he has taken in relation to a request by a person (details supplied) dated 8 May 2023 pursuant to s144(2) Finance Act 2001 for a restoration order effective 24 April 2018 and the repayment of a disputed alleged penalty, arising from the Revenue Commissioners seize and release VRT enforcement procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [30122/23]

*74. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline his approach to the phasing out of accommodative monetary policy and the ECB's increases in interest rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [30151/23]

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.

*75. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he is aware of proposals to develop lands in the vicinity of Castletown House, Celbridge, County Kildare; if he will ensure that the historic significance of Castletown House is not in any way impaired by the proposed development and that sufficient lands surrounding the historic buildings are retained for future use by Castletown House; if clear delineation can be established by way of a buffer zone between the public and private lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30096/23]

*76. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW has any plans to address flooding at an estate (details supplied) in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30060/23]

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

*77. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 3 of 2 December 2021, and the completion of the investigation by the DGCCRF, the status of plans to conduct an investigation into potential mis-selling by Irish agents, including an organisation (details supplied) involved in the French leaseback property scandal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [29909/23]

*78. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost in 2024 if the budget for innovation voucher scheme was doubled. — Catherine Murphy. [29936/23]

*79. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide a list of the countries to which alumina refined at Aughinish is exported; the proportion of same to each country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [29952/23]

*80. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 193 of 15 June 2023, if he will provide a timeline for preparing and issuing a bulletin with information for the benefit of employers and health care assistant permit holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [29953/23]

*81. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he can detail the position in relation to the implementation of the security sector ERO, specifically, when the case will be heard in the High Court; the State's position on the current injunction against the ERO by some employers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [30008/23]

*82. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he can clarify if his officials will attend the next hearing of the High Court into the injunction taken by employers against the security sector ERO; if he has discussed this issue with his officials or legal team; if he has sought the advice of the Attorney General; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [30124/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*83. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will move with all alacrity on the matter of a school (details supplied) given the long delays are having a major, negative impact on the school itself, the students attending and the position of An Ghaeilge culturally and linguistically within society and the education system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [29873/23]

*84. To ask the Minister for Education whether a school (details supplied) has applied for and been approved/sanctioned for two special needs classes; if so, when this was done; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [29888/23]

*85. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) has asked for the DES section dealing with school capital appraisals to assist it; if so, if she will provide a copy of any report issued to the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [29889/23]

*86. To ask the Minister for Education whether a school (details supplied) has applied for relevant training, accommodation and IT grants for the special classes; if so, when and if these have been approved by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [29890/23]

*87. To ask the Minister for Education whether a Section 37a has been issued to a school (details supplied); if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [29891/23]

*88. To ask the Minister for Education whether her Department or its agencies have provided any advice on how to deliver classrooms for a school (details supplied) without the need for additional land, given the school is citing the need for additional land to build special needs classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [29892/23]

*89. To ask the Minister for Education if she can confirm that no building can proceed on land zoned as amenity and the provision of such zoned land will not allow the immediate provision of special needs classes at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [29893/23]

*90. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29904/23]

*91. To ask the Minister for Education if art is a core subject for secondary schools, or is it based on numbers. — Peter Burke. [29907/23]

*92. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider extending the time available for students with dyslexia and other conditions in the Leaving Certificate exams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [29944/23]

*93. To ask the Minister for Education the expected time period for the completion of the financial robustness process for projects over €20 million; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [30005/23]

*94. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 488 of 13 June 2023, for a breakdown, by county, of the mentioned 900 school building extensions that were also delivered from 2011 to 2023, by year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [30052/23]

*95. To ask the Minister for Education the options available to an individual who has sat a Leaving Certificate exam for a subject which requires a certain grade for their college course, who does not achieve this grade; if they are allowed to sit the subject at the deferred examination stage in advance of receiving their overall Leaving Certificate results; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [30053/23]

*96. To ask the Minister for Education if she will urgently expedite a school works application for a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [30054/23]

*97. To ask the Minister for Education the reasons her Department cannot supply two prefabs for use by a school (details supplied) in time for the new school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [30101/23]

*98. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will provide six prefabs on a greenfield site to prevent the temporary split-campus involved in a school (details supplied) which is highly inconvenient for parents and extremely difficult for staff to operate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [30102/23]

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

*99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has received any correspondence from his Department in relation to the review being carried out on housing adaptation grants, mobility aid grants and housing for older people grants, given the serious situation where local authorities such as Louth County Council have suspended these schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [29869/23]

*100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the foreshore licence granted (details supplied) regarding the foreshore activity issued by the Department of Transport during 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [29885/23]

*101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 492 of 21 March 2023, when a State property lease will issue to a sports club (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [29895/23]

*102. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether it is intended to re-open the caravan loan scheme in 2023; when it is likely this scheme will open, in view of the urgent need for such a scheme due to the unacceptable and inhumane conditions Travellers in substandard caravans are living in; whether any new scheme will be needs-based rather than, as happened in 2022, based on a very limited and inadequate number of replacement caravans being made available through each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [29937/23]

*103. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when specific turf cutting compensation scheme payments will be issued (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [29974/23]

*104. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the proposals, if any, there are to exempt early education services premises from local authority rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [29980/23]

*105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the nature advisory committee will be established, as recommended in the Review of the National Parks and Wildlife Service in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [29982/23]

*106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the targets set out in Appendix 1 of the Laying the Foundations: Housing Action Report produced in 2016 by the then Department of Environment, Community and Local Government were met in respect of South Dublin County Council; and the final spend on same. — Ivana Bacik. [29983/23]

*107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 50 local authority housing units approved for construction in an area (details supplied) in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [29984/23]

*108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 39 local authority housing units approved for construction in an area (details supplied) in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [29985/23]

*109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 35 local authority housing units approved for construction in an area (details supplied) in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [29986/23]

*110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 28 local authority housing units approved for construction in an area (details supplied) in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [29987/23]

*111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 22 local authority housing units approved for construction in an area (details supplied) in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [29988/23]

*112. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 18 local authority housing units approved for construction in an area (details supplied) in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [29989/23]

*113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 11 local authority housing units approved for construction in an area (details supplied) in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [29990/23]

*114. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the ten AHB housing units approved for construction in an area (details supplied) in July 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [29991/23]

*115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the two AHB housing units approved for construction in an area (details supplied) in July 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [29992/23]

*116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 37 local authority housing units approved for construction in an area (details supplied) in January 2016 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [29993/23]

*117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 50 local authority housing units approved for construction in an area (details supplied) in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the

total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [29994/23]

*118. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 44 local authority housing units approved for construction in an area (details supplied) in July 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [29995/23]

*119. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 21 local authority housing units approved for construction in an area (details supplied) in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [29996/23]

*120. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 14 local authority housing units approved for construction in an area (details supplied) in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [29997/23]

*121. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the four local authority housing units approved for construction in an area (details supplied) in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [29998/23]

*122. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the local authority housing unit approved for construction in an area (details supplied) in July 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [29999/23]

*123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the four local authority housing units approved for construction in an area (details supplied) in January 2016 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [30000/23]

*124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the ten local authority housing units approved for construction in an area (details supplied) in January 2016 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [30001/23]

*125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the four AHB housing units approved for construction in an area (details supplied) in January 2016 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [30002/23]

*126. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will remove all the threatened birds from the open season shooting list; and if not, the reason therefor. — Paul Murphy. [30004/23]

*127. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to help people who bought properties to operate as short-term lets (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30092/23]

*128. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the targets set out in Appendix 1 of the Laying the Foundations: Housing Action Report produced in 2016 by the then-Department of Environment, Community and Local Government were met in respect of Meath County Council; and the final spend on same. — Duncan Smith. [30105/23]

*129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 39 local authority housing units approved for construction at a location (details supplied) in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30106/23]

*130. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 30 local authority housing units approved for construction at a location (details supplied) in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30107/23]

*131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 14 local authority housing units approved for construction at a location (details supplied) in May 2015 have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30108/23]

*132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide, in tabular form, the numbers of social housing units allocated to Approved Housing Bodies, in the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the methodology used for such allocation; and what measures could be taken to ensure that smaller Approved Housing Bodies with specific remits, such as one (details supplied), to ensure that they and other such smaller AHBs have an equal chance of being allocated properties in Part V developments. — Patricia Ryan. [30215/23]

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

*133. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration is being given alongside the Departments of Finance and Enterprise, Trade and Employment respectively, to the introduction of a short-term, employment support model similar to the German Kurzarbeit scheme especially in view of the threat of 650 layoffs at a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30064/23]

*134. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 226 of 11 May 2023, the progress to date in the determination of an application for jobseeker's allowance in the case a person (details supplied); if all information required for a decision has been supplied; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29878/23]

*135. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will extend a community employment scheme placement for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [29911/23]

*136. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the case of a person (details supplied). — Denise Mitchell. [29949/23]

*137. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in relation to the Personal Progression Plan (PPP), offered by Seetec, she can confirm whether signing the PPP is a compulsory requirement, or whether it is possible for a jobseeker to engage with Seetec's service without committing to this plan; and if there are any penalties, such as a reduction in payment, for declining to sign the PPP while still being open to engage with NES Seetec services. — Paul Murphy. [30003/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the actions she has taken to date following her receipt of an extensive report from a person (details supplied), sent on 22 February 2023, detailing allegations of offences committed under the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 in and by the Social Welfare Appeals Office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30048/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the April cost-of-living payment will be paid to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30059/23]

*140. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration is being given to the reform of supports for workers who are placed on temporary lay-off as reported previously, especially in light of the threat of 650 lay-offs at a company (details supplied); if he will give consideration to the introduction of a model similar to the German Kurzarbeit scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30063/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the procedures in place to facilitate a registered solemniser for religious ceremonies to also solemnise civil marriages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [30123/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 142 of 24 May 2023, if her Department has considered replies received from other Ministers and departments in relation to the European Commission's recommendation to recognise COVID-19 as an occupational illness; the status of her review; when she expects to make a decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [30188/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a jobseeker is obligated to share personal data with a third-party private company, such as Seetec, contracted by the Government and acting as a Government agent; and if it is mandatory for a jobseeker to provide data and details such as past employment, names, addresses, or any potential future data/details that may assist Seetec in securing additional payment, even if the jobseeker has independently secured employment themselves. — Paul Murphy. [30192/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a jobseeker can continue participating in a part-time Springboard programme, while being referred to Seetec/Jobpath. — Paul Murphy. [30193/23]

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

*145. To ask the Minister for Justice the means, if any, that An Garda Síochána have to trace the origins of fraudulent text message based scams; if the force has the power to request the names of customers who are engaging in such fraudulent practice from telecommunications providers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [29875/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on atypical visa applications processing times, which is affecting the nursing sector (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [29883/23]

*147. To ask the Minister for Justice what her plans are for reform of the coroners system as a whole; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [29912/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for Justice the budget allocation for the Office of State Pathologist in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [29927/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of penal warrants issued to gardaí within Kildare division to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [29928/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for Justice if a new recruitment campaign for psychologists for the Irish Prison Service will be launched in quarter 3 this year. — Catherine Murphy. [29929/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of stinger courses held for gardai within DMR in 2022 and to date in 2023; and the duration of this course. — Catherine Murphy. [29930/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the application for citizenship of a person (details supplied); and if she will consider a review of this application given the difficulties posed by Covid-19 and the closure of services and schools in Q2 2020. — Thomas Gould. [29978/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason an invitation to the citizenship ceremony due to take place on 19 and 20 June 2023 was not issued to a person (details supplied) in Galway city despite being told previously it would issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30187/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of deportation orders granted in the State in the years 2020, 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and of those Orders, how many have been fully executed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [30212/23]

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

*155. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [29884/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Coillte has engaged with farmers regarding concerns raised about farm partnerships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [29970/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration has been given to adjusting or adding aspects to the tillage incentive scheme to ensure longer-term results, such as requiring land to be used for tillage purposes for multiple years to avail of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [29975/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration has been given to including arable produce within the remit of Bord Bia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [29976/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when his Department will produce a pathway strategy for reaching the target of 400,000 hectares of tillage farming by 2030, as set out in the Climate Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [29977/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he would consider introducing an amnesty for owners of ash dieback plantations in order to let them clear their sites and get the salvage value from the timber, and for safety reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [30057/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address the queries raised in the correspondence provided (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [30104/23]

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

*162. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of hours, per discipline, required by the caseload in respect to children with disabilities, including neuro-divergent children, under care or awaiting diagnosis from primary care in CHO4. — David Cullinane. [29956/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of all contracts between his Department and student accommodation providers; the number of refugees/persons seeking international protection currently being housed in student accommodation facilities; to confirm whether all such contracts will end before the new college term in September; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [29882/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children living in International Protection and Accommodation Service including direct provision, pre-reception, temporary emergency and emergency centres who have their status, permission to remain, subsidiary protection or refugee status. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29938/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when speech and language therapy will resume for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [30184/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*166. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take in relation to fair deal rates (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29861/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine the rates for the fair deal scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29862/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Health why no costs are covered by the HSE in the over- eights ophthalmic scheme in CHO8, (Louth and Meath) when fees are partly covered in other CHO areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [29863/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for Health why there is no over eights voucher scheme for glasses in CHO8, (Louth and Meath) when there is a voucher scheme or allowance available in other CHO areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [29864/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Health if he has plans to introduce a universal national eye-care programme for children aged 8-16 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [29865/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for Health to list the schools in the CH08 area that have received and completed or not received and not completed, public eye care school screening, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [29866/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Health how many children have been referred out to optometrists under the over eights eye-care scheme; how many children were discharged from the scheme without further care in CHO8, (Louth and Meath); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [29867/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine a series of matters in relation to private and voluntary nursing homes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29870/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage in talks with community pharmacies and their representative body (details supplied), on a restoration of the dispensing fee to a flat rate model, a pay restoration in line with public sector pay agreements, and reimbursement for the ever-increasing administrative burden they face; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [29905/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing homes closed by court order under section 59 of the Health Act 2007 since January 2020; if he will list the name and address and operator of such homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [29906/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing homes which received more than two inspections from HIQA in 2022 due to HIQA concerns about the care and welfare of

residents; if he will provide details of these homes; if HIQA is now satisfied that there no current HIQA concerns about the care and welfare of residents in these homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [29910/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of protesters currently outside Limerick Maternity Hospital causing distress to people going to medical appointments, workers, local residents, and so on; if he will clarify when exactly the safe access zone legislation will be in place; if he will respond immediately to the urgent need expressed by people trying to access healthcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [29913/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Health if HIQA has undertaken any prosecutions against any residential care facilities, proprietors, persons in charge, and entities, for any breach of regulations since April 2021; if so, the regulations breached by each such facility, persons or entities; the details, including names of persons, facilities and entity prosecuted; the outcome of such prosecutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [29914/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Health if HIQA has undertaken any prosecutions since June 2021 against any residential care facilities, proprietors, persons in charge and entities for any breaches of regulations; if so, the regulations breached by each such facility, persons and entity; the name of the persons, facilities and entity prosecuted; the outcome of such prosecutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [29919/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE vacant consultant posts, by speciality currently at St. James's Hospital; and when each of these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [29921/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Health when each of the regional infertility hubs will be opened; and the number of WTE staff by job title that will be working in each if the hubs, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [29922/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE clinical nurse specialist in behaviours of concern working in each CHO area in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [29923/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE vacant consultant posts by speciality currently at St. Vincent's University Hospital; and when each of these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [29924/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of capacity issues in GP surgeries in the Drogheda area and that some practices are not in a position to take on new patients; his plans to address the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [29941/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the steering group on the dedicated child health workforce as committed to in First 5; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [29945/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [29947/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the progress being made on a 2023 tender for homecare services, and on the development of a statutory scheme for homecare, which

would bring equity and consistency into access; if he is aware of the frustration of some existing care providers on the continuous extension of the 2018 tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [29951/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the regulation of athletic therapists with CORU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [29954/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-term equivalent tracheotomy nurses in paediatric orthopaedics in Cork University Hospital; and the number of tracheotomy nurses available in CUH. — David Cullinane. [29955/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Health the average response time for an ambulance from each base in County Sligo in 2022 and for the first four months of 2023, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [29957/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on home support waiting list for funding and for a carer in CHO6, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [29958/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who presented at the accident and emergency department at Mercy University Hospital in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [29959/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health the number of resuscitation suites in the accident and emergency department of Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [29960/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Health when day care services will resume in west Sligo and at the day care centre in Easkey; if there are plans to resume a five-day service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [29964/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE respiratory nurses working in Galway University Hospital in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [29965/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE speech and language therapists and occupational therapists working out of Kerry University Hospital in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [29966/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant ENT surgeons at Tullamore Regional Hospital in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [29967/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant orthopaedic surgeons and orthopaedic registrars working in Roscommon University Hospital in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [29968/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Health if he has explored the possibility of recognising a product (details supplied) as medical treatment under the drugs payment scheme instead of a food supplement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [29969/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Health how many dentists in County Mayo are available under the dental treatment services scheme; to outline the dentists in County Mayo, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [29973/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the protests at Limerick Maternity Hospital which are causing distress to people trying to access medical care; if he will take immediate action and implement the safe access zone legislation; and if he will provide a definite date for when this will happen. — Paul Murphy. [29981/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Health if he will meet with community pharmacists and their representatives in advance of the statutory deadline of 30 June contained in the Public Service Pay and Pensions Act 2017. — Michael McNamara. [30045/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Health to outline his meetings and those of his Department, respectively, with community pharmacists and their representatives to date in 2023. — Michael McNamara. [30046/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health if HSE statistics for 2022 on the volume of medical items dispensed under State schemes are, or will, be available to him before the said statutory deadline of 30 June 2023. — Michael McNamara. [30047/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1212 of 13 June 2023, when his Department will communicate with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [30049/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Health if the Health Service Executive has established an implementation group to progress the operational recommendations made in the Report of the Independent Review of the operation of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; the chair and membership of the group; its relationship with the Clinical Advisory Forum on termination of pregnancy services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [30050/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to fast-track the roll out of a standardised optometrist-led eye-care programme for children over eight years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [30051/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1755 of 18 April 2023, if he will outline any progress around preventing medical card holders being charged for blood tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30055/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give detailed consideration to the issues raised by a representative organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [30056/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Health when the special recognition pandemic payment will issue to a person (details supplied) as the delay is causing financial hardship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [30058/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Health the absolute number of people who have already taken up the Laura Brennan HPV vaccination catch-up programme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [30066/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts being made to ensure that eligible people avail of the Laura Brennan HPV vaccination catch-up programme. — Róisín Shortall. [30067/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Health when the National Cancer Strategy 2017-2026 Key Performance Indicators Report for 2022 will be published and publicly available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [30068/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Health the number and proportion of people who were diagnosed with breast cancer at each stage, that is, stage 1, 2, 3, 4 and unknown in each quarter in each of the years 2012-2023, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [30069/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Health the number and proportion of people who were diagnosed with colorectal cancer at each stage that is, stage 1, 2, 3, 4 and unknown in each quarter in each of the years 2012-2023, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [30070/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Health the number and proportion of people who were diagnosed with lung cancer at stage that is, stage 1, 2, 3, 4 and unknown in each quarter in each of the years 2012-2023, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [30071/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of cancers diagnosed in emergency departments in each of the years 2012-2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [30072/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Health the number and proportion of people who attended BreastCheck in each quarter in each of the years 2017-2023, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [30073/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Health the number and proportion of people who attended CervicalCheck in each quarter in each of the years 2017-2023, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [30074/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Health the number and proportion of people who attended BowelScreen in each quarter in each of the years 2017-2023, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [30075/23]

*221. 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. [30103/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Health the actions his Department has taken to address the GP shortage and excessive waiting times for those looking for a GP appointment. — Paul Murphy. [30182/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 198 of 24 May 2023, if his officials have concluded their review of options in relation to the special scheme of paid leave for healthcare workers suffering from long-Covid; if he intends to extend or replace this scheme before it is due to end on 30 June 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [30189/23]

*224. 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. [30194/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Health if he can clarify the reasons employees of a company (details supplied), have been deemed ineligible to receive the pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [30214/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Health how many private nursing homes have closed in County Kildare for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Patricia Ryan. [30216/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the locations of the 47 community specialist teams (60 in total) currently operating in each CHN/CHO, in tabular form; and the locations and projected dates of coming into operation of the remaining 13 teams. — Patricia Ryan. [30217/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been informed there is a minimum waiting time of eight weeks at the Mater Hospital in Dublin to receive an urgent ultrasound to their throat; if he will explain how ‘urgent’ something has to be when a two-month wait is required before such urgent treatment can be accessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [30218/23]

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

*229. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason parents of Irish citizens are excluded from the SUSI grant scheme on the basis of their civil status and where the State has granted them a stamp 4 visa. — Gary Gannon. [29917/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will ensure that students are not displaced from their accommodation in purpose-built student accommodation; if he is aware of the concerns in relation to the possible change of use of such facilities (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [30183/23]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH,
I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 22 MEITHEAMH, 2023
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,
FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 22 JUNE, 2023**

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

1. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has had any engagements with the retail banks to promote switching for mortgage loans held by vulture funds into the mainstream mortgage market. — Mairéad Farrell. [30158/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Finance the key messages of his Department’s recent publication: Future-proofing the Public Finances – the Next Steps. — Robert Troy. [30039/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the recommencement of the work of the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal; if alternative facilities and secretarial services have been established since the National Rehabilitation Hospital indicated that it wishes to cease

its involvement with the scheme; the reasons given by the NRH to cease its involvement with the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [30174/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Finance the date he expects to announce Budget 2024; the factors he will consider when deciding the timing of the event; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30085/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on his proposals for a long-term savings fund. — Michael Moynihan. [30036/23]

6. To ask the Minister for Finance if he can detail the work being done with local authorities in regard to extending insurers for local community events and festivals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30110/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on his engagement with mortgage lenders and representative bodies with respect to forbearance measures, financing solutions and the mortgage loan treatment of mortgage holders where their loans are secured against properties affected by defective blocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [30178/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the continuing high inflation and the eroding real wages in Ireland, with disposable incomes and living standards continuing to be under strain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [30149/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will announce in Budget 2024 the abolition of the Universal Social Charge for those earning under €100,000 per year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [30169/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the review of the personal tax system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [30034/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Finance what measures are being taken to ensure that any policy responses to international inflation do not embed inflationary expectation into the domestic economy, to ensure our competitiveness; the domestic reforms being considered to boost productivity and reduce costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [30150/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to address rate insurance premiums faced by SMEs. — Holly Cairns. [29564/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the situation facing mortgage holders whose loans are held by vulture funds; and what action could be taken to reintegrate them into the retail banking mortgage market. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [30222/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will introduce new obligations on the recipients of Section 481 film tax relief to end the use of buy-out contracts for performers, writers and artists which deny them their IP rights under copyright law, and a further obligation on producer company recipients of the credit to take direct responsibility as the employer for film crew on film productions so that their rights under fixed-term workers' legislation can be vindicated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30201/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Finance how he proposes to maintain a secure, sustainable and progressive tax base; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [30041/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Finance the action he will be taking to ensure that budgetary policy is calibrated so as to avoid adding to inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [30032/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will introduce a windfall tax on banks and vulture funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30200/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on the ongoing review of the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; to confirm when he anticipates the commencement date for the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal; to disclose the current number of pending appeals before the board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [30206/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will introduce a cap on mortgage interest rates to prevent families being forced into poverty and homelessness by rising interest rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [30164/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Finance his assessment of the performance of the domestic economy to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [30030/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Finance for a report on modified domestic demand to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [30031/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Finance his assessment of Exchequer returns to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [30028/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has engaged with the retail banking sector regarding the provisions for forbearance measures and financing for mortgage holders whose homes are affected by defective blocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30165/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline his current engagement with the International Monetary Fund, in particular on the subject of its commitment to aid in developing countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [28857/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on VAT receipts to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [30026/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware that on 14 June 2023, the CEO of a charity (details supplied) outlined to the Oireachtas Committee on Budgetary Oversight wealth tax measures that the Government could take which could raise up to €8 billion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30199/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on the second review of Home Building Finance Ireland, which he published last month. — Barry Cowen. [30033/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has engaged with mortgage lenders regarding forbearance measures and finance options for mortgage holders whose properties are affected by defective blocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [30157/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Finance if he agrees with the chief IMF representative to Ireland during the Troika bailout, Ashok Mody, that Ireland is a “well-established tax haven” and that “for much of the world, Ireland is regarded as a corporate tax haven” (details supplied); if not, what alternative explanation he would provide for the recent boom in corporate tax revenue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [30163/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider a reduction in VAT to zero on heat pumps, similar to the treatment of VAT on solar panels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [29886/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Finance the current status of the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; when the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal will recommence hearings; the number of appeals and request for appeal hearings that have been lodged since November 2021; and his response to the recent annual report of the Ombudsman with respect to same. — Pearse Doherty. [30180/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Finance how many people in Cork have benefitted from the enhanced help-to-buy scheme launched in July 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [30143/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Finance his response to the recent European Commission spring forecasts for the Irish economy in 2023 and 2024. — Michael Moynihan. [30035/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has engaged with the retail banks to enable switching for mortgage loans held by vulture funds into the retail banking mortgage market. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30166/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Finance the action he is taking to address the risks around corporation tax windfall receipts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [30029/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to address the rates charged to hospitality businesses by financial institutions for transactions carried out with cards. — Holly Cairns. [29565/23]

37. 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. — Alan Farrell. [30171/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide information from Revenue as to the numbers of employees with Southern addresses and who are working in Northern-based companies; the numbers of employees who work in Southern companies and who have Northern addresses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30109/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a report on the Ministerial Trade Visit to Money 2020 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. — Emer Higgins. [29962/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on his Department's review of the IREF and REIT tax regimes; his views on whether IREFs and REITs are paying sufficient tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [30177/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on corporation tax receipts to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [30027/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Finance the situations under which it would be considered appropriate to withdraw funds from the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund. — Thomas Gould. [30087/23]

43. 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 lending for retrofitting offering; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [30114/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update into the review of the primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [30153/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Finance for a report on the trend in corporation tax revenue stream since just before the pandemic. — John Lahart. [30037/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Finance his Department's current projection for inflation in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [30042/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Finance his assessment of the vulnerabilities the public finances face from a revenue perspective. — Robert Troy. [30040/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will ensure that tax relief for parents in respect of the accommodation costs for students attending further or higher education colleges is applicable in respect of all students, whether studying in this jurisdiction or elsewhere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [30144/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on income tax receipts to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [30025/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will introduce a cap on mortgage interest rates to prevent families being impoverished and forced into arrears by rising interest rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30198/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on his engagement with Revenue with respect to the current tax rules regarding the importation of vehicles from Britain and the North with respect to their impact on North-South trade and the domestic motor vehicle market. — Pearse Doherty. [30179/23]

52. 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. — Richard Bruton. [30113/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 70 of 9 May 2023, the status of the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal; when he expects a new board to be in place; the details of the body that will provide the facilities and secretarial service to the board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [30011/23]

54. 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 various 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. — Colm Brophy. [30024/23]

55. 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. — Emer Higgins. [29963/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Finance his perspectives on the report concerning the factors influencing the cost and accessibility of finance for residential development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [30207/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to allocating some of the general Government surplus to investment into sustainable transport infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [30152/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will detail any action he and his Department are considering, and engagements he has had with the retail banking sector and Central Bank, to promote switching and the reintegration of mortgage borrowers with loans held by vulture funds into the mainstream mortgage market. — Pearse Doherty. [30181/23]

59. 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. — Alan Farrell. [30172/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of times he has corresponded or met with the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council; and if he will list the dates upon which these meetings/instances of correspondence took place. — Peadar Tóibín. [29448/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has engaged with the retail banking sector and representative groups regarding the provision of financing and treatment of mortgage loans with respect to homeowners in Donegal impacted by defective blocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [30221/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Finance his estimate of the level of windfall receipts since the start of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [30038/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the progress made to date by 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. — David Stanton. [29961/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which fraudulent claims are having a negative impact on the price of premiums for private motor/car insurance, home insurance, and public liability insurance for businesses in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30013/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent of 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, playcentres and community events; whether a fairer balance can be achieved in these instances so that cover can be more readily available for those seeking insurance in such niche markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30014/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will detail what lessening of personal taxation has occurred since 2011 in terms of entry points, rate changes, band changes, tax credits, and so on; if he will provide examples of how these changes have affected earners from both single-income households and double-income households on €25,000, €45,000, €65,000, €85,000 and €105,000, providing comparisons in each case of net pay in 2011 versus today; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30084/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on the progress of the Credit Union (Amendment) Bill 2022; to outline the engagement at Ministerial and official level with the credit union representative bodies this year on the Bill; the way in which the Bill will assist the modernisation of credit unions and help future proof financial services for their members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Damien English. [29816/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide, by county, in tabular form, the name of each credit union, the euro amount of assets for each credit union, the euro value of loans on issue by each credit union, and the loan-to-asset ratio in each instance; how he envisages additional lending by credit unions to be enabled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Damien English. [29815/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Finance if, in light of the Taoiseach’s plans to organise a half-day seminar to review the outcome of the Wellbeing Framework, led by the Department of the Taoiseach, his Department has considered creating an additional dimension within the Wellbeing Framework dealing with language and culture, as has been done in New Zealand and Wales; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [29887/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will detail the salaries of the top ten highest paid civil servants in his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [29447/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will amend the conditions applicable to eligibility for the rental tax credit for parents of students in relation to accommodation costs while attending further or higher education college to include students studying outside of this jurisdiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [30145/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Finance what plans there are to reform the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30224/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the review of the framework for setting of speed limits, with specific consideration of the introduction of a 30kph default speed limit in urban areas to improve road safety and take up of active travel, as outlined in the RSA Action Plan 2021 – 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [30186/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on engagement he has had in relation to the N17 upgrade. — Martin Kenny. [30140/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a timeframe in relation to the yet-to-be-published data relating to the proposed Irish Rail Review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [29766/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Transport the outputs from the climate delivery transport taskforce since its establishment, as indicated in the 2023 Climate Action Plan Annex of Actions; what specific areas and initiatives of climate delivery are currently under its focus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [30185/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans on improving bus connectivity in Galway city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [29223/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the reported underspend by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30223/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of Limerick to Scariff and Limerick city to Shannon greenway projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [30202/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to improve public transport for students forced to make long commutes due to a lack of accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [29224/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 53 of 4 May 2023, if he will provide a status update on the rollout of park-and-ride facilities in Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [30010/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to reopen the Western Rail Corridor for freight and passengers from Collooney to Athenry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30161/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Transport if the upgrade of the N22 (Macroom to Ovens phase) is a priority of his Department; if he recognises its strategic importance for connectivity in the southwest region; if he will provide an estimated timescale that all stages of such a project would take, an outline of what the scheme would entail, and an estimated cost in today's money for this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30099/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will move to build the Adare bypass now that judicial reviews will not be taking place; if he will provide details of costs of all stages of the project and estimated timelines for these; if he recognises the difficulty to socio-economic activity that the lack of this infrastructure causes in the mid-west and south-west regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30100/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can explain the reason that, despite his Department having an underspend of €97 million on transport and infrastructure, this Deputy has been informed by Kildare County Council that there ‘are no funds’ to repair and resurface dangerously deteriorated sections of road in Kildare South; when, if ever, he intends to allocate these funds to already financially pressed local authorities to be used, or if those funds have or are intended to be re-allocated for other purposes; and if so, what purposes. — Patricia Ryan. [30211/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the Safe Routes to School programme in Cork, in particular setting out, in tabular form, the number of schools which will be included in the programme; to provide a status update on the rollout of these projects under round 1 schemes and round 2 schemes in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [30115/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will clarify how his Department is carrying a nearly €100 million underspend in the first three months of the year; if there have been projects postponed or delayed which has led to the underspend; if so, if he will list those projects affected; if he will outline how he and his Department plan to address the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [29769/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has data on the modal split in Dublin since Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [30112/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will give consideration to establishing a fund specifically aimed at noise mitigation/sound barriers to mitigate the impact of major motorway construction projects on local residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [29879/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Transport what engagement has taken place between his Department and the DAA, with a view to having the appropriate level of car parking spaces available in Dublin Airport and Cork Airport ahead of the summer months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [30116/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 49 of 4 May 2023, the status of the promised feasibility study for light rail in Galway; if the feasibility study has commenced; the details of any engagement he or his Department has had with the team carrying out the feasibility study since the appointment of the team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [30009/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the basis on which funding will be made to local authorities to fund mobility hubs for the different elements which can be provided; and when he expects that the first ten such hubs will be in place. — Richard Bruton. [30111/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has explored alternative measures to alleviate the financial burden of public transport for students; if he will provide an update on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [30204/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Transport how many extra carriages have been allocated on the Dublin to Waterford train line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [30220/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Transport if, in view of the very substantial increase in road maintenance and road construction costs, he will ensure that additional funding will be provided for the Non-National Roads Programme for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [30090/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Transport to detail the measures that are in place to deal with anti-social behaviour on buses and trains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [30175/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Transport how it is proposed that the N2 Ardee to Castleblayney Road scheme will be progressed this year, as due to changes in Government policy and design standards, additional design works are needed and the project team has indicated that more funding will be required to close out and complete the current Phase 3 design process, but TII has not indicated that more funding will be forthcoming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30208/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has had discussions with the Department of Justice and An Garda Síochána relating to ensuring sufficient policing of public transport during the busy summer period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [30133/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he expects to be in a position to make fundamental improvements to the national road structure given that some areas have been in need of investment for several years and that failure to address the issue may necessitate much higher expenditure in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30094/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the CMATS rail in Cork. — James O'Connor. [30209/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the Dunkettle Interchange; if he will outline when the project will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [29880/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Mallow relief road; and if the funding will be made available by the end of the year. — James O'Connor. [30210/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of and supports plans by the DAA to extend its operations; if his Department has had any discussion with the DAA about planned expansions and increases in aviation travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [30117/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to introduce restrictions or additional levies/taxes on the use of private jets in the State; if he is aware of figures suggesting a large increase in the use of such jets in the State; if this increase is supported by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [30135/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the consultation that was undertaken with disabled persons' organisations with regard to the tendering and purchase of new buses and trains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [30176/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to provide a public transport link from Finglas to Dublin Airport. — Paul McAuliffe. [30132/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on his plans to increase the number of e-bike sharing schemes in Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [30131/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline plans for the further development of the rail connection from Limerick to Shannon Airport over the next five years; if his Department intends to increase investment in new stations on the Ennis - Limerick - Foynes rail corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [30203/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has had discussions with public transport providers on ensuring public order and safety of passengers onboard their services during the busy summer period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [30134/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the progress being made toward the delivery of a rail service from Navan to Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [29445/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to develop a bypass of Innishannon, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [29562/23]

112. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can detail the average number of passengers who have travelled on the new BusConnects Route 60 since its introduction per week/month; the passenger numbers for Route 79 in the last three months of its operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [30121/23]

113. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding provided for major improvement works on national secondary roads in each of the past five years; his policy in relation to providing sufficient funding to bring all national secondary routes up to a standard that maximises road safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30162/23]

114. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the rollout of the new bus ticket pricing structure by Bus Éireann outside of Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [30146/23]

115. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm what progress has been made in relation to the reduction of waiting times for those waiting to be tested following the announcement of the addition of 75 new testers earlier in the year; when he envisages that the

current average wait of 21 weeks will be significantly reduced, and to what level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [29768/23]

116. To ask the Minister for Transport how many buses have been provided for the Town Bus Link; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [30219/23]

117. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the status of a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [30043/23]

118. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress on delivering a light rail system planned for Ballincollig to Mahon in Cork city; what stops are planned for the route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [30147/23]

119. To ask the Minister for Transport when he will announce the Athenry to Claremorris portion of the Western Rail Corridor and an anticipated commencement date; if he will now begin assessing the potential for the next phase of the Western Rail Corridor from Claremorris to Collooney; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30167/23]

120. To ask the Minister for Transport what consideration his Department is giving to further infrastructural investments in the rail transport sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [30191/23]

121. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the N17; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30168/23]

122. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he expects to achieve a balance between road and rail transport in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30095/23]

123. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are any plans to curtail access for HGVs in urban towns following the example from a town (details supplied) where eight pedestrians have been killed in the past ten years in incidents involving HGVs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30226/23]

124. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Government will commit to funding 50% of the A5 upgrade project as agreed in the St. Andrew's Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [30076/23]

125. To ask the Minister for Transport if, in view of the importance of regional and local roads for rural communities and the substantial increase in costs for road maintenance and road construction over the past two years, he will ensure that substantial additional funding will be provided to Cavan and Monaghan local authorities for the Non-National Road Works Programme in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [30091/23]

126. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the actions and initiatives undertaken by his Department to assist the freight industry in reducing emissions. — Alan Dillon. [30205/23]

127. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update as of June 2023 for the development of the MetroLink project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30227/23]

128. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the rollout of the Shared Island Sports Club EV Charging Scheme; and if such charging facilities under the scheme will be made available in Cavan Monaghan. — Niamh Smyth. [30156/23]

129. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has examined any proposals around the use and possible banning of SUV private vehicles in city and urban areas; if he would support such a move; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [30120/23]

130. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered allowing a project (details supplied) to proceed this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [30044/23]

131. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to a number of active travel interventions in Cork City Council that have decreased accessibility for those with mobility issues or disabilities and, in some instances, caused serious concern for cyclists; and the level of engagement he has had on these issues. — Thomas Gould. [30089/23]

132. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the measures Iarnród Éireann have in place to foster biodiversity along their routes and landbanks; the funding provided for and actions that have been taken on biodiversity since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [28432/23]

133. To ask the Minister for Transport the current earliest projected timeline for completion of the N2 Clontibret-to-the-Border and the N2 Ardee-to-Castleblayney road schemes; and if he will provide additional funding for these schemes in 2023. — Matt Carthy. [30078/23]

134. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the rollout of the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan. — Niamh Smyth. [30155/23]

135. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to install more sheltered bus stops in Cork South West. — Holly Cairns. [29563/23]

136. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps being taken since the ending of Covid-19 air travel restrictions to address the imbalance in the regional spread of air traffic routes across the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [30173/23]

137. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline any engagement he has had with management at Waterford Port, including any plans related to upgrading the current infrastructure in the area. — Martin Kenny. [30141/23]

138. To ask the Minister for Transport if an update can be provided regarding the status of the Ten-T project which will fund three sections of road in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [30077/23]

139. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can clarify the position of the Government in relation to investment in the Western Rail corridor; if he supports further investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [30119/23]

140. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of the funding allocated to the N24/N25 project for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [29767/23]

141. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will meet with a campaign group (details supplied) to discuss development of the south east rail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30225/23]

142. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update with respect to future rail transport plans in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [30154/23]

143. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of times he has met with the CEO of Irish Rail/Iarnród Éireann since he took office. — Peadar Tóibín. [29446/23]

144. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will meet with the members of Monaghan County Council to discuss the need for additional funding in 2023 for the N2 road schemes. — Matt Carthy. [30079/23]

145. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the implementation of BusConnects for Swords, County Dublin, and Malahide, County Dublin, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [30190/23]

146. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Northern Ring Road in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [30088/23]