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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach.

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

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3. 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. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30974/23]

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5. 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. — Gino Kenny. [30980/23]

6. 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]

7. To ask the Taoiseach if he is considering new divisions in his Department. — Neasa Hourigan. [30914/23]

8. To ask the Taoiseach his intention to establish additional units/divisions in his Department to those outlined in the Programme for Government. — Cian O’Callaghan. [30945/23]

9. To ask the Taoiseach his intention to establish additional units/divisions in his Department to those outlined in the Programme for Government. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30973/23]

10. To ask the Taoiseach his intention to establish additional units/divisions in his Department to those outlined in the Programme for Government. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30975/23]

11. To ask the Taoiseach his intention to establish additional units/divisions in his Department to those outlined in the Programme for Government. — Paul Murphy. [30978/23]

12. To ask the Taoiseach his intention to establish additional units/divisions in his Department to those outlined in the Programme for Government. — Mick Barry. [31141/23]

13. To ask the Taoiseach to report on any British/Irish conferences and meetings that he has attended recently. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29881/23]

14. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the British-Irish Council summit in Jersey. — Brendan Smith. [30081/23]

15. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the British-Irish Council summit in Jersey. — Seán Haughey. [30083/23]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on any recent discussions he has had with the British Prime Minister. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30732/23]

17. To ask the Taoiseach to report on any recent discussions he has had with the British Prime Minister. — Brendan Smith. [30942/23]

18. To ask the Taoiseach to report on any recent discussions he has had with the British Prime Minister, directly or at European level. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30972/23]

19. To ask the Taoiseach to report on any recent discussions he has had with the British Prime Minister. — Mick Barry. [31143/23]

20. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the Shared Island Dialogue on education systems and connecting communities. — Brendan Smith. [30080/23]

21. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his recent meeting with the Prime Minister of Luxembourg, Xavier Bettel. — Seán Haughey. [30082/23]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the Prime Minister of Luxembourg; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30733/23]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the proposed child poverty unit in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30731/23]

24. To ask the Taoiseach the total number of times Taoisigh have issued State apologies in the past decade. — Peadar Tóibín. [30823/23]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will list the State apologies issued by his Department in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [30866/23]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with drugs policy will next meet. — Neasa Hourigan. [30915/23]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30964/23]

28. To ask the Taoiseach the policy in his Department regarding the use of the Government jet. — Neasa Hourigan. [30916/23]

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30954/23]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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.

30. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the steps he is taking to ensure that public expenditure on consulting contracts does not expose the State to any risks either in terms of a loss of expertise over time within the public sector and the sharing of sensitive information with private economic actors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [31358/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline his Department's role in terms of oversight and supervision of capital delivery projects of line departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [31359/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he is planning any new measures in Budget 2024 to address the recruitment and retention difficulties across key areas of the public sector; specifically, healthcare, homecare, gardaí, military and firefighters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [31361/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the details of the promised independent evaluation of National Development Plan priorities and capacity; the timeline for the evaluation to be carried out; the details of the individual or organisation tasked with carrying out the evaluation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31299/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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.

34. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline the interaction his Department has had with the Department of Transport with respect to the delivery of projects under the NDP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [30990/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he has had any engagement or correspondence with the Minister for Justice or her Department in relation to issues concerning the pensions of post-'95 prison officers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [30908/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his plans to review existing legislation in relation to the responsibilities of senior public servants to ensure greater transparency and accountability. — Robert Troy. [30961/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an overview of the progress made to date under National Strategic Outcome 7 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [30879/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 41 of 11 May 2023, the status of the review of the programme for the Coirib go Cósta flood relief scheme; the status of the revised programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [30904/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an overview of the progress made to date under National Strategic Outcome 8 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [30880/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the position regarding the recruitment of in-house expertise at the OPW to ensure a full complement of competencies in ecological, botanical, horticultural or biodiversity-related roles; whether a gap analysis has been completed across the organisation; whether a biodiversity officer has been appointed at a level which enables significant influence across the organisation, as outlined in Action 1.1 of the Biodiversity Action Strategy 2022-2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [30962/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the details of any analysis carried out by his Department into the expected impacts of the recent changes to the public spending code, and in particular the introduction of a-three stage approvals process on major projects that were already moving through the approvals process prior to the changes to the public spending code; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [30905/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline progress towards enhancing productivity in the construction sector, including utilising modern methods of construction as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30983/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he is planning any new measures in Budget 2024 to address the recruitment and retention difficulties across key areas of the public sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [25163/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline the progress made on reforming public procurement reform in order to improve environmental, economic and social impacts; making particular reference to the objective of including green criteria in all procurements using public funds, to be completed within three years, as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30981/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform in relation to recent reform the Public Spending Code outlining how said reforms will achieve greater speed and efficiency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30982/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an overview of the progress made to date under National Strategic Outcome 6 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [30903/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which delivery on the National Development Plan is in accord with expectations; if any issues have arisen or continue to arise that might impede the progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30952/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the reason that modular home suppliers are contracted to an organisation (details supplied) to build modular homes for refugees are expected to pay upfront for the costs of their construction; and how this is feasible or efficient to timely delivery. — Alan Kelly. [24840/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he continues to identify best practice in respect of public expenditure and reform having regard to prevailing economic trends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30953/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an overview of the progress made to date under National Strategic Outcome 4 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [30886/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the estimated cumulative value of the investments to be made in counties Kilkenny, Carlow, Wexford and Waterford, respectively under the timeframe of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; the estimated funding drawdown to date in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [30906/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on the flood relief schemes in Cork south west. — Holly Cairns. [30759/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an overview of the progress made to date under National Strategic Outcome 3 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [30878/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the progress in reviewing the NDP. — Richard Bruton. [31025/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline the approach taken by his Department in actively assessing the impact of

public expenditure on regional inequality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30984/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the current status of the development of an evaluation approach for the carbon capture of OPW managed peatlands, woodlands, wetlands and other semi-natural habitats compares to the carbon footprint of delivering OPW services in heritage, property and flooding, as outlined in Action 4. 6 of the Biodiversity Action Strategy 2022-2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [30963/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his views on the Irish Government Economic and Evaluation Service publication, Housing Analytical Notes, published on 5 December 2022, particularly the Planning Permissions and Housing Supply Analytical Note therein; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [25164/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the steps being taken to speed up the capacity to deliver major public projects. — Richard Bruton. [31026/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the performance in relation to delivery of the NDP to date against the revised NDP adopted when this Government came to power; the over spend or under spend involved to date; the steps being taken to expedite the delivery of the plan in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30557/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline the steps he is taking to expedite flood relief schemes in order to protect residents, businesses and local communities at risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30985/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the estimated cumulative value of the investments to be made in counties Clare, Tipperary and Limerick, respectively under the timeframe of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; the estimated funding drawdown to date in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [30986/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an overview of the progress made to date under National Strategic Outcome 5 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [30884/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he has received a request from the Department of Transport for extra funding for roads projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [30991/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an overview of the progress made to date under National Strategic Outcome 1 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [30902/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will review current GDPR policies to ensure data sharing is possible and more streamlined between State agencies, where there are serious safeguarding issues highlighted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [25161/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the status of the catchment and flood risk management plan under CFRAM for County Louth; the progress on the implementation of same that has been made to date; the funding that has been allocated to the scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30970/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether his Department is developing a financial strategy to deal with the impact of long-Covid on society in the medium to long-term; if so, the details of same; whether it is earmarking funds for use by the relevant departments such as the Departments of Health and Education, to assist public servants who contracted Covid in the line of duty (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [30796/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the discussions he has had with Ministers in relation to the non-delivery of NDP projects to date; the result of these discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30558/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when flood defence construction works will advance in the Upper Lee area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [30969/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the transfer of Brexit adjustment reserve-funding to the REPower EU fund; if he will confirm whether the funding will be ringfenced for agricultural purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25140/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an overview of the progress made to date under National Strategic Outcome 2 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [30987/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an overview of the progress made to date under National Strategic Outcome 10 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [30907/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an overview of the progress made to date under National Strategic Outcome 9 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [30882/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the estimated cumulative value of the investments to be made in counties Kildare, Meath and Wicklow, respectively under the timeframe of the National Development Plan 2021-2030;

the estimated funding drawdown to date in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [30881/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the Government's review of the operation and functionality of the Freedom of Information Act 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [30827/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to clarify the current position of the Blackpool flood relief scheme; when work will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [31046/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will comment on how the 2023 Wellbeing Framework will feature in the National Economic dialogue, the Summer Economic Statement and Budget day documentation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [30968/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on a flood scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [30950/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the estimated cumulative value of the investments to be made in counties Longford, Westmeath, Laois and Offaly, respectively under the timeframe of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; the estimated funding drawdown to date in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [30883/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on the OPW plans for flood relief in Blackpool. — Thomas Gould. [31023/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the estimated cumulative value of the investments to be made in counties Cork and Kerry, respectively under the timeframe of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; the estimated funding drawdown to date in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [30877/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the estimated cumulative value of the investments to be made in Dublin under the timeframe of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; the estimated funding drawdown to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [30885/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the role his Department has taken in the review of occupancy status of public buildings. — Thomas Gould. [31024/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide the schedule of work and detail on the plans underway by the State in relation to Nos. 14 to 17 Moore Street; and to clarify if these plans could involve a chance of causing

damage to the neighbouring buildings of Nos. 13 or 18 which also date from before the 1916 Easter Rising. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23716/23]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*85. To ask the Taoiseach the total spend on consulting services and on ‘business-as-usual’ outsourcing, as differentiated under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016 for each commercial public body under the aegis of his Department for 2022. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30396/23]

*86. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff employed by the Director Of Public Prosecutions, broken down by grade, for each of the past five years. — Patrick Costello. [30307/23]

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

*87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the process and timeline for the national selection procedure to shortlist three qualified candidates for submission to the Council of Europe as a candidate to be a Judge of the European Court of Human Rights by the required date of 11 March 2024. — Alan Kelly. [31042/23]

*88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a foreign birth registration will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [30544/23]

*89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the definition of military neutrality as it appears on his Department’s website (details supplied); who approved this definition; when it was approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [30552/23]

*90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the total costs for the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy; if any panellists or chairs, or the forum Chair, are receiving remuneration for their participation; and if so, the amount. — Paul Murphy. [30723/23]

*91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs how the panellists and chairperson of the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy were chosen; when the first invites for panellists and chairpersons were issued; and when the final list of panellists and chairpersons was finalised. — Paul Murphy. [30724/23]

*92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the process for choosing the Chair of the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy; when a person (details supplied) was asked to be chair; and if anyone else was asked to be chair. — Paul Murphy. [30725/23]

*93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30773/23]

*94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the recent arrests by the Turkish government of members of the HDP, Green Left Party and other opposition voices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [30804/23]

*95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if there are plans to change the system in relation to the witnessing of signatures on passport applications by a member of An Garda Síochána at local Garda stations; if he is aware that the process includes the recording of witnessing Garda's details in a log, which is then called upon by the Passport Office for verification; if he is also aware that it is not uncommon for an omission or a mistake to happen at this point, resulting in an often significant delay for the passport applicant through no fault of their own; if he will acknowledge the archaic and inconsistent nature of this step in the process; if he will provide details of the number of passport applications that are held up as a result of omissions or mistakes in witnessing signatures by members of An Garda Síochána; if he will outline any plans to update and/or streamline the signature witness process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [30817/23]

*96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30958/23]

*97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide details of the number of meetings held by his Department with international diplomats or agencies in relation to criminal and misdemeanour charges being brought against a person (details supplied) for search and rescue work they have conducted in Greece; the dates for any such meetings; if he will estimate the amount of working hours spent by his Department on the case since the case came to its attention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [31039/23]

*98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs whether he will ensure that a passport is delivered to a person (details supplied) in time for travel on 4 July 2023. — Thomas Gould. [31147/23]

*99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a refund will be issued to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [31153/23]

*100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on Ireland's engagement with the Arctic Council requests for formal recognition of the State's interest in the work of the council, observer or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [31241/23]

*101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the work of his Department with its counterparts in Qatar relating to a political declaration on the social development goals to be jointly published in September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [31253/23]

*102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs in the case of an individual who has lost two passports in ten years, is there a way to appeal their inclusion on the restricted list

of passports where it can be proven that it was a genuine loss of a passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31354/23]

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

*103. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the plans he and his Department have for blue carbon sequestration certification; the financial recognition and/or remuneration proposals that may be under consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [31320/23]

*104. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on fish kill in north Clare; if he will report on his engagement with Inland Fisheries Ireland and the Environmental Protection Agency in respect of the recent fish kill which amounted to 2,000 fish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [31328/23]

*105. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will clarify the position in respect of NewEra's role in pension increases for An Post staff; if NewEra has advised that the increase be granted; and if he has been contacted by An Post management regarding this issue (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [31373/23]

*106. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department holds any information on the number of telecommunications cables that pass through the Irish marine EEZ; if so, to provide that information, to include information on the ownership of same, by state and/or by public or private entity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [30513/23]

*107. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to detail the definition of critical infrastructure used by his Department in regard to undersea telecommunications cables; if the designation of infrastructure as critical is a reference to its being critical infrastructure for Ireland, or critical infrastructure for another country or countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [30514/23]

*108. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of undersea telecommunications cables that connect Ireland to other states and/or networks outside this jurisdiction; to outline the ownership of same, by state, and/or by public or private entity, in tabular form; to clarify if these cables are regarded as critical infrastructure per the definition used by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [30515/23]

*109. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of applications processed to date for the warmer homes deep retrofit scheme; the number approved and denied under the scheme to date constructed pre and post-1940 respectively; the number of homes completed and the number of homes where work is ongoing under the scheme to date constructed pre and post 1940 respectively; the average cost of such works in each category; the plans if any he has to ensure that at the very least as basic level of insulation of attics, lagging, heating controls and resealing of windows is performed on houses refused under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [30529/23]

*110. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent of the invasive roach population in Lough Corrib and Lough Mask, which are both SACs; the

consequences for the native brown trout and Atlantic salmon populations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [30605/23]

*111. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason no preliminary draft policy papers for the inland fisheries sector, no single comprehensive policy statement for the inland fisheries sector and no details on a broad public consultation on policies for the inland fisheries sector have been published to date as per his declaration in Parliamentary Question No. 170 of 23 June 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [30606/23]

*112. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the inland fisheries division within his Department or Inland Fisheries Ireland have investigated the desirability of reintroducing European Sturgeon (*Acipenser sturio*) into SAC waters, given that the reintroduction is the only measure available to achieve their favourable conservation status in Ireland under Article 22 of the EU Habitats Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [30607/23]

*113. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if additional SEAI grant supports are available for households which have already had solar panels installed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30608/23]

*114. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a pensions agreement (details supplied) will be implemented. — Holly Cairns. [30768/23]

*115. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide his response to a report (details supplied) concerning Ireland's implementation of the sustainable development goals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30769/23]

*116. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a pensions agreement will be implemented (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [30776/23]

*117. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware that while electricity companies (details supplied) are deducting energy costs, they are simultaneously increasing standing charges to more than double the price; if he has engaged with energy companies on this issue; the rationale behind the increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [30784/23]

*118. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider increasing the size of the SEAI solar PV grant KW/PH rate in order that consumers can avail of larger solar units but drawdown the maximum €2,400 grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [30787/23]

*119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the agreed pension increase for An Post pensioners will be paid (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [30792/23]

*120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will engage with an organisation (details supplied) to discuss potential modification of the operation of the deposit return scheme to ensure that it does not have the unintended consequence of providing a

competitive advantage to large-scale producers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30834/23]

*121. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to report on the plans to install fibre optics in the Foxrock area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30837/23]

*122. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if additional resources will be provided to the SEAI to ensure that applicants for the warmer homes scheme are not waiting more than eight months to be allocated a surveyor, as is the case for one applicant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [30857/23]

*123. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 50 of 14 June 2023, if he will reveal the cause of death of a critically endangered sturgeon that was captured in the River Suir near Clonmel; if the fish had any injuries relating to fishing activities; and if the removal of the fish from the water constitutes a breach of Article 12 of the EU Habitats Directive which prohibits the deliberate capture or killing of this species (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [30898/23]

*124. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how many micro-generators are exporting to the grid. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [30899/23]

*125. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when Ministerial approval will issue to enable An Post to increase payments to their pensioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [30913/23]

*126. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address concerns that there are insufficient financial incentives for persons to apply for options such as wood pellet boilers when compared with options provided by other EU member state governments (details supplied) the application criteria are too restrictive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30918/23]

*127. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 175 of 13 June 2023, to publish the monthly reports on the financial status of the special fund. — Eoin Ó Broin. [31021/23]

*128. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 789 of 13 June 2023, to outline the locations of the activities undertaken by IFI to improve habitat for salmon, including, but not limited to, habitat enhancement, barrier mitigation, stream maintenance and stock management; the amount spent annual on these activities; the systems in place to monitor the impact of these activities; any reports or findings from said monitoring; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31076/23]

*129. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the review of greenhouse gas emissions on a consumption basis, as outlined in the Climate Action Plan annex of actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [31170/23]

*130. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a climate delivery taskforce has been established to focus on the specific areas or initiatives of climate

delivery that require cross-government collaboration in all relevant departments in the land use, land use change and forestry sector, as outlined in the Climate Action Plan annex of actions; if he will report on their progress to date and the participation of his Department in the taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31172/23]

*131. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a climate delivery taskforce has been established to focus on the specific areas or initiatives of climate delivery that require cross-Government collaboration in the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and all relevant departments in the public sector, as outlined in the Climate Action Plan annex of actions; if he will report on their progress to date and the participation of his Department in the taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31175/23]

*132. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a climate delivery taskforce has been established to focus on the specific areas or initiatives of climate delivery that require cross-Government collaboration in all relevant departments in the electricity sector, as outlined in the Climate Action Plan annex of actions; if he will report on their progress to date and the participation of his Department in the taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31176/23]

*133. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a climate delivery taskforce has been established to focus on the specific areas or initiatives of climate delivery that require cross-Government collaboration in all relevant departments in the built environment sector, as outlined in the Climate Action Plan annex of actions; if he will report on their progress to date and the participation of his Department in the taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31177/23]

*134. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a climate delivery taskforce has been established to focus on the specific areas or initiatives of climate delivery that require cross-Government collaboration in all relevant departments in citizen engagement, as outlined in the Climate Action Plan annex of actions; if he will report on their progress to date and the participation of his Department in the taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31180/23]

*135. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a climate delivery taskforce has been established to focus on the specific areas or initiatives of climate delivery that require cross-Government collaboration in all relevant departments in ensuring a just transition, as outlined in the Climate Action Plan annex of actions; if he will report on their progress to date and the participation of his Department in the taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31181/23]

*136. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the expected timeline for delivery for a Just Transition Commission, as outlined in the Climate Action Plan annex of actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31182/23]

*137. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the expected timeline for delivery for a regulatory framework for district heating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31183/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications about the updated roadmap guidance to reflect updates to Public Sector Mandate, as outlined in the Climate Action Plan annex of actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31184/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the engagement with OneLearning on the provision of climate related training and upskilling; the expected timeline for delivery for the proposal for a training programme content and structure, as outlined in the Climate Action Plan annex of actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31186/23]

*140. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how many prospect mining licences have been issued in County Clare on a yearly basis for 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; how many are under consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [31206/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what environmental impact is expected in County Clare following the issuance of mining prospect licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [31207/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what incentives are in place to attract foreign investment into the domestic mining industry; the logic behind the same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [31208/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the workforce plan for Inland Fisheries Ireland; how many bailiffs are currently employed; if there are plans to recruit more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31228/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to a recent fish-kill in the Ballymacraven River, County Clare; if he will provide details of what investigative work his Department and the Environmental Protection Agency have undertaken following this event; how he proposes to support the restoration of the Ballymacraven River; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [31295/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what financial supports are available to individuals and communities seeking to develop renewable energy in their communities, such as wind turbines, solar panels and other focuses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [31303/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will clarify his role in respect of pension increases for An Post staff; if he has received advise that the increase be granted; and if he has been contacted by An Post management regarding this issue (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [31374/23]

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

*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department has plans for Fort Shannon to develop these lands (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30737/23]

*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the work of members of the Defence Forces to assist in the evacuation of Irish citizens from Sudan was hampered by the legal basis underpinning the ‘Triple Lock’, in light of the explicit provision in the Defence (Amendment) Act 2006 Section 3(1)(f) allowing for the Government to deploy members of the Defence Forces abroad to undertake humanitarian tasks in response to an actual or potential disaster or emergency, without any limit as to number, or any requirement for a vote in Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [30843/23]

*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if members of the Defence Forces participating in EUTM Mali carry arms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [30844/23]

*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the cost of hosting the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy; the costs of travel and accommodation for its participants; the cost of hiring rooms; the cost of AV equipment and any other costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [30861/23]

*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the criteria for deciding the topics of the different sessions of the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy; the criteria for inviting speakers; where the decisions were made in deciding the topics and the speakers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [30862/23]

*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department will examine an issue in relation to persons working as civilians within the Defence Forces (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [31168/23]

*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on Ireland’s participation in NATO Partnership for Peace; the status of Ireland’s Individual Partnership and Cooperation Programme; the engagements he has had in relation to such; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [31240/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*154. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will respond or seek responses to concerns raised by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [30500/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for Transport when the next speed limit review will be carried out on regional non-national roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30519/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will increase the current age range of the young adult Leap card from 19-23 to 19-26 years, as is the situation in the majority of European nations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [30528/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for Transport when the rail line from Claremorris to Collooney was last cleared or maintained; if he will instruct Iarnród Éireann to clear the line in order to ensure the line and corresponding right of way is maintained for potential future use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30629/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of conducting a detailed engineering and track survey of the rail line from Claremorris to Collooney to assess future use options of varying specifications such as freight and passenger services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30630/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 116 of 25 May 2023, the name and contact number of the official to contact regarding the organisation of a meeting (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [30652/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the RSA has decided to no longer carry out motorcycle tests in Killarney, County Kerry (details supplied); the reason no communication was issued to RSA instructors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30726/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has made any representations to the British government to raise the concerns of members of a hauliers' organisation (details supplied), based in Border counties, in relation to the imminent imposition of charges on them, namely through the lorry road-user charge when they have to transit through the North of Ireland. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [30808/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the system previously operated for priority booking for NCT tests has been taken down from the online booking system; if he will outline the protocols for prioritisation of urgent applications which is being operated; and when he expects that delays will be back to an acceptable level. — Richard Bruton. [30868/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Transport the latest progress regarding the acquisition of counter-drone technology for the Dublin Airport Authority as a temporary measure to mitigate the threat of unauthorised drone operations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [30927/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline his involvement with the Irish Aviation Authority and the Commission for Communications Regulation in the context of deploying counter-drone technology; the current status of this technology deployment, completion of necessary testing on the procured equipment and the anticipated timeline for full implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [30928/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person (details supplied) in County Kerry who has been waiting months for a driving test will be given a date for a test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30959/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason it is the case that someone seeking a priority appointment through the NCT cannot do so until the original test date has passed; if he intends to make any changes in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [30965/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport his views, and the views of his Department regarding a NCT certificate which has expired, and where a new appointment has been booked, if the car is still considered to be unfit for road use during this time; if he is considering any changes to legislation that would allow NCT certificates to be considered valid after their date of expiry given the lack of capacity within the testing service at present, causing road user to have to wait

six months for an appointment in some centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [30966/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has received any correspondence on an element of BusConnects, Cork (details supplied); and if he will publish who contacted him. — Sean Sherlock. [31033/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is further costings, proposals and schematics available for an element of Bus Connects, Cork (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [31034/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a bus service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31059/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department can assess any flight-path changes and frequency of same in aircraft using Dublin Airport, given the new aircraft noise-pollution problems reported by persons in residential areas of north Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [31148/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport how many bus drivers were recruited for the Dublin region to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [31209/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport how many bus drivers are in training for the Dublin region at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [31210/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport what measures have been put in place to ensure wheelchair accessibility for buses and trains providing services to Galway County, including addressing issues with lack of space on Intercity trains, around seat bookings and with regard to mobility supports at train stations for wheelchair users and individuals with mobility issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [31224/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that will be taken to reduce driving test waiting times (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31231/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport when road enhancement works will begin on the R498 at Latteragh, Nenagh, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31232/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person (details supplied) will be facilitated with a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31233/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person (details supplied) will be facilitated with a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31234/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport the current average waiting time for driving tests; what progress has been made to date in reducing the five-month waiting time for driving tests experienced by applicants earlier in the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [31235/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has held any further consultation with stakeholders in respect of the increase in toll charges from 1 July 2023; if he will revisit the

issue with a view to a further postponement until 2024 to allow for cost of living in other sectors to drop in the intervening timeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [31236/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to regulate the use of mechanised scooters; if he will introduce measures to deal with the problem of uninsured mechanised scooter users; if these users can be prevented from using footpaths; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [31237/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of a driving test for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31238/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport if a group has been convened to discuss structures for delivery of the Public Procurement Framework, as outlined in the Climate Action Plan annex of actions; if will report on the approach, roles and responsibilities agreed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31258/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that pensioners on the CIE pension scheme have not received an increase since 2008, which is causing significant hardship for many of these pensioners; the action he intends to take on foot of it; and whether he intends to provide for an increase in the pension in July 2023 when this is scheduled. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [31279/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that for pensioners on the CIÉ scheme who did not receive the full pension because they were retired for medical reasons, that the hardship caused by the lack of an increase in the pension is particularly severe. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [31280/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of cruise liner ships that have visited and berthed in the ports around Ireland in each of the past ten years; if his Department places restrictions on the number that can visit each port; the number that are permitted to land and berth in each port on an annual basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [31319/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*187. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is planning to create a special infrastructure development fund or equivalent vehicle with funds identified from forecasted surpluses based on windfall corporation tax receipts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31364/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has formally taken back responsibility for the ethics reform agenda; if he will provide an update on his legislative priorities in respect of the ethics and standards in public office agenda for the remainder of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31365/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Finance when arrears will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30507/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Finance what solution, other than the cumbersome process of getting a variation to the zoning in city or county development plans, is available for businesses

that in some cases are facing a very high RZLT tax bill despite being a viable industrial business, but whose properties had been inadvertently rezoned as residential despite operating as an industry and now faced with the RZLT tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30561/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies operating that have appealed against a designation of being liable for a RZLT which would potentially undermine the business and end up closing same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30562/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Finance if it was ever intended that the RZTL tax would lead to the closure of viable trading companies that happen to be based on lands zoned residential rather than zoned industrial; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30565/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Finance when legislation will be brought forward to remove the anomaly whereby a registered charity employing general practitioners such as one (details supplied) is not exempt from professional services withholding tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [30585/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Finance the efforts being made by his Department to alleviate the cost of mortgage increases, in light of recent ECB interest rate increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [30586/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Finance if, in the context of the higher rate of VAT at 23% which is charged to customers who undertake car rental and car sharing journeys for a period of five weeks or more cumulatively in a given full year, he will outline the full-year VAT yield arising from both the 13.5% and 23% VAT rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [30609/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide details on the projected difference in annual VAT revenue for a scenario whereby a reduced VAT rate of 13.5% would apply to car rental and carsharing journeys that occurred cumulatively instead of consecutively for journeys of five weeks or more per annum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [30610/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the proposed digital euro; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30631/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on domestic and EU plans to protect the use of cash in our society and economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30632/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are any plans to bridge the gap between the tax relief rates available to drivers and passengers under the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme, as passengers are currently entitled to €6,000 more a year than drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30640/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will investigate if, and the reason why, Nama/ NALM is permitted to use an Irish citizen's personal tax number in its own interest (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [30642/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Finance to investigate the reason Nama/NALM was able to use the personal tax number of a person (details supplied)); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [30643/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware that the CSO is showing that the cost of home insurance has gone up by 23% in the past six months; if he has assessed the forces behind this rise; if further investigation or new policy initiatives are warranted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [30755/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the provision of a grant-aided, needs-based vehicular adaptation scheme to replace the disabled drivers and disabled passenger's scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30770/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected revenue raised in first-year 2024 and full-year terms from the scheduled increase in carbon tax on 1 May 2024 and 9 October 2024, respectively and combined. — Brian Stanley. [30794/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware that the residential zoned land tax, as currently constituted, could have profound implications for many farmers and small landowners who are not developers, but have owned their land for generations; if the Government will provide exemptions from the residential zoned land tax for individuals who are not developers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [30816/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Finance if, when a company is paying a pension out of its company funds, the pension is liable to the pension levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30846/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Finance if he intends to increase the tax exemption of €200 per year on the income received by domestic micro-generators from their suppliers by way of the CEG. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [30900/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware that owners of homes with defective concrete blocks are, in the main, unable to have their homes remortgaged; how he proposes to address this with pillar banks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [30936/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Finance the full-year revenue that would be generated by increasing the corporate tax rate to 20% and 25%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30992/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Finance the full-year revenue that would be generated by imposing a minimum effective corporate tax rate of 15% on pre-tax gross trading profits before deductions, reliefs and allowances and assuming no behavioural change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30993/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Finance the latest available figures for total pre-tax gross corporate trading profits for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30994/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Finance the full-year revenue that would be generated by imposing a financial transaction tax of 0.1% on shares and securities and 0.01% on derivatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30995/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Finance the full-year revenue that would be generated disallowing historic losses (losses forward) as tax deductions for banks and insurance companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30996/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Finance the full-year revenue that would be generated by introducing a 4% levy on profits of pharmaceutical companies and private health companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30997/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Finance the full-year revenue that would be generated by abolishing the SARP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30998/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Finance the full-year revenue that would be generated by establishing four new income tax bands of 50% on earnings between €100,000 and €150,000; 55% on earnings between €150,000 and €200,000; 60% on earnings between €200,000 and €275,000; 65% on earnings between over €275,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30999/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Finance how many property owners are paying LPT on one property; two properties; three properties; four properties; between five and ten; between ten and 20; between 20 and 50, between 50 and 100, and 100 or more, excluding local authorities and AHDs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31003/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Finance the full-year cost of abolishing the LPT and introducing a tax on NPPRs as follows: Single NPPR - €1,000; ten or less NPPRs - €1,500 per property; 11 or more NPPRs - €2,500 per property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31004/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide a full-year estimate of the revenue that would be generated by introducing a levy of 33% on commercial aviation fuel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31005/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide a full-year estimate of the revenue that would be generated if Ireland imposed the European Commission's proposed tax on aviation fuel in Budget 2023; where that tax will be imposed on all flights, including executive and corporate flights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31006/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Finance the full-year revenue that would be generated by establishing a new levy of 5% on the profits of all airlines and aircraft leasing companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31007/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year revenue that would be generated by increasing the zoned land tax to 25% of market value of the land and where the levy will also be imposed if the planning permission is not commenced within 12 months of its granting or where the development is not completed within 36 months of the planning permission being granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31008/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Finance the full-year revenue that would be generated by establishing a 10% levy on vacant or derelict residential property as per the number of vacant properties identified in the recent census but where properties tied up in probate, the fair deal scheme or holiday homes are excluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31009/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Finance the full-year cost of abolishing the help-to-buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31010/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year revenue that would be generated by increasing stamp duty on non-residential property to 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31011/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide details of the latest figures of the net worth of Irish households, including the net worth of the top 1%, the top 5% and the top 10% of these households; to estimate the revenue that would be generated by levying a tax of 2% on the top 5% allowing for a tax-free allowance for each household of €1 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31012/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Finance to give a full-year cost of lost VAT to the Exchequer by introducing price controls that cap petrol/diesel at €1.30 and 1.40 per litre; electricity at 25c per kilowatt hour; natural gas at 8c per kilowatt hour and oil (kerosene) at €1 per litre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31013/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Finance the full-year cost of reducing the pension earnings limit from €115,000 to €60,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31014/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Finance the full-year revenue that would be generated by increasing CGT to 40%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31015/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Finance the full-year revenue that would be generated by establishing a new rate of corporate tax of 50% on the profits of all energy companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31016/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year cost for index linking the existing tax bands to inflation in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31017/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Finance the situation regarding the appointment of Board members to the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [31079/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Finance the guidance provided to the Irish Strategic Investment Fund regarding industries, sectors or otherwise, which it is prohibited from investing in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [31243/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Irish Strategic Investment Fund has invested in companies which operate and derive income from the Occupied Palestinian Territories; if such is consistent with the Irish Government policy of distinguishing between the territory of the State of

Israel and the territories of the State of Palestine occupied by the State of Israel since 1967; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [31244/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of the additional excise duty applied to goods coming into Ireland from other EU countries but shipped through the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [31281/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider requesting the retail banks and credit unions to exempt people with disabilities from bank charges as it is an added cost to those who are most vulnerable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [31293/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will defer the introduction of the concrete levy due to be introduced on 1 September 2023, given the current construction inflation and the additional burden the levy will place on the cost of construction including housing and public works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [31294/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on bike and quad racing insurance (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31333/23]

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.

*239. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if a response will issue to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if he intends to make any changes to the supplementary pension to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31277/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to clarify the current position with the An Post pension fund which was set up in 1983, wherein there has been no increase in payment since the economic downturn in 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [30521/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he is aware of the cost issue relating to the design and delivery of the flood relief scheme for the Gort lowlands as a result of a design issue with the recently constructed M17/M18 motorway; if he will intervene and instruct the Department of Transport and TII to rectify the issue to ensure the flood relief scheme can be delivered as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [30639/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of State contracts that a company (details supplied) has been involved in; the projects it has been involved with; if the State has ever carried out independent audits of the company throughout the planning, construction and delivery phases of the projects; if so, if he will provide reports on the findings of any such public audits for each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [30758/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his views on a situation regarding public sector pay (details supplied); if he

acknowledges the unfairness of same; and the measures he intends to take to resolve the issue. — Chris Andrews. [30805/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of appeals his officials dealt with in each of the past five years relating to individuals in receipt of occupational pensions which he and the respective Ministers approved from An Post, Eircom (No. 2 Fund), the Irish Aviation Authority and Coillte and who have a “not less favourable” guarantee on their pension entitlements under the various Acts which established these semi-State organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30806/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the estimated cumulative value of the investments to be made in counties Cavan, Monaghan, Sligo, Leitrim, Louth and Donegal, respectively under the timeframe of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; the estimated funding drawdown to date in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [30807/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department will provide a secure area for a team (details supplied) to store its equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30940/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will report on the review of the assessment emissions impact of public investment and the recommended reforms, as outlined in the climate action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [31063/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the estimated cumulative value of the investments to be made in counties Galway, Roscommon and Mayo, respectively under the timeframe of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; the estimated funding drawdown to date in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30917/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will report on the capacity of public sector bodies to deliver climate action identifying action areas, as outlined in the Climate Action Plan annex of actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [31185/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if an OPW staff residential property can be allocated (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [31197/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount per year invested in Castletown House since the OPW took ownership to date in 2023; and if he will provide a schedule of works, restorations, installations and projects carried out over that timeframe. — Catherine Murphy. [31222/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 473 of 8 September 2022 and No. 50 of 12 October 2022, if he will consider the proposal (details supplied) in consultation with the director; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31275/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the Report of the Review of Ireland's Statutory Framework for Ethics in Public Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31300/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for details of the engagement his Department has had with the Department of Health and the HSE with regard to the recent changes to the public spending code, and in particular the introduction of a three-stage approvals process, and the impacts of these changes on an ongoing project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31301/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a full list of the cost of projects being considered for inclusion in Ireland's BAR claim to the EU Commission in September 2024, which is estimated to amount to €0.7 billion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [31316/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform how he envisages spending the €150 million of Brexit Adjustment Reserve funding that his Department has transferred to the RePowerEU initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [31317/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount of BAR funding he plans to allocate to his Department in Budget 2024 and specifically for marine related measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [31318/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the legal obligations on the civil and public service to assist residents in Ireland to access State services through the provision of translation and interpretation assistance, where those seeking to access services do not have English or Irish as a first language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [31332/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the benefit accruing the Exchequer arising from the implementation of reform proposals across all Government departments and subsidiaries thereof; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31342/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which reform has featured throughout all Government departments in a way to ensure the benefits are experienced throughout the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31343/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which reform has become a feature of public procurement with a view to ensuring prompt delivery of projects and contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31344/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the degree to which he expects all Government projects to continue to be completed on

time and within budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31345/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether he remains satisfied that levels of public expenditure here are adequately proofed to ensure best outcome for the Exchequer and taxpayer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31346/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update in regard to the extent to which he expects the various targets in Project Ireland 2040 to be achieved on time and within budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31347/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which any outstanding matters arising from FEMPI have been concluded, or are in the course thereof; if groups throughout society with increasing dependence on the satisfactory outcome of FEMPI restoration are satisfied at the progress on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31348/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he continues to monitor issues such as public procurement and/or the removal of any other administrative obstructions that might hinder the progress of the National Development Plan; those areas that he has identified as central in such issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31349/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he has identified particular issues in relation to the implementation of the National Development Plan; his plans for the resolution of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31350/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the degree to which his Department continues to observe and encourage best practice in terms of the delivery of such issues as the National Development Plan; whether savings for the taxpayer will emerge as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31351/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the estimated number of new whole-time equivalents in the civil and public service up to 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31363/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he has engaged with NewEra, An Post and or the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications in respect of an enhanced pension arrangement for staff at An Post; and if he has been contacted by An Post management regarding this issue (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [31375/23]

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

*271. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is aware that healthcare assistants who have been recruited by the HSE from abroad, are facing terrible difficulties

reuniting with family members in Ireland because their income does not meet the income threshold for family reunification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31056/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will move to increase the minimum wage of non-EEA healthcare assistants to €30,000 to help them reach the threshold for family reunification; if the Government will move to grant a Stamp 1G Visa for non-EEA HCA's spouses and/or allow dependents a work permit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31057/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the actions his Department is undertaking to ensure that unregistered practitioners in a variety of trades are unable to advertise their services on websites (details supplied); if there has been any engagement with these websites on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [30501/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of cloth weaving factories operating in the country; if any special recognition and supports are available to such a traditional industrial business to ensure that such manufacturing industries continue to operate in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30563/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will address a series of matters concerning an amendment to the Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2017 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [30587/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the Employment Regulation Order in relation to the minimum rate of pay for security workers and the High Court injunction currently taking place. — Patrick Costello. [30590/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will amend the current Workplace Relations Act 2015 that changes the way cases under the Equal Status Acts 2000-2018 are heard and dealt with. — Patrick Costello. [30593/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he will honour the terms of the Employment Regulation Order for the security industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31145/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a climate delivery taskforce has been established to focus on the specific areas or initiatives of climate delivery that require cross-Government collaboration in all relevant departments in the industry sector as outlined in the Climate Action Plan annex of actions, if he will report on their progress to date and the participation of the Department Of The Environment, Climate And Communications in the taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31173/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a climate delivery taskforce has been established to focus on the specific areas or initiatives of climate delivery that require cross-Government collaboration in all relevant departments in the built environment sector as outlined in the Climate Action Plan annex of actions; if he will report on their progress to date and the participation of the Department Of The Environment, Climate And Communications in the taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31174/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a climate delivery taskforce has been established to focus on the specific areas or initiatives of climate delivery that require cross-Government collaboration in all relevant departments in the built environment sector as outlined in the Climate Action Plan annex of actions; if he will report on their progress to date and the participation of the Department Of The Environment, Climate And Communications in the taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31178/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*282. To ask the Minister for Education if the XEX status of guidance councillors will be restored in all secondary schools where their hours are based on the number of students in the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31304/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware that there is an anticipated shortage of school places in an area (details supplied); and if measures are being taken to provide additional temporary or permanent accommodation. — Sean Sherlock. [30492/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware that there is an anticipated shortage of school places in an area (details supplied); and if measures are being taken to provide additional temporary or permanent accommodation. — Sean Sherlock. [30493/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update in relation to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [30495/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Education if she will urgently consider approving emergency works for a primary school (details supplied) in County Leitrim following recent damage caused by subsidence recently. — Frankie Feighan. [30499/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a copy of the final draft report of the school facilitator in the Raheny Diversity Pilot initiative to parents of children in Raheny who have requested one, noting that one has already been provided to the Catholic archbishop as patron. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30506/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Education what plans there are to maintain staffing levels in a school (details supplied) to ensure there will continue to be a teacher per class in the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30508/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Education what arrangements are in place to provide maternity leave for primary school teachers whose children have been born through surrogacy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [30511/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the approval for a new school extension project (details supplied) as of June 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30517/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the review of the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30530/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Education what the current Department of Education policy is regarding the care of old school roll books; if there are plans to digitise old school roll books and

make them available to the public online; if her Department is satisfied with the current storage of the books in each individual school; whether there are any plans to transfer custody of the books to the county libraries or national archives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [30540/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 515 of 13 June 2023, if an adequate response will be issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [30541/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [30542/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the ICT grant to primary schools for the current academic year has been withdrawn; her plans to restore this vital grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [30584/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has provided any policies or circulars to schools on recycling furniture they no longer want; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [30623/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Education what steps will be taken to allay parent concerns regarding a school (details supplied) in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [30749/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Education whether the facilitators report on the proposed divestment at schools (details supplied) has been revised following submissions from interested parties; if a finalised report will be produced and circulated to stakeholders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [30751/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will review the decision not to award an extra teacher to a school (details supplied) in County Sligo that now will have 34 pupils in junior infants from September 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [30763/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Education if she will issue ICT grants for national schools at double the previous rate before the commencement of the new academic year to address the shortfall from the failure to pay the grant this year. — Holly Cairns. [30767/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Education who the members of the independent Primary Staffing Appeals Board are; if there are any teachers on the board; if there is a mechanism to appeal a decision made by the board; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [30801/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the status of a transport application for a pupil (details supplied); when a decision will be made on the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [30890/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Education if she has a plan to address the urgency for a new school building for a school (details supplied); if she will follow up her commitment to visit the school at the earliest possible convenience; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30922/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Education if a primary school principal must be the health and safety representative on the Board of Management; if she can make a statement on responsibilities of principals in terms of duty of care to staff as per the Education Act 1998; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [30938/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of the new school build for a school (details supplied) works for which you indicated in a previous Parliamentary Question reply to commence at the end of June 2023; the date for the commencement of this new build and the completion timeframe; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [30946/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Education the current status for an application for emergency works (details supplied) for toilet facilities; when a decision is likely to be made in this case in view of the fact that these are urgently required to accommodate 42 children enrolled for September in the school which has recently become co-educational, that a delay in this project could result in the school being unable to accommodate these children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [30967/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) can expect to have a decision on its applications under the additional accommodation scheme and the emergency works scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [31043/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a reason for the omission of the term “homophobic”, “transphobic” and “biphobic” from the most recent Action Plan on Bullying, Cineáltas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [31055/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Education the capital budget allocation for her Department in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [31084/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Education when construction works at a school (details supplied) will be completed. — Sorca Clarke. [31085/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Education when construction works at a school (details supplied) will be completed. — Sorca Clarke. [31086/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Education the number of additional teachers that would be needed to reduce the pupil/teacher ratio to 22:1 at primary level. — Sorca Clarke. [31087/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Education when construction works at a school (details supplied) will be completed. — Sorca Clarke. [31088/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Education when construction works at a school (details supplied) will be completed; and the estimated cost of this project. — Sorca Clarke. [31089/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Education when refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) will be completed. — Sorca Clarke. [31090/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Education when approval will be sanctioned for a school (details supplied) to proceed to the next stage for the construction of two ASD units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [31112/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Education when ICT grants will be paid to primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [31163/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Education the average total of voluntary contributions received annually by schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31166/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Education if she will engage with the State Examinations Commission regarding the possibility of an exam deferral for a student (details supplied) considering the traumatic circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [31169/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the new build for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [31187/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Education the level of engagement that her Department has had with (details supplied) in relation to a land swap for a school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [31188/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an ICT grant for a school (details supplied); if this school will be given an allocation of ICT funding for 2022-2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [31205/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department engaged with schools to ensure that their Acceptable Use Policy for the use of smartphones is set up effectively and implemented. — Francis Noel Duffy. [31211/23]

*324. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on an ASD class for a school (details supplied) in Dublin south west; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [31212/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the fact that a school (details supplied) has an ASD unit in its junior school but not the senior school; the reasons for the delay in procuring an ASD unit in the senior school; if she will resolve the issues preventing the establishment of the unit considering students of this ASD unit finishing up in the junior school have nowhere to go for September; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [31214/23]

*326. To ask the Minister for Education if she will urgently review the failure of her Department to financially assist a school (details supplied) with the normal departmental grants paid per student based on enrolment at the school. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [31271/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Education when her Department will provide the finances required to demolish and rebuild school buildings at a school (details supplied) and a boundary wall, given that the engineer's report has recommended same and as applied for to her Department. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [31272/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Education the funding support available to a school (details supplied) in Dublin 11; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31278/23]

*329. To ask the Minister for Education if she will reduce the ratio of full-time guidance counsellors in order to increase the amount of guidance counsellors available to students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31305/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Education if the case of a child (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31380/23]

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

*331. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department is planning to open a new round of the large-scale sport infrastructure fund; if so, if those previously awarded grant funding will be allowed to apply for additional funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [30727/23]

*332. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will indicate the costs associated with the publication and distribution of “1923: Birth of a Nation”; and the estimated number of persons reached through different means. — Richard Bruton. [30838/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the engagement that has been had with Europe in regard to the suitability and longevity of 4G playing pitches, and the components of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [30839/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the proposed date for the opening of the next round of sports capital grants; and if projects that were previously funded can reapply in certain sports. — Sean Sherlock. [30840/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a list of sports capital grant awards to golf clubs in the past two rounds of funding, including the amount awarded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [30847/23]

*336. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department sought or obtained a copy of any contracts between recipients of the live performance supports scheme and musicians employed for performances under the scheme. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [31246/23]

*337. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if recipients of the live performance support scheme are required to seek the positive consent of musicians who performed as part of events funded under the scheme or from her Department as funder of the scheme, in order to subsequently rebroadcast or sell recordings of performances under the scheme for commercial profit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [31247/23]

*338. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding, if any, that was provided by her Department for the recently opened Rugby Museum in Limerick; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31251/23]

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

*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a charge is levied by Ireland on undersea telecommunications operators for the use of the Irish marine EEZ as a pass-through location for undersea telecommunications cables that do not land in Ireland or connect Ireland to other states and/or to networks outside this jurisdiction; if so, to outline the annual charge levied on operators for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [30516/23]

*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to list all registered charities which received funding by way of grant in aid or through schemes administered by his Department in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30533/23]

*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to list all registered charities working in the area of housing or homelessness which his Department has engaged with from 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30534/23]

*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the overall number of registered charities operating in the area of housing and homelessness, and whether there are too many such bodies operating at present; whether the sector would benefit from some mergers to achieve economies of scale and to avoid duplication of their work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30535/23]

*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person returning to Ireland, having worked for three years overseas, can avail of the help-to-buy scheme and/or the first-home scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [30551/23]

*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is any heritage recognition that can be availed of for the last remaining weaver facility in the Liberties (details supplied), an area which was famous for its weaving for centuries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30564/23]

*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of a number of viable businesses (details supplied) that may struggle to continue to trade and could close and have to lay off staff due to an additional tax being imposed on them in the shape of the RTZL; if his Department has any role in explaining or certifying that they are not a derelict building but in fact are trading as a going concern; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30567/23]

*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the revised social housing construction and acquisition caps for local authorities and AHBs under the social housing investment programme; and if he will set out the methodology and time period used in determining the caps and revised caps. — Eoin Ó Broin. [30602/23]

*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost of buy-and-renew social homes delivered in Dublin city and county in 2022 and to date in 2023. — Eoin Ó Broin. [30603/23]

*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost of tenant-in-situ purchases in Dublin city and county in 2022 and to date in 2023. — Eoin Ó Broin. [30604/23]

*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total capitalisation provided to the LDA to date; the LDAs total borrowing capacity; and the plans the Government intends to make regarding these arrangements. — Eoin Ó Broin. [30611/23]

*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average unit cost of social housing acquisitions acquired in 2022 and separately to date in 2023; and to provide a breakdown of average costs, by size of unit, and by vacant unit versus tenant-in-situ acquisitions. — Eoin Ó Broin. [30612/23]

*351. 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 Dublin City Council; and the final spend on same. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30653/23]

*352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 62 local authority housing units approved for construction in 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. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30654/23]

*353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 35 local authority housing units approved for construction in 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. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30655/23]

*354. 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. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30656/23]

*355. 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. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30657/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 19 AHB housing units approved for construction at a location (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. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30658/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 23 AHB housing units approved for construction at a location (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. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30659/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 20 AHB housing units approved for construction at a location (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. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30660/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the eight AHB housing units approved for construction at a location (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. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30661/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 15 AHB housing units approved for construction at a location (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. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30662/23]

*361. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 12 local authority housing units approved for construction at a location (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. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30663/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 16 local authority housing units approved for construction at a location (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. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30664/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [30756/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to ensure that carer's allowance is not included in the assessment of means testing for social housing rents. — Holly Cairns. [30772/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify whether his Department owns a site (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [30774/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of all housing developments currently in the pipeline of the Land Development Agency; the number of units in each development; the current stage in the contracting process, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [30778/23]

*367. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of the costs to date to both his Department and the Housing Agency of developing and establishing the croí cónaithe (cities) scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [30779/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of unsold affordable housing units, broken down by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [30780/23]

*369. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown, by local authority of the most up-to-date amounts collected under the vacant site levy, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [30781/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will set out each of the bundles of PPP social housing including a list of locations and number of units in each scheme in each bundle; the stage each scheme and each bundle is at in the delivery pipeline; the total cost of the lifetime of the contract for each bundle; the list of organisations involved in each PPP consortium for each bundle; and the details of the public sector benchmark used in each of the bundles to date, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [30901/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outlaw all night-time shooting, following a past recommendation from the NPWS that hunting be prohibited from midnight to 6am and in view of an incident at a Dublin golf course in which a person was seriously injured after reportedly being shot by a hunter (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [30910/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will move to ban all night-time shooting, following an incident at a golf course in Dublin in which a person suffered serious injuries and was treated in the intensive care unit of the Mater Hospital after reportedly being shot by a hunter (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [30911/23]

*373. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address concerns that there are insufficient financial incentives for persons to apply for options such as home improvement grants when compared with options provided by other EU member state governments (details supplied) and that the application criteria are too restrictive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30919/23]

*374. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the new architectural departments being set up across local authorities will be concluded; if he has a timeframe for the recruitment process to staff these new departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [30926/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update and indicative timeline on the legal action the Government intends to take against manufacturers of defective concrete blocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [30929/23]

*376. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects applications for defective concrete block redress will go live; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [30930/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that insurance companies are refusing to offer certain levels of insurance cover to homes with confirmed and suspected pyrite and mica defects and that this is causing many house sales to fall through; how he proposes to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [30931/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has sanctioned a facilitator role in Clare County Council to oversee the roll-out of the expected defective concrete block redress scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [30932/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the new facilitator roles he has approved to oversee the roll-out of defective concrete block redress at county level are being funded from the overall purse that the Government has ring-fenced for redress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [30937/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of the number of properties each local authority has targeted for purchase through the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [30941/23]

*381. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the National Parks and Wildlife Services has ever, or will, make an application to designate lands (details supplied) as either a special area of conservation and special protection area, otherwise known collectively as NATURA 2000 sites and or a natural heritage area. — Catherine Murphy. [31019/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the National Parks and Wildlife Service's attention has been drawn to the spraying and or poisoning of lands at a location in Celbridge, County Kildare (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [31020/23]

*383. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the progress to retain and strengthen climate action policy objectives in implementation and forthcoming review of the National Planning Framework, as outlined in the climate action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31062/23]

*384. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost of acquiring 1-, 2-, 3- and 4-bedroomed homes per unit in Dublin under the buy-and-renew scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31064/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost of acquiring 1-, 2-, 3- and 4-bedroomed homes per unit outside Dublin under the buy-and-renew scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31065/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 760 of 26 July 2022, if he will provide the number of houses bought by each council for the amounts listed in the table; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31066/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to introduce legislation in response to the Supreme Court ruling in a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31077/23]

*388. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the decision by some mortgage lenders not to grant mortgages on properties which would qualify for the vacant homes grant, on the grounds that the local authority will take a charge in the property, should the property be sold within ten years; the action that he is taking to rectify this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [31083/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the proposals from Uisce Éireann to upgrade Ringsend water treatment plant, including a detailed timeline for this and how it will impact on the protection of the bathing waters in Dublin Bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31101/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the six vacant houses (details supplied) in County Clare will be retained by Clare County Council; if the said properties will be refurbished for habitation by persons on the housing list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [31104/23]

*391. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider increasing the income threshold for people applying for the local authority home loan to take into account the increase in wages and to include people who are second-chance applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [31106/23]

*392. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31239/23]

*393. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the role his Department has in setting the tenancy rates for voluntary houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31242/23]

*394. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31248/23]

*395. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31249/23]

*396. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the percentage of funding that is given towards the building of voluntary houses; if a breakdown can be provided for each voluntary housing group for the Kerry area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31250/23]

*397. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the implementation of the Programme for Government commitments in relation to local government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [31257/23]

*398. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what powers, if any, the EPA or a local authority have under the Bathing Water Quality Regulations 2008, or any other legislation, in relation to directing Uisce Éireann to take corrective action where systems under its control are causing pollution of designated bathing waters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [31291/23]

*399. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details of the new cost rental subsidy scheme including who will be eligible to access the fund; the level of subsidy; the form of subsidy that is, grant aid, equity and so on; whether there will be a clawback provision; and when the scheme will open to applicants. — Eoin Ó Broin. [31379/23]

*400. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a progress report on Housing For All. — Paul Murphy. [30979/23]

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

*401. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to indicate to the grounds upon which an individual in receipt of an income from an Approved Retirement Fund, before age 66 years, must pay S class contributions before qualifying for the State pension, which ultimately disqualifies them from receiving the jobseeker’s benefit bridging payment before qualifying for the State pension at age 66 as they are then classed as a self-employed contributor, despite not being self-employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31054/23]

*402. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) can access a welfare payment. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [30502/23]

*403. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the basis on which jobseeker’s benefit applicants who are ancillary staff who work in schools and have to sign on for jobseeker’s benefit for the summer months will have their rate calculated (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30520/23]

*404. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) was denied a welfare payment. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [30531/23]

*405. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the State pension will be increased to 34% of average earnings to meet the Government’s commitment on pensions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [30536/23]

*406. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30539/23]

*407. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of bonus payments of weekly child benefit that were made in November 2022 as part of the package of cost-of-living measures; the overall cost of same; the number of households that benefitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [30543/23]

*408. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a guardianship payment will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30550/23]

*409. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it is her intention to legislate for an automatic enrolment retirement savings scheme in 2023; if so, if the scheme will be open for workers from January 2024; if not, from what proposed date; when the arrangements will be put in place for the scheme; when the legislation will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [30588/23]

*410. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends to take on board the recommendations from the report of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on pre-legislative scrutiny of the general scheme of the Automatic Enrolment Retirement Savings System Bill 2022; which recommendations she will be taking on board in the Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [30589/23]

*411. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a domiciliary care allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30595/23]

*412. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to address concerns that persons applying for disability allowance are being charged €60-80 for letters by their GPs; if he is taking any measures to provide for the reimbursement of these costs to those who successfully qualify for disability-related payments or supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30599/23]

*413. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on an appeal for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [30624/23]

*414. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question 83 of 23 May 2023, if she will provide an update on her engagements with the Minister for Health and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment in relation to supports for health care workers experiencing long-Covid as a result of their service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [30633/23]

*415. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will carry out a full review of the contributory pension of a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [30753/23]

*416. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) is having money deducted from their pay which they did not agree to; if she will request that the deductions be stopped; if she will provide a full breakdown of the total overpayment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [30754/23]

*417. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on introducing a cost of disability payment in Budget 2024 of at least €20 per week as a first step to addressing the significant additional costs of having a disability. — Holly Cairns. [30775/23]

*418. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is a rule preventing a person on disability allowance or invalidity pension from taking up an unpaid directorship in a company; if

this is a community group or charity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30860/23]

*419. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application by a person (details supplied) will be examined; the status of this application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30865/23]

*420. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the full-year revenue that would be generated by establishing a new employer PRSI rate of 19.75% on any salaries paid over €90,000 per year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31000/23]

*421. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the full-year revenue that would be generated by increasing the 11.05% employers PRSI rate to 13.05% on salaries paid below €90,000 per year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31001/23]

*422. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on her Department's report regarding a free travel scheme for people with epilepsy. — Gary Gannon. [31053/23]

*423. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many additional carers are now qualifying for the carer's allowance on the basis of the changes to the means test introduced in 2022, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [31061/23]

*424. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of appeals officers assigned to assessing both applications and appeals, respectively for the State pension (contributory). — Sorca Clarke. [31091/23]

*425. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes introduced to the living alone allowance since 27 June 2020; and if she will detail the number of recipients, by county, benefitting from these changes, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [31140/23]

*426. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes introduced to the fuel allowance since 27 June 2020; and if she will detail the number of recipients, by county, benefitting from these changes, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [31139/23]

*427. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes introduced to the State pension since 27 June 2020; and if she will detail the number of recipients, by county, benefitting from these changes, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [31137/23]

*428. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes introduced to the qualified child payment since 27 June 2020; and if she will detail the number of recipients, by county, benefitting from these changes, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [31136/23]

*429. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes introduced to the working family payment since 27 June 2020; and if she will detail the number of recipients, by county, benefitting from these changes, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [31135/23]

*430. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes introduced to the one parent family payment since 27 June 2020; and if she will detail the number of recipients, by county, benefitting from these changes, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [31134/23]

*431. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes introduced to the hot school meals programme since 27 June 2020; and if she will detail the number of recipients, by county, benefitting from these changes, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [31133/23]

*432. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes introduced to the disability allowance since 27 June 2020; and if she will detail the number of recipients, by county, benefitting from these changes, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [31132/23]

*433. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes introduced to illness benefit since 27 June 2020; and if she will detail the number of recipients, by county, benefitting from these changes, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [31131/23]

*434. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes introduced to parent's benefit since 27 June 2020; and if she will detail the number of recipients, by county, benefitting from these changes, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [31130/23]

*435. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes introduced to the back-to-school clothing and footwear allowance since 27 June 2020; and if she will detail the number of recipients, by county, benefitting from these changes, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [31129/23]

*436. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes introduced to the carer's support grant since 27 June 2020; and if she will detail the number of recipients, by county, benefitting from these changes, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [31128/23]

*437. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes introduced to the widowed or surviving civil partner grant since 27 June 2020; and if she will detail the number of recipients, by county, benefitting from these changes, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [31127/23]

*438. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes introduced to farm assist since 27 June 2020; and if she will detail the number of recipients, by county, benefitting from these changes, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [31126/23]

*439. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes introduced to maternity benefit since 27 June 2020; and if she will detail the number of recipients, by county, benefitting from these changes, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [31124/23]

*440. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes introduced to adoptive benefit since 27 June 2020; and if she will detail the number of recipients, by county, benefitting from these changes, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [31122/23]

*441. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes introduced to domiciliary care allowance since 27 June 2020; and if she will detail the number of recipients, by county, benefitting from these changes, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [31121/23]

*442. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes introduced to the half-rate carer's allowance since 27 June 2020; and if she will detail the number of recipients, by county, benefitting from these changes, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [31138/23]

*443. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to increase funding for schools' meals at second level given that primary school children receive €3.20 and secondary school

students only receive €2.50; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [31144/23]

*444. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to tackle the insurance issues that have arisen within the EmployAbility Programme that are hindering people with disabilities from gaining employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [31149/23]

*445. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding an over payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31152/23]

*446. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for a carer's support grant and a respite grant will be considered in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31165/23]

*447. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what correspondence can issue from her Department confirming that a person (details supplied) is a named qualified adult dependent, for a defined period of time for use as evidence of residency for an application for naturalisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [31198/23]

*448. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31202/23]

*449. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person's (details supplied) illness benefit payment will be affected if they are to apply for the carer's support grant. — Paul Murphy. [31226/23]

*450. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person participating in the JobPath programme who declines to sign a consent form allowing Seetec to make contact with employers of perspective employers on their behalf, will be sanctioned or penalised in any way; how programme participants' personal data is stored, processed and shared; how this complies with Irish and EU data protection laws; if their data will be transferred out of Ireland to servers or software located in the UK or any other third-party entities; the safeguards that are in place to protect participants' data; what a participant is agreeing to when asked to sign the induction booklet; if this is mandatory under legislation; if it constitutes any form of a contract with Seetec that may affect their rights; if the participant will be sanctioned or penalised for refusing to sign; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [31298/23]

*451. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if plans are in place to reform the carer's allowance criteria for persons who were self-employed for some time prior to taking time out to care full-time for family members (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [31341/23]

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

*452. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision will be made for a visa applicant (details supplied) issued with a general employment permit in July 2022; if she is aware of the impact on businesses and employers waiting nine months for such decisions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [30490/23]

*453. To ask the Minister for Justice whether diplomatic passport holders from non-EU countries are permitted to access Ireland without a visa; if so, to identify which countries are so permitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30491/23]

*454. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of visa applications for those issued with general work permits that were processed each week in the past twelve months; if she is aware delays in processing has on businesses when employers are waiting over six months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [30494/23]

*455. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of the appeals for visas in the case of the family of a person (details supplied); when the appeals can be expected to be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30545/23]

*456. To ask the Minister for Justice if the gardaí are aware of HHC cannabinoids being sold in vapes in Ireland; and if there have been any investigations into its sale in vape shops. — Paul Donnelly. [30556/23]

*457. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated full-year cost if 1,500 new gardaí were recruited in both 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30665/23]

*458. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of competitions held for sworn Garda members to apply to join the Garda National Immigration Bureau in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30666/23]

*459. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 456 of 9 May 2023, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this PQ answered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30667/23]

*460. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of threat-to-kill incidents reported to gardaí within the R and J districts of the DMR in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30668/23]

*461. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of incidents that the Garda water unit was requested to attend in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30669/23]

*462. To ask the Minister for Justice if the contract for the issuing of a new ballistic vests to frontline gardaí has been put out to tender and if so, the closing date for receiving tender offers. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30670/23]

*463. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated full-year cost of providing one additional detective inspector, one additional detective sergeant and two extra detective gardaí to each divisional protective service unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30671/23]

*464. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated full-year cost to recruit two additional WTE senior psychologists and two additional psychologists for the Irish Prison Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30672/23]

*465. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of incidents that the Garda armed support unit was requested to attend in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30673/23]

*466. To ask the Minister for Justice if a new contract for the provision of new Garda roads policing unit vehicles will be put out to tender during Quarter 3 this year. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30674/23]

*467. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost of training an extra 750 gardaí in public order level 2 training in 2023. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30675/23]

*468. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount that An Garda Síochána has spent on vehicular recovery services within the DMR north division in 2022 and to date in 2023; the name of the company that was awarded the contract; when this current contract is due to expire; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30676/23]

*469. To ask the Minister for Justice the percentage of Garda personnel authorised to carry tasers when on duty; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30677/23]

*470. To ask the Minister for Justice when the result of an investigation the cause of a person’s death (details supplied) will be available to the family; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [30757/23]

*471. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a schedule, by Garda division, of the number of checkpoints that were set up in 2022 and to date in 2023 (details supplied); and the number of breath tests and saliva tests conducted at these checkpoints. — Catherine Murphy. [30798/23]

*472. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will respond to concerns and proposals from a person (details supplied) in respect of family reunification; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [30851/23]

*473. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of gardaí, by rank assigned to each respective Garda station in west Kerry, that is, Dingle, Annascaul, Castlegregory and Baile an Fheirtéaraigh; if any of the assigned gardaí at the respective stations are currently not available for duty; if the corresponding personnel numbers, including rank for June 2021 and June 2022 will be provided; if any vacant positions remain unfilled at these stations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30924/23]

*474. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will commence publishing daily figures in relation to the number of asylum applications processed under headings such as, permission to remain, application rejected and the subsequent action that is, if deported or under appeal and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [30925/23]

*475. To ask the Minister for Justice when a person (details supplied) will be issued a new recommendation from the International Protection Office following the settlement of their High Court proceedings in April 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [30933/23]

*476. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure in relation to early release (community return scheme) of a prisoner and if she has a role in deciding, signing off on all such releases under such a scheme; at what level in the Prison Service can such a Ministerial approval be overturned or not complied with; if she is aware of any such situations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30955/23]

*477. To ask the Minister for Justice if she aware of the case of a person (details supplied) serving a sentence in relation to the of possession of drugs in Shelton Abbey open prison, County Wicklow, due to be released following your approval on 12 June 2023 under the community return scheme to take up a voluntary position working with the SOLAS project in the Liberties two days later, only to have his release order rescinded on afternoon of due release for no explained reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30956/23]

*478. To ask the Minister for Justice how many holders of subsidiary protection declarations have had their subsidiary protection ceased in accordance with section 11 of the International Protection Act 2015 since the commencement of the act. — Gary Gannon. [31050/23]

*479. To ask the Minister for Justice how many holders of the subsidiary protection declarations have had their subsidiary protection ceased in accordance with Regulation 18 of SI 426/2013 European Union (Subsidiary Protection) Regulations 2013 since the commencement of those regulations. — Gary Gannon. [31051/23]

*480. To ask the Minister for Justice when the Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking Bill 2022 will be brought before Dáil Éireann. — Gary Gannon. [31052/23]

*481. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Irish residence permit cards that were issued in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [31098/23]

*482. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of designated community gardaí in Carlow in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [31117/23]

*483. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans to extend funding for community CCTV in Tullow in order to sustain the valuable service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [31118/23]

*484. To ask the Minister for Justice when a prisoner is due for a release under the community return scheme as a result of a Ministerial order; if such an order can be delayed or stopped by the intervention of a third party as appears to have happened in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [31154/23]

*485. To ask the Minister for Justice how many people have entered Ireland without the valid documentation for the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [31194/23]

*486. To ask the Minister for Justice how many people have tried to enter Ireland without the valid documentation for the past five years, in tabular form; how many of these people were not allowed entry in to the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [31195/23]

*487. To ask the Minister for Justice how many airlines have been prosecuted for allowing people in to the country without documentation for the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [31196/23]

*488. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will introduce any legislative provision to ensure that issues such as the presence of asbestos are disclosed during the course of a property sale. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31225/23]

*489. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will expedite an application lodged by a person (details supplied) in September 2022 for renewal of a stamp 4 visa by a person. — Michael Creed. [31245/23]

*490. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update with regard to the gambling regulations of 2022 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31310/23]

*491. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the full range of functions and responsibilities of the Gambling Regulator; who will issue licences; if local authorities will continue to have an input or role in the licence issuing process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [31355/23]

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

*492. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the workforce plan for the Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority; how many bailiffs are currently employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31229/23]

*493. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the deadline attached to the funding of €1.2 million provided by his Department for Bunbeg pier in County Donegal can be extended by a year to account for the current delays in awarding foreshore licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [31230/23]

*494. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration has been given to including combine harvesters in the eligible equipment list for the tillage capital investment scheme under TAMS II; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30580/23]

*495. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration has been given increasing the maximum funding ceiling for the tillage capital investment scheme under TAMS II; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30581/23]

*496. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications to the tillage capital investment scheme under TAMS II in 2022 and 2023; the number of applications submitted under each category; the number of applications approved, and the total spend under each category; the average payment made under each category; if this information will be provided in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30582/23]

*497. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications to the protein aid scheme to date in 2023; the level of funding allocated to date in 2023; if he intends

to increase the overall funding for the scheme in 2024 in order to allow more farmers to partake in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30591/23]

*498. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline how his Department intends to incentivise farmers to reach the target of 20,000 hectares of beans planted by 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30592/23]

*499. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to address situations where individuals have begun a fishing vessel decommissioning process, but due to delays in the process, they have not received any payments and cannot fish as a livelihood; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30764/23]

*500. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will engage with individuals who are currently applicants to the fishing vessel decommissioning scheme to address deficiencies in the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30765/23]

*501. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the proposals for a voluntary dairy reduction scheme that are being explored as part of the food vision dairy group; the consideration that is being given to including an entry scheme for young farmers as part of, or alongside the proposed exit scheme; the different proposals being considered as part of a voluntary scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30786/23]

*502. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the delay in granting approval to persons who wish to plant forestry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30790/23]

*503. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the Ireland/New Zealand Joint Research Mechanism pilot research initiative; the progress that has been made to date on the four projects funded under the initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [30803/23]

*504. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update in relation to the Control of Dogs Act 1986 working group; if he will provide details of the number of additional dog wardens to be recruited; if there are any plans for a recruitment campaign; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [30854/23]

*505. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that will be taken to reduce the deer population following the consultation process carried out by his Department where 86% of the persons who took part in the survey said a culling of deer is required; if he will outline the plans in place to manage the increasing deer population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [30876/23]

*506. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has conducted any analysis of the percentage increase in the cost of farm fertiliser in each of the past 24 months; and if so, if he can provide the figures to this Deputy. — Peadar Tóibín. [30888/23]

*507. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason there are different scoring timeframes for groups participating in ACRES co-operation project teams; if he will allow the same timeframes across all participants in this category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30920/23]

*508. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Rasaíocht Con Éireann's traceability system records the date, specific location and method of disposal of the carcasses of all deceased non-coursing greyhounds registered on the RCETS system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [31018/23]

*509. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he can specify the importer and distributor of the 30,000 ash plants infected with ash die back (*Chalara fraxinea*), imported from continental Europe and planted over 11 sites which he had cut and destroyed by burning in October 2012, as detailed by his predecessor in Parliamentary Question No. 200 of 15 November 2012; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31047/23]

*510. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he can specify the location of the 11 sites where his predecessor identified 30,000 ash plants infected with ash dieback (*Chalara fraxinea*), which he had destroyed by burning in October 2012 as detailed in Parliamentary Question No. 200 of 15 November 2012; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31048/23]

*511. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will correct his response to Parliamentary Question No. 154 of 26 May 2022, in which he stated that “the exact origin of ash dieback disease in Ireland or when it was introduced are unknown”, given that his predecessor stated in response to a Parliamentary Question on 15 November 2012 that the origin of the disease (*Chalara fraxinea*) was confirmed as originating in a consignment of 30,000 ash plants imported from continental Europe which were planted on 11 sites which he had cut and destroyed by burning in his “effort to stop the spread of the disease and prevent further infection”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31049/23]

*512. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the capital budget allocation for his Department in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [31093/23]

*513. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise what consideration has been given to re-establishing sugar beet processing in the State; if he will advise on any research or consultation his Department has carried out in this area as part of efforts to increase tillage production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [31164/23]

*514. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a climate delivery taskforce has been established to focus on the specific areas or initiatives of climate delivery that require cross-Government collaboration in all relevant departments in the agriculture sector as outlined in the Climate Action Plan annex of actions; if he will report on their progress to date and the participation of the Department of the Environment, Climate And Communications in the taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31171/23]

*515. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment processes that are currently being undertaken with regard to the Forestry Programme 2023-2027; when he expects these processes to conclude; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [31296/23]

*516. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how the €271 million provided from Brexit Adjustment Reserve funding in Budgets 2022 and 2023 was spent; if there is an expectation that there will be unused monies unallocated by 31 December 2023; the

estimated amount, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [31313/23]

*517. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding his Department has provided and will provide in the future to support moving the Irish fishing fleet to low impact gears; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [31314/23]

*518. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what plans his Department has to start moving the Irish fishing fleet to electric/renewable fuel sources in the years ahead; the proposed budget and multi-annual cost provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [31315/23]

*519. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration will be given to offering veterinary positions/contracts to veterinarians who have qualified in other jurisdictions outside the EU, given the current reported shortage of veterinarians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31324/23]

*520. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds named on the RCETS to date who were born in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [31370/23]

*521. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds born in 2021 who were exported un-named to the UK or elsewhere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [31371/23]

*522. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds who were microchipped and registered in the Irish stud book whose year of birth was 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [31372/23]

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

*523. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current situation regarding negotiations to address the pay parity in relation to Section 39 disability organisations, given the impact this is having on recruitment and retention in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [31078/23]

*524. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if she intends to reinstate the mobility allowance. — Robert Troy. [31192/23]

*525. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the capital allocations that have been made by his Department to the Disability Capital Programme in 2020, 2021 and 2022; the portion of this allocation in each of these years that went to provide community-based supported housing for people with disabilities being transferred from congregated settings; the portion of this allocation in each of these years that went to provide community-based supported housing for people with disabilities under the age of 65 years being transferred from nursing homes, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [31254/23]

*526. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding his Department plans to allocate to progress the recommendations in the Disability Capacity Review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [31255/23]

*527. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 352 of 20 April 2023, when an accommodation provider for Ukrainian refugees (details supplied) who is experiencing financial difficulties will receive payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [30505/23]

*528. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has entered into an agreement to use a building (details supplied) in County Kerry as a direct provision centre to accommodate asylum seekers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30538/23]

*529. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of new child care workers who have started working in special care units in each of the past 24 months. — Patrick Costello. [30546/23]

*530. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of new child care workers who have stopped working in special care units in each of the past 24 months. — Patrick Costello. [30547/23]

*531. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of new total whole-time equivalent staffing posts in special care units, broken down by grade and special care unit. — Patrick Costello. [30548/23]

*532. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of whole-time equivalent vacancies in special care units, broken down by grade and special care unit. — Patrick Costello. [30549/23]

*533. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the county childcare committees are reporting a scarcity of childcare places for children under two years of age; and if so, if he will consider targeted measures to address this. — Richard Bruton. [30583/23]

*534. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions being taken by his Department to aid a survivor of abuse (details supplied) to retain their personal records, in light of the recent court order to return them to the Christian Brothers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [30597/23]

*535. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unaccompanied minors taken into State care in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, respectively; the number of children accommodated within the foster care system in each year; the number of children who went missing from State care each year; the type of accommodation they went missing from; the number of children who were subsequently returned to State care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [30613/23]

*536. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what steps can be taken to ensure that persons with disabilities claiming under the Equal Status Act 2000 and/or the Employment Equality Act 1998 have fair hearings; if he has any concerns about those

with disabilities seeking justice before both the Workplace Relations Commission and/or the Labour Court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30634/23]

*537. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he intends to introduce legislation prohibiting discrimination on grounds of socio-economic disadvantage under the Equal Status Act 2000 and the Employment Equality Act 1998; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30635/23]

*538. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children in State care who are suspected to be homeless; and the number of persons who are currently in aftercare who are suspected to be homeless. — Peadar Tóibín. [30678/23]

*539. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will list the direct provision centres currently operating in the State; the number of persons residing in each; and the number residing in each centre in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [30679/23]

*540. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children taken into State care in each of the past five years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [30680/23]

*541. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unborn children placed on the child protection notification system of Tusla in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [30681/23]

*542. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons aged under 17 years who became pregnant while in State care in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [30682/23]

*543. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of times Tusla reported suspected child abuse to the gardaí over the past two years; and if a month-by-month breakdown can be provided on that figure. — Peadar Tóibín. [30683/23]

*544. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children in State care that reported being sexually assaulted while in care in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [30684/23]

*545. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons over the course of the past ten years who allege they were either physically or sexually abused or assaulted while in State care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [30685/23]

*546. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children in State care that were referred to hospitals, clinics or general practitioners for suspected sexually transmitted diseases in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [30686/23]

*547. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children in State care that reported being sexually assaulted while in care in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [30687/23]

*548. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children in State care that reported being physically assaulted while in care in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [30688/23]

*549. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children currently in State care that have not been assigned to foster families. — Peadar Tóibín. [30689/23]

*550. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of women and children who have been referred to the parent and infant unit in Bessborough for residential support and assessment in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [30690/23]

*551. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of units for residential support and assessment for parents operational nationwide; the location of each facility; and if Tusla refers women and or children to Northern Ireland or overseas for parental assessment or support. — Peadar Tóibín. [30691/23]

*552. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of women who have availed of and been through parental assessments that have subsequently had their children placed in State care; and the number of women who have retained custody of their children. — Peadar Tóibín. [30692/23]

*553. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children who have been taken into State care in each of the past five years by age and birthplace of the children by county or region. — Peadar Tóibín. [30693/23]

*554. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of women who have been subject to parental assessment by the State in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [30694/23]

*555. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children of Traveller ethnicity taken into State care in each of the 17 service areas of Tusla in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [30695/23]

*556. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons in foster care who have made allegations of sexual abuse against their foster families in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [30696/23]

*557. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons who were removed from foster care placements based on suspicions that they were victims of sexual abuse in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [30697/23]

*558. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of internal case reviews conducted by Tusla in the past ten years; the number that produced a report; and if he will list these reports by title and date, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [30698/23]

*559. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of reviews conducted by the National Review Panel since its establishment in 2010; and the titles/

pseudonyms used in each review and dates of completion, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [30699/23]

*560. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of times he has met with the Special Rapporteur on Child Protection since he took office; and the dates upon which those meetings took place. — Peadar Tóibín. [30700/23]

*561. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of times he has met with the Special Rapporteur on Child Protection since he took office; and the dates upon which those meetings took place. — Peadar Tóibín. [30700/23]

*562. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of recruitment agencies that Tusla is currently in a contract with regarding employment; the cost associated with each contract; and the dates upon which contracts were entered into. — Peadar Tóibín. [30701/23]

*563. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Tusla workers and staff that are working through a recruitment agency. — Peadar Tóibín. [30702/23]

*564. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of staff dismissed by Tusla over misconduct in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [30703/23]

*565. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of staff members Tusla has referred to CORU over concerns over standards, practice or misconduct in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [30704/23]

*566. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of private fostering companies or agencies currently operating in the State and or currently contracted by the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [30705/23]

*567. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the State has withdrawn from using the services of or withdrawn from contracts with private fostering companies operating in the State in the past ten years; if so, the reason the State withdrew from the contracts or from using the services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [30706/23]

*568. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children out of the 122 cases of suspected child abuse in County Kerry which went unreported by Tusla to An Garda Síochána, as identified in 2019 (details supplied) who are now deceased. — Peadar Tóibín. [30707/23]

*569. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Tusla employees sacked or dismissed in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and if he will provide the reason for dismissal in each case, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [30708/23]

*570. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of cases taken or legal proceedings issued by persons against Tusla in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [30709/23]

*571. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of times persons have taken legal cases against Tusla since it was established; the number of cases which have been concluded; the number of cases still ongoing; and the number of times the courts have ruled against Tusla in that time period. — Peadar Tóibín. [30710/23]

*572. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount paid by Tusla in each of its 17 service areas to lawyers representing GALs for each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [30711/23]

*573. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount paid by Tusla on legal fees in each year for the past five years in each of the 17 service areas; and the amount that has been spent on lawyers representing GALs in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [30712/23]

*574. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of asylum seekers in the State who are unaccompanied minors; the number which are in State care or fostering; and the number residing in direct provision centres and the number who are homeless. — Peadar Tóibín. [30713/23]

*575. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons living in direct provision who were previously in foster care in this State. — Peadar Tóibín. [30714/23]

*576. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children in State care are suspected to be homeless; and the number of persons who are currently in aftercare who are suspected to be homeless. — Peadar Tóibín. [30715/23]

*577. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children that died while in the care of the State in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2023; and the details of the cause of death or suspected cause of death in each case. — Peadar Tóibín. [30716/23]

*578. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children that have died in State care in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2023, by age, geographical location and cause of death. — Peadar Tóibín. [30717/23]

*579. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons that were engaging with Tusla or that Tusla had identified as at risk, who suffered a violent attack or sexual assault after the point in time when Tusla had begun engaging with them or identified them as at risk in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [30718/23]

*580. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of mothers of children in foster care and separately children in foster care that have died in each year since 2015 in each of Tusla's 17 service areas. — Peadar Tóibín. [30719/23]

*581. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of mothers of children in foster care that have died in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2023; and the number of mothers that died in each of the 17 service areas of Tusla. — Peadar Tóibín. [30720/23]

*582. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons that were murdered or died under suspicious circumstances over the past ten years in the State that had previously engaged with Tusla or who Tusla had previously identified as at risk. — Peadar Tóibín. [30721/23]

*583. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the purpose of a Tusla practice assurance and service monitoring team report; the number of PASM reports that Tusla has carried out since the agency was established; if he will list the primary pseudonym used in each report; the PASM reports that he has read or been briefed on since he took office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [30722/23]

*584. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if financial supports are made available to businesses, including those providing healthcare (details supplied) where they provide such services to Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30728/23]

*585. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will continue to fund a bus service for young people to attend disability day services and training in Bantry, County Cork, until an alternative suitable public route is in place. — Holly Cairns. [30766/23]

*586. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 992 of 21 March 2023, if an update is available on the scoping exercise undertaken by his Department to inform the development of a policy to address the needs of children and families in kinship care arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [30788/23]

*587. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the recently announced education and training bursary scheme 2023-2024 is extended to individuals who are care experienced through kinship care arrangements; and if not, the reason this is the case. — Eoin Ó Broin. [30789/23]

*588. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to tackle the lack of childcare spaces in the Dublin Bay north area; his plans to make childcare more affordable from September 2023; the number of childcare facilities in the Dublin Bay north area; the projected need for childcare spaces from 2023-2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [30833/23]

*589. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address a matter in relation to the provision of a service for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30835/23]

*590. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children aged zero to 18 years of age in each CHO and by individual area, awaiting first-time intervention in all areas of early intervention; the number on the public list; the number on the CDNT list in each CHO; and the length of time they are awaiting intervention, by age, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [30841/23]

*591. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of times he has either met with or corresponded with managers of direct provision centres since

he took office; and the dates on which these meeting or instances of correspondence occurred. — Peadar Tóibín. [30891/23]

*592. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will list the companies that have been contracted to run or manage direct provision centres in the State, either currently or in the past; and the amount paid to each over each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [30892/23]

*593. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to any instances where the owner of a building which is or was operating as a direct provision centre, is alleging that the company contracted by the State to manage or run the centre is not paying their rent to the owner of the property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [30893/23]

*594. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if IPAS or his Department collate data on the number of times asylum seekers living in direct provision have attempted to take their own lives; and if so, if he will furnish this Deputy with such data, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [30894/23]

*595. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1099 of 13 June 2023, to ensure funding is provided to an organisation for nursing support (details supplied) for a child to attend school to ensure the long-term provision of this service. — Holly Cairns. [31068/23]

*596. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to ensure pay parity for employees of Section 39 organisations providing disability services with comparable workers in the HSE. — Holly Cairns. [31069/23]

*597. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of additional respite hours that would be delivered by opening two extra full-time, six-bed respite centres. — Sorca Clarke. [31092/23]

*598. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the drafting of regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Work-life Balance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [31105/23]

*599. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline the details of the proposed offer of mediation between the local community and the international protection applicants in Inch, County Clare (details supplied); the reasons such an approach has been adopted, if it has; the way in which the international protection applicants will be represented and supported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31110/23]

*600. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the names and addresses of all successful and unsuccessful applicants, respectively in relation to the operation of the building block grant strand B for childcare providers; the number of unsuccessful applicants within Dublin broken down into postal code areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [31146/23]

*601. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will give a facility (details supplied) specific information regarding the reasons it was denied funding through the building blocks improvement grant 2023; if he will inform applicants of the results of his review of their appeal for the building blocks improvement grant 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [31189/23]

*602. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the plans Tusla has to provide child art psychotherapy services nationwide, building on and expanding the service that was formerly established in Dublin north central; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31269/23]

*603. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether it is the intention of Tusla to hire psychotherapists for the new therapeutic hubs nationwide; the progress that has been made to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31270/23]

*604. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of residential services for people with disabilities provided by each voluntary NGO provider; the location of each centre; the costs of this provision per centre for the years 2021 and 2022; the bed placement capacity of each centre in 2021 and 2022; the average occupancy level for each centre in 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31282/23]

*605. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of residential services for people with disabilities provided by each private for-profit provider; the location of each centre; the costs of this provision per centre for the years 2021 and 2022; the bed placement capacity of each centre in 2021 and 2022; the average occupancy level for each centre in 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31283/23]

*606. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of residential services for people with disabilities provided directly by the State; the location of each centre; the costs of this provision per centre for the years 2021 and 2022; the bed placement capacity of each centre in 2021 and 2022; the average occupancy level for each centre in 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31284/23]

*607. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether his Department has considered further utilising privately-owned modular housing developments for accommodation for Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [31331/23]

*608. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on reviewing the sections of the Health Act 2004 relevant to his functions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31366/23]

*609. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has any plans to establish a direct portal for legal firms or advocates for the creation of enduring powers of attorney on behalf of individuals. — Holly Cairns. [31368/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*610. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure the prompt implementation of the 2% pay increase for all public nurses (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [31191/23]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health how many people with mental illnesses known to the State or HSE are currently living in emergency accommodation; how many people living in emergency accommodation have come straight from psychiatric care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [31378/23]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health if he will furnish this Deputy with the details of capital funding for a second CT scanner and build under capital submissions for the RCSI hospital group to be completed by December 2023; when plans were drawn up in relation to Connolly Hospital; when a project manager and design team was established; and if he will provide an update on the progress made to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [30496/23]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health if there has been any delay with the progressing of a second CT scanner for Connolly Hospital; and if his attention has been drawn to the long delays being faced by critically ill patients in terms of diagnosis due to the lack of a second CT scanner. — Peadar Tóibín. [30497/23]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health the amount that has been spent in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, by Connolly Hospital on the out-sourcing of scans and tests to the private sector; if his Department has ever sought to determine what delays are entailed in patient treatment are due to the outsourcing by the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [30498/23]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a targeted, funded strategic capital investment programme for mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [30503/23]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health when he will give the necessary powers to the Mental Health Commission to regulate not just approved inpatient mental health services, but the 24-hour community residences, as well as approved community mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [30504/23]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail the budget allocated to each hospital in the South/South West Hospital Group in each of the years 2019 to 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [30509/23]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30510/23]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reconsider and or reevaluate the cessation of the national contract for the vasectomy procedure; and if he will also provide the number of persons currently waiting on the list for the procedure. — Catherine Murphy. [30518/23]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the response to the use of synthetic cannabinoids in vapes; and if there are any investigations into the use of cannabinoids in vapes. — Paul Donnelly. [30553/23]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline any information that the HSE has in relation to HHC cannabinoids in vapes; and if there are any recent investigations by the HSE into HHC use in Ireland. — Paul Donnelly. [30554/23]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health If there are any plans to issue harm reduction educational material in relation to HHC. — Paul Donnelly. [30555/23]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health the number and proportion of people referred by their GP to lung rapid access clinics electronically in each of the months from 2020 to 2023, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [30568/23]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health the number and proportion of people referred by their GP to prostate rapid access clinics electronically, in each of the months from 2020 to 2023, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [30569/23]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health the number and proportion of people referred by their GP to pigmented skin lesion clinics electronically, in each of the months from 2020 to 2023, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [30570/23]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health the number and proportion of people referred from their GP to symptomatic breast disease clinics electronically, in each of the months from 2020-2023 in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [30571/23]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of patients on active cancer treatment admitted to hospital for treatment through emergency departments, in each of the years 2017 to 2023, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [30572/23]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of patients commencing radiotherapy treatment within 15 working days of being deemed ready to treat in each of the years 2012-2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [30573/23]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of cancer treatment patients receiving a treatment summary and care plan in each of the years 2017 to 2023, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [30574/23]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of patients with metastatic cancer given chemotherapy in last month of life in each of the years 2012 to 2023, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [30575/23]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of patients with Stage IV cancer receiving specialist palliative care in each of the years 2012 to 2023, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [30576/23]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of patients on cancer therapeutic clinical trials in each of the years 2012 to 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [30577/23]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health if he will commit to having his Department conduct a review of the long-term illness scheme (details supplied); if he will request his Department to re-examine an application; his views on whether the long-term illness scheme which is governed by

the Health Act 1970, is long overdue a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [30579/23]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive the balance of the pandemic special recognition payment from the HSE as they have only received 60%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [30594/23]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health to address concerns that medical card patients are being charged for blood tests; to clarify what precisely the policy is on this matter; if medical card patients have any options to seek reimbursement of the costs incurred for blood tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30598/23]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm that funding will be put in place to enable the new dental hospital to be built in Curaheen, Cork, given planning permission was granted for this project over three years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [30600/23]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a new geographically limited HSE GMS contract for public vasectomy services from August 2023 (details supplied); his views on same; the steps he is taking to ensure that patients in the counties and regions affected have access to vasectomies via the public system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [30621/23]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with an organisation (details supplied) regarding fees and pay restoration for pharmacists prior to the 30 June 2023 deadline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [30628/23]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health when the Slainte Care project on the development of a national diabetes register will be developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [30637/23]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect to be scheduled for a procedure in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [30638/23]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the option of appointing a project delivery team to oversee the delivery of major projects including the new emergency department, maternity unit, paediatric unit, regional cancer centre, bedroom block and laboratories on the existing site at University Hospital Galway to ensure delivery is achieved in the shortest time possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [30641/23]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults on waiting lists for occupational therapy, psychology, physiotherapy and dietitians in CHO2, in tabular form, with a breakdown of the number waiting in Galway, Mayo and Roscommon. — Claire Kerrane. [30729/23]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health if healthcare professionals employed by the HSE to provide therapies such as speech and language and occupational therapy can provide such services in non-HSE-owned buildings where a space is available in a building in a town already providing similar services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30730/23]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health the current rates of car-parking at University Hospital Kerry; if he will clarify whether there have been any increases or decreases in charges since 2018; the amount that has been generated in total by car-parking charges at the facility in the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; if he will provide a detailed breakdown of where the revenue from car-parking at the facility went to and what it was spent on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30738/23]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health the damage that was caused by the recent flooding event at University Hospital Kerry; the monetary cost of the damage; if the event could have been prevented; which locations in the facility were directly impacted by flood waters/leaks; the disruption to patients, both immediate and delayed that was caused; if management has a plan to deal with any future similar events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30739/23]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health how communications were managed regarding the recent flooding event at University Hospital Kerry; if queries from public representatives on behalf of the people of Kerry were responded to accurately; if management was available to answer such queries; if not, the reason; if anything has been learnt from the event; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30740/23]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting on trolleys at University Hospital Kerry each day in May 2023, in tabular form; if an explanation can be provided for the figures on each of these days; if these figures are the worst ever monthly total at UHK; if he has had direct contact with management concerning this; if so, if he will provide details of any such communications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30741/23]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of all current staffing levels at University Hospital Kerry, with a comparative breakdown for each year since 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30742/23]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of current endoscopy waiting lists at University Hospital Kerry, showing the number of patients waiting less than 12, 12 to 24, 24 to 36 and 36 weeks or more, in tabular form; how each of these categories compare with the corresponding time in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30743/23]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of presentations at University Hospital Kerry emergency department in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30744/23]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of staff vacancies across all departments and details of each vacancy at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30745/23]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health the number of births at University Hospital Kerry maternity ward in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form; the staffing level breakdown in the department for each of these years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30746/23]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health the details of future capital works planned for University Hospital Kerry; the breakdown of each facility; the corresponding timeline in each case; the costs

associated with each development; if additional staffing will be required to operate each facility; if so, the details in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30747/23]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reconfiguration of the current hospital groups under new regional structures as proposed in Sláintecare; the likely implications on Tipperary University Hospital which will be removed from its current group in the South South-West Hospital Group; the reasons TUH would be removed from the South SouthWest Hospital Group; the logic behind the geographical regions when there are such large population discrepancies between the regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [30748/23]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a copy of the HSEs communication policy for persons wishing to record, film or take photographs on a HSE site. — Neasa Hourigan. [30750/23]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that a national vasectomy services contract is in place for all areas of the State to enable medical card holders access this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30771/23]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health if an appropriate permanent facility compliant with infection, prevention and control measures can be secured in the Macroom area as a matter of priority to provide those living with dementia the vital day services they require (details supplied). — Aindrias Moynihan. [30777/23]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health if he has looked at ensuring pay parity for employees across the HSE, Section 38 and Section 39 organisations in the context of staff retention in relevant sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [30785/23]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health when a comprehensive response will issue to a person (details supplied) regarding communications which were sent to them. — Louise O'Reilly. [30791/23]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place for Charleville primary care centre following the retirements of two general practitioners (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [30793/23]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale of the decision to exclude Section 39 employees who did not work in long-term residential care facilities from receiving the pandemic special recognition payment. — Eoin Ó Broin. [30799/23]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will look at reducing the three-year cap to one year in the fair deal scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30800/23]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health if he will allocate funding for a person (details supplied) who has secured a place and is waiting to transfer to a facility for rehab care that they urgently need when funding becomes available. — Robert Troy. [30811/23]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the unfairness in the treatment of diabetes patients in Ireland where Free Style Libre is decided on age criteria rather than clinical need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [30812/23]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health what plans he has in place to ensure diabetes patients have access to a glucose monitoring technology (details supplied), which has become a standard of diabetes care across Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [30813/23]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health if he recognises that remote monitoring of diabetes patients' conditions will free up much-needed doctor and hospital appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [30814/23]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that the current process whereby access to a diabetes glucose monitoring technology discriminates against patients in terms of age (details supplied) and is tantamount to deprivation of access to people with a disability and needs to be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [30815/23]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure a referral to the National Rehabilitation Hospital is expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [30818/23]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital place will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30819/23]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the specific timeline which he and his Departmental officials have given to HIQA to complete its HTA regarding the provision of an enhanced influenza vaccine for the over-65s age cohort; if he will outline the scope of this HTA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [30830/23]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to expediting the conducting of a HTA to be carried out by HIQA into the provision of an enhanced influenza vaccine for the over-65s cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [30831/23]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure a person (details supplied) can be allocated a residential care bed at a suitable facility. — Robert Troy. [30836/23]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for the pandemic bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30842/23]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health if any assistance can be given to a person (details supplied) towards the cost of a power pack for a wheelchair; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30845/23]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) in County Donegal did not get fully reimbursed from the NI Planned Healthcare scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [30848/23]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1130 of 13 June 2023, if he accepts that patient safety is of paramount importance and introducing a temporary

short-term digital solution for the community that does not integrate with the hospital, as a substitute for a fully functioning electronic health record and which in his reply he acknowledges is critical for safer and more integrated care, the objectives of the ECC's two Integrated Care Programmes, the ICPCD and ICPOP, are seriously compromised and as a consequence pose a clinical risk to patient safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [30849/23]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1130 of 13 June 2023, when he anticipates the fully functioning electronic health record will be introduced and operational within the HSE, which he acknowledges is critical for better, safer and more integrated health care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [30850/23]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received the pre-Budget 2024 submission of an organisation (details supplied); if so, his views on the submission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [30852/23]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health the reason he has not engaged with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to pay for services, as required by the Public Service Pay and Pension Act 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [30853/23]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 278 of 23 February 2023, if there is any further development in the provision of a pathway for a person to claim compensation for what they believe to be illegal nursing home charges paid between 1977 and 1979, who has not as of yet made any claim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [30855/23]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health whether a review of policy to prohibit former nursing homes registered on 1 September 2022 converting to accommodation for Ukrainian refugees has been completed; if there has been any change to the policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [30856/23]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait from accepting a job application to starting work for people applying for work permits from abroad in each hospital under HSE management; how many of these have not started work after accepting a place, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30858/23]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown, by CHO of the provision of optometry services for all ages; what is and is not covered; the waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30859/23]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an appointment for an ENT procedure in Sligo University Hospital, if he is on the routine or urgent waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [30864/23]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that the HSE reverses its decision to make cutbacks to local vasectomy services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [30872/23]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not been called for a procedure in University Hospital Waterford; if they can obtain the procedure through the

treatment purchase scheme, the Cross Border Directive or the treatment abroad scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [30875/23]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not yet been called for a procedure in University Hospital Limerick; if they can obtain the procedure through the treatment purchase scheme, the Cross Border Directive or the treatment abroad scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [30887/23]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage and meet with a union (details supplied) to discuss the fees pharmacies receive from the State for all the State drug schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30889/23]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update in respect of the establishment of a primary care centre in Maynooth, County Kildare (details supplied); and the outcome of consideration to deliver a centre for Maynooth or whether an expanded centre in Leixlip is the preferred pathway forward. — Catherine Murphy. [30896/23]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health the measure he and his Department are taking to ensure supply of HRT medicines following shortages of utrogestran and oestrogen patches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30912/23]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the processes to mediate the pay concerns for workers within Section 39 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30921/23]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the after-hours GP service for Mallow, Fermoy and Mitchelstown; if his Department will intervene to find GPs who will work late shifts to keep this important service operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [30923/23]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the difficulties that owners of homes with defective concrete blocks are having in fully accessing the fair deal scheme; how he proposes to address these difficulties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [30935/23]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health for details on the sun smart sunscreen campaign; where it is being piloted; for how much and under what criteria it might be deemed successful and expanded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [30939/23]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30957/23]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health for an up-to date review on (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [31027/23]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health for an up-to-date review on (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [31028/23]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health for a reply on (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [31029/23]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health for a reply on (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [31030/23]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health for a reply on (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [31031/23]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health for a reply on (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [31032/23]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 604 of 25 April 2023 and 468 of 18 May 2023, the number of people with severe and enduring mental health difficulties under the care of the Cobh/Glenville and Midleton/Youghal adult mental health teams who have been transferred to continuing care or high-support hostels outside those HSE catchments since February 2021 when the Owenacurra Centre took its last referral for residential placement; the number of people in this cohort of service-users within those HSE catchments who have been transferred in the same timeframe to nursing homes, either within those HSE catchments or outside them; the reason that this information was not provided in the response to the two aforementioned Parliamentary Questions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [31035/23]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1154 of 21 March 2023 and 597 of 25 April 2023, if he will provide an update on the formation of the development team, announced by Cork HSE management in May 2022, tasked with conducting an options appraisal for the construction of a new ten-bed mental health rehabilitation/continuing care residential service in Midleton, County Cork; the names of HSE management staff who have been appointed to the team; the dates of any development team meetings held to date or engagements with the local authority; if he will provide details on progress the development team has made on identifying a site for the service over the past thirteen months and on the acquisition of capital funding; if he will provide an update on the timeframe for commencement and completion of this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [31036/23]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1219, 1292 and 1294 of 13 June 2023, what assurances were given to the Mental Health Commission by the HSE regarding the breach of a condition of registration of Unit 3, St. Stephen's Hospital, Glanmire, such that the Mental Health Commission decided to suspend enforcement proceedings it had initiated against the HSE in September 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [31037/23]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 602 of 25 April 2023 and 617 of 9 May 2023, the reason the Mental Health Commission has declined a request from the Oireachtas Committee on Health to benchmark the provision of community residential mental health placements serving the combined East Cork HSE catchments of the Cobh/Glenville and Midleton/Youghal adult mental health teams in respect of A Vision for Change-recommended allocations; the reason, in particular, the Commission has refused to do so given that it reviewed such services nationally in 2019 and benchmarked those provisions against A Vision for Change and given that the Mental Health Commission has repeatedly made reference to A Vision for Change-recommended staffing allocations in its interim CAMHS report from January 2023 in the context of assessing current service provision; what barrier prevents specifically the Mental Health Commission from doing likewise with the East Cork mental health catchments of Midleton/Youghal and Cobh/Glenville given that the request made in respect of East Cork adult mental health services does not call on the Mental Health Commission to “set

targets” in a statutory manner but to confirm from the standpoint of an independent oversight body recommended with actual service provisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [31038/23]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health if he will identify the national mental health policy guiding Cork HSE management in its plans to replace long-stay mental health facilities in hospital campus locations in St. Stephen’s Hospital and St. Finbarr’s Hospital with new congregated settings involving a 50-bed unit in St. Stephen’s Hospital and a 20-bed unit in St. Finbarr’s Hospital; if he will provide an estimate of the cost of these services, if they are pursued; if any similar mental health service projects are being proposed in other CHOs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [31040/23]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health the names of the companies or individuals contracted by the HSE to remove 70 trees from Merlin Woods in 2023; the name of the arborist who carried out an assessment of the trees in advance of the works; if he will provide details of how the timber from the removed trees was disposed of, and in particular the destination of this timber and its use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [31041/23]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health whether proposals to ‘decriminalise’ performing terminations of pregnancy would permit non-medically trained individuals to carry out terminations without legal consequences. — Seán Canney. [31044/23]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify, based on Section 10.1 of the abortion review report, whether babies have been born alive having survived late-term abortions in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [31045/23]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite promotion of suitably qualified non-EEA healthcare assistants as nurses with an employer letter, without the need for a language proficiency exam; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31058/23]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health if he can clarify whether the main vaccination centre for CHO 8 is going to be located in Ardee, County Louth (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [31060/23]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31067/23]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health to conduct a review of the Health Act 2004. — Holly Cairns. [31074/23]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31081/23]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering addressing the pay disparity between section 39 workers and their section 38 and HSE colleagues in order to attract more therapists to fill vacant CDNT positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [31082/23]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the current average waiting times for urgent and routine paediatric dermatology appointments in each of the seven hospital groups. — Sorca Clarke. [31094/23]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times that the HSE has advertised for the post of consultant otolaryngologist since January 2022. — Sorca Clarke. [31095/23]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocated to each hospital part of Ireland East Hospital Group in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [31096/23]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health the number of operating theatres in use at Mullingar Regional Hospital. — Sorca Clarke. [31097/23]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health the number of queries logged with HSE MyOptions (including phone calls and chat queries) in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, categorised in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [31099/23]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health the number of initial consultations for termination of pregnancy services that were provided by general practitioners, family planning clinics and women's health clinics in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [31100/23]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a petition (details supplied); the steps he will take on foot of it; if he will ensure there is an end to pay disparity across the section 39 organisations; if he will implement a multi-annual, sustainable funding model for voluntary organisations; and if he will review the Health Act 2004. — Catherine Murphy. [31109/23]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with organisations to discuss the rising costs affecting community pharmacies (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [31111/23]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE Health Sector Employment Report for April 2023 does not contain the equivalent staff breakdown details for Cork University Hospital, which are provided for the Mercy University Hospital and the South Infirmity University Hospital. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [31113/23]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail the latest staff numbers in Cork University Hospital and the corresponding details for December 2019, in tabular form (details supplied). — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [31114/23]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health if a company (details supplied) has made a claim for the pandemic bonus payment for all its employees who qualified for the pandemic bonus payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [31115/23]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health to make the appropriate changes so that the living alone allowance is not assessable income for medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31119/23]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of ensuring that the living alone allowance is not assessable income for medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31120/23]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged with Minister for Health regarding pay restoration for community pharmacists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [30871/23]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to develop a national hearing care plan, as recommended by the World Health Organisation; if he has held discussions with the relevant stakeholders on an agreed model of hearing care for the population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31150/23]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangement that has been put in place regarding the pandemic bonus payment for employees of a nursing home (details supplied), given that to date they have not received this payment. — Brian Stanley. [31151/23]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health if he has or will conduct a review of pharmacy dispensing fees and the extent of service provision by community pharmacists; if he has or will engage with an organisation (details supplied) on the matter; the dates on which he has or will engage with the organisation; if he will establish a review which encompasses the scope of services provided or which could be provided by community pharmacy; and if he will include scoping of a minor ailments or minor illness scheme in community pharmacy in the terms of reference of the review. — David Cullinane. [31193/23]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 334 of 1 June 2023, if he can explain how a family (details supplied) are expected to pay interest. — Paul Murphy. [31213/23]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to add a diagnosed condition (details supplied) to the long-term illness scheme, or to the medical card or drugs payment schemes for medication to treat the condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [31215/23]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health what services are available under the dental treatment services scheme in Ballinasloe; the action that is being taken to ensure that medical card holders can access dental services in Ballinasloe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [31223/23]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail the health infrastructure projects currently underway in CHO9; the projects completed since June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [31227/23]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health if the part-time psychiatric nurse service, provided to clients in County Sligo, will be re-instated (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [31256/23]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health if hospital management at UHK has considered the provision of modular housing on peripheral greenfield areas on the hospital campus to incentivise medical staff to fill vacancies in the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31259/23]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health how many permanent and interim general managers have been in place at UHK since 2008; if he sees the high rate of turnover in this position as a contributing factor in the hospitals problems; the average duration of tenure; how best the matter

could be addressed at this and similar facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31260/23]

*740. To ask the Minister for Health if hospital management at UHK has commenced exit interviews of medical staff resigning from positions at UHK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31261/23]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses who have resigned from positions at UHK in 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31262/23]

*742. To ask the Minister for Health the number of doctors who have resigned from positions at UHK in 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31263/23]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health the number of internal and external applicants for the most recent competition for the position of general manager at UHK; how the process was carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31264/23]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of beds in use at UHK; how this compares to each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31265/23]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health the progress or otherwise that has been made on orthopaedic waiting lists at UHK since June 2022; if a breakdown of numbers will be provided, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31266/23]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made to address issues of concern at UHK since the engagement of the HSE National Director of Acute Operations in November 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31267/23]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health how many of the 11 patients with serious illnesses that a consultant radiologist at UHK failed to pick up have subsequently passed away; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31268/23]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to increase fees paid to pharmacists for dispensing medicines to a flat fee of €5, €5.50, €6 and €6.50 per item, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [31273/23]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated first year and full cost of implementing a minor ailments and illness scheme in community pharmacy. — David Cullinane. [31274/23]

*750. To ask the Minister for Health if a response will issue to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if he has engaged with the Minister for Social Protection regarding this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31276/23]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health the number of mental health services provided by each voluntary NGO provider; the costs of this provision for the years 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31285/23]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health the number of mental health services provided by each private for-profit provider; the costs of this provision for the years 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31286/23]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health the number of mental health services provided directly by the State; the costs of this provision for the years 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31287/23]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health the number of homecare hours provided by each voluntary NGO provider in the years 2021 and 2022; the costs of this provision per provider for the years 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31288/23]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health the number of homecare hours provided by each private for-profit provider in the years 2021 and 2022; the costs of this provision per provider for the years 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31289/23]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health the number of homecare hours provided directly by the State in the years 2021 and 2022; the costs of this provision for the years 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31290/23]

*757. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing homes currently in negotiations on funding issues with the NTPF, by county, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [31292/23]

*758. To ask the Minister for Health the progress he is making on expanding the national heel-prick test, given that 28 June is International Neonatal Screening Day; how many diseases babies born today in Ireland are currently being tested for; when he will decide on including spinal muscular atrophy in newborn screening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31297/23]

*759. To ask the Minister for Health for details of any engagement his Department and the HSE has had with the Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform with regard to the recent changes to the public spending code, and in particular the introduction of a three stage approvals process, and the impacts of these changes on an ongoing project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31302/23]

*760. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a full breakdown of the hospitals in Ireland that offer and provide a cold cap machine to patients undergoing intravenous chemotherapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [31306/23]

*761. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a national protocol on the provision of the service of a cold cap machine to patients undergoing intravenous chemotherapy treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [31307/23]

*762. To ask the Minister for Health the capital cost of cold cap machines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [31308/23]

*763. To ask the Minister for Health the progress he is making on expanding the national heel-prick test, given that 28 June is International Neonatal Screening Day; how many diseases babies born today in Ireland are currently being tested for; when he will decide on including spinal

muscular atrophy in newborn screening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31309/23]

*764. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the complications, if any, that have been associated with the use of magec rods in Crumlin Hospital, specifically related to end cap separation as well as metalosis. — Paul Murphy. [31321/23]

*765. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the complication and re-operation rate for spinal operations performed in Temple Street of patients with spinal muscle atrophy; if this is implant-dependent; if all implants used in these cases are licensed for this use; and which medical supplier or distribution company these implants have been purchased from. — Paul Murphy. [31322/23]

*766. To ask the Minister for Health what consent processes regarding spinal operation cases are followed at Crumlin Hospital and Temple Street. — Paul Murphy. [31323/23]

*767. To ask the Minister for Health if trainee counselling psychologists will receive an equivalent conditional funding increase and three-year fee freeze to that which will now be offered to trainee educational psychology in return for three years' work with the National Educational Psychological Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [31327/23]

*768. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the pre-Budget 2024 submission of by organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31330/23]

*769. To ask the Minister for Health the progress he is making on expanding the national heel prick test; the number of diseases that babies born today in Ireland are currently being tested for; when a decision will be made to include spinal muscular atrophy in newborn screening (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [31338/23]

*770. To ask the Minister for Health if he has or will conduct a review of pharmacy dispensing fees and the extent of service provision by community pharmacists; if he has or will engage with an organisation (details supplied) on the matter; the dates on which he has or will engage; if he will establish a review which encompasses the scope of services provided or which could be provided by community pharmacy; and if he will include scoping of a minor ailments or minor illness scheme in community pharmacy in the terms of reference of the aforementioned review. — Eoin Ó Broin. [31339/23]

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community pharmacy; and if he will include scoping of a minor ailments or minor illness scheme in community pharmacies in the terms of reference of the aforementioned review. — Darren O'Rourke. [31353/23]

*773. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 242 of 24 June 2023, to provide an update on plans to expand eligibility for GP visit cards to people who earn the median household income or less; the status of discussions with an organisation (details supplied); the timeline he is working towards honouring this Budget 2023 commitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31356/23]

*774. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 664 of 16 June 2023, to provide an update on plans to expand free GP care to all children aged six and seven years; the status of discussions with an organisation (details supplied); the timeline he is working towards in honouring this Budget 2023 commitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31357/23]

*775. To ask the Minister for Health what supports are in place regarding housing and aftercare for a person who has been admitted involuntarily into care under the Mental Health Act 2001 and who can no longer return to the family home upon their discharge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [31376/23]

*776. To ask the Minister for Health what Government or HSE supports are available for families who have a family member with mental health difficulties such as schizophrenia, and who are struggling to care for that person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [31377/23]

*777. To ask the Minister for Health the projected total cost of the completion of the new National Children's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [30826/23]

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

*778. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will report on a series of key aspects related to the ongoing review and the upcoming Research and Innovation Bill, 2023 and the ongoing review of PhDs in Ireland, with particular attention given towards the status of PhDs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [30512/23]

*779. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether PhD researchers classified as non-EU will be provided with updated residency visas with a four-year duration, similar to the hosting agreement scheme used for attracting non-EU research talent. — Patrick Costello. [30522/23]

*780. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made that PhD researchers have access to PRSI. — Patrick Costello. [30523/23]

*781. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made on mandating that PhD researchers have access to sick leave and/or parental leave. — Patrick Costello. [30524/23]

*782. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made for PhD researchers to have access to the Workplace Relations Commission in order to resolve disputes with their university. — Patrick Costello. [30525/23]

*783. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made on establishing minimum standards for the provision of funding for PhD researchers in Ireland, including minimum standards of pay, such as the national minimum wage. — Patrick Costello. [30526/23]

*784. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether a recommendation will be made on the matter of employee status for PhD researchers. — Patrick Costello. [30527/23]

*785. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to clarify if he has engaged with the universities with a view to increasing the number of Irish students who can access dentistry courses in view of the fact that there is a substantial increase in the population and also taking into account the number of dentists who will be retiring over the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [30601/23]

*786. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will immediately publish the review on PHD status. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30614/23]

*787. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if PhDs classified as non-EU will be provided with updated residency visas with a four-year duration, similar to the hosting agreement scheme used for attracting non-EU research talent. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30615/23]

*788. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made that PhD researchers have access to PRSI. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30616/23]

*789. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made on mandating that PhD researchers have access to sick leave and/or parental leave. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30617/23]

*790. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made for PhDs to have access to the Workplace Relations Commission in order to resolve disputes with their university. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30618/23]

*791. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made on establishing minimum standards for the provision of funding for PhD researchers in Ireland, including minimum standards of pay, such as the national minimum wage. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30619/23]

*792. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made on the matter of employee status for PhDs. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30620/23]

*793. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if PhDs classified as non-EU will be provided with updated residency visas with a four-year

duration, similar to the hosting agreement scheme used for attracting non-EU research talent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30646/23]

*794. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made that PhD researchers have access to PRSI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30647/23]

*795. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made on mandating that PhD researchers have access to sick leave and/or parental leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30648/23]

*796. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made for PhDs to have access to the Workplace Relations Commission in order to resolve disputes with their university; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30649/23]

*797. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made on establishing minimum standards for the provision of funding for PhD researchers in Ireland, including minimum standards of pay (such as the national minimum wage); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30650/23]

*798. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made on the matter of employee status for PhDs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30651/23]

*799. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether any pathways for job opportunities are being developed for people who take part in QQI training and education courses, specifically at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [30832/23]

*800. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when he will publish the National Review of State Supports for PhD researchers. — Holly Cairns. [31071/23]

*801. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on providing PhD researchers who are non-EEA citizens with updated residency visas with a four-year duration; if he has engaged with the Minister for Justice on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31072/23]

*802. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on enabling PhD research to have access to the PRSI system and to access sick leave and parental leave; if he has engaged with the Minister for Social Protection on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31073/23]

*803. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on Ireland’s position with regard to scientific concentration in the recent IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook; and his plans to improve on the ranking of No. 35 in total expenditure on R&D and scientific infrastructure (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [31116/23]

*804. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated full-year cost of abolishing third-level registration and tuition fees for repeating students including the associated reduction in the student support grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31167/23]

*805. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if PhD researchers classified as non-EU will be provided with updated residency visas with a four year duration, similar to the hosting agreement scheme used for attracting non-EU research talent; if a recommendation be made that PhD researchers have access to PRSI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31199/23]

*806. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made on mandating that PhD researchers have access to sick leave and/or parental leave; if a recommendation will be made for PhD researchers to have access to the Workplace Relations Commission in order to resolve disputes with their university; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31200/23]

*807. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made on establishing minimum standards for the provision of funding for PhD researchers in Ireland, including minimum standards of pay, such as the national minimum wage; and if a recommendation will be made on the matter of employee status for PhD researchers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31201/23]

*808. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will confirm whether PhD researchers classified as non-EU will be provided with updated residency visas with a four-year duration, similar to the hosting agreement scheme used for attracting non-EU research talent. — Paul Murphy. [31216/23]

*809. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made that PhD researchers have access to PRSI. — Paul Murphy. [31217/23]

*810. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made on mandating that PhD researchers have access to sick leave and/or parental leave. — Paul Murphy. [31218/23]

*811. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made for PhD researchers to have access to the Workplace Relations Commission in order to resolve disputes with their university. — Paul Murphy. [31219/23]

*812. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether a recommendation will be made on establishing minimum standards for the provision of funding for PhD researchers in Ireland, including minimum standards of pay (such as the national minimum wage). — Paul Murphy. [31220/23]

*813. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether a recommendation will be made on the matter of employee status for PhD researchers. — Paul Murphy. [31221/23]

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

*814. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a project (details supplied) has been submitted for funding to her Department; when allocations of funding in respect of these submissions can be expected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [30622/23]

*815. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there has been any write-off in any LEADER company in Ireland; if so, how much the write-off was for in each company; the names of the companies that had these write-offs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [30873/23]

*816. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to set out information (details supplied) in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [31107/23]

*817. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to set out information (details supplied) in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [31108/23]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 28 JUNE, 2023**

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the role of his Department in the north-east inner city. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30734/23]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council, a statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30735/23]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social dialogue co-ordination unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30736/23]

4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will list the salaries of each of the top ten highest paid civil servants in his Department. — Peadar Kirby. [30867/23]

5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the new State Litigation Principles announced by the Attorney General on 21 June 2023. — Jim O'Callaghan. [31190/23]