



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

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

1. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the Shared Island Dialogue on education systems and connecting communities. — Brendan Smith. [30080/23]
2. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his recent meeting with the Prime Minister of Luxembourg, Xavier Bettel. — Seán Haughey. [30082/23]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the Prime Minister of Luxembourg. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30733/23]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the proposed child poverty unit in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30731/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach the total number of times Taoisigh have issued State apologies in the past decade. — Peadar Tóibín. [30823/23]
6. 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]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with drugs policy will next meet. — Neasa Hourigan. [30915/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30964/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach the policy in his Department regarding the use of the Government jet. — Neasa Hourigan. [30916/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30954/23]
11. 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]
12. 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]
13. 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]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will list the salaries of each of the top ten highest paid civil servants in his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [30867/23]

15. 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]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*16. To ask the Taoiseach if he can confirm that the public inquiry into nursing home deaths during Covid, which he promised in January of this year, has been or will be established; and if he can confirm the date of same before Dáil Éireann’s summer recess. — Patricia Ryan. [31512/23]

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

\*17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [31446/23]

\*18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if passports will be issued for two children (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [31467/23]

\*19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to have a bilateral meeting with his Croatian counterpart. — Darren O’Rourke. [31471/23]

\*20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Irish Consulate General or Vice Consul in Texas, USA, has spoken formally with the Dallas Police Department Chief of Police in 2022 and to date in 2023. — Darren O’Rourke. [31478/23]

\*21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs whether documentation was lost for a passport application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [31527/23]

\*22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will be issued for a child (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [31555/23]

\*23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has had recent contact with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in relation to the need to provide an exemption to the electronic travel authorisation scheme for tourists travelling to Northern Ireland via this State, taking into account that the island of Ireland is marketed as one tourist destination and the need to avoid barriers to free travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [31616/23]

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

\*24. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to examine a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [31404/23]

\*25. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has met the Chairperson of the ESB in the past three months. — Darren O'Rourke. [31470/23]

\*26. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will set out the grants and other assistance available to owners of new houses who wish to make their homes more energy efficient by installing solar panels; if new homeowners are entitled to grant assistance to install solar panels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [31526/23]

\*27. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how his Department arrived at the estimation (details supplied) as included in his Statement of early May 2023 when he announced the zero VAT rate on the sale of solar panels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31535/23]

\*28. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has considered a submission from microbrewers which identifies the restrictions on innovation and on exporting which features of the proposed charges under the deposit return scheme will create, through the obligation to register and pay registration fees on new products even if it is a very short product run, and through the differential approach to charging where some of the product is exported; and if he can consider modifications which would avoid such distortions. — Richard Bruton. [31556/23]

\*29. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he can outline what meetings, if any, took place between a company (details supplied), Government Ministers and a trade union following the revelation on 11 May 2023 that the company was experiencing difficult trading conditions; if so, the general substance of these meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [31560/23]

\*30. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the efforts he has made in relation to reducing energy costs for a company (details supplied), one of its major costs, since he received notification of its imminent closure in early May; if he will supply details of these measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [31561/23]

\*31. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if broadband capacity will be increased in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31603/23]

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

\*32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if clarification will be provided in relation to the deduction of €304 from monthly pension pay in the case of a person (details supplied); if a review will be undertaken to establish the appropriate amount of monthly pension to be paid in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31484/23]

\*33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide any update of the position in respect of a member of the Irish Defence Forces (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [31562/23]

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

\*34. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on measures the Government, including all relevant Departments, in collaboration with appropriate agencies including An Garda Síochána and the RSA, is taking to eradicate the use of mobile phone use while driving, in line with targets laid out in the Vision Zero strategy. — Patrick Costello. [31558/23]

\*35. To ask the Minister for Transport how many people are currently waiting on NCT appointments in NCT centres (details supplied); the average waiting times for same once an online booking has been made; and to provide the information in tabular form. — John Brady. [31424/23]

\*36. To ask the Minister for Transport the current timeframes for an NCT appointment date in each testing centre nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [31425/23]

\*37. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline what measures his Department is undertaking to address the lengthy delays motorists are having in obtaining appointments for NCTs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [31426/23]

\*38. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people who are currently awaiting an appointment date to sit their driving test, broken down by test centre, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [31427/23]

\*39. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to allocate additional capacity to PSO bus routes in Meath. — Darren O’Rourke. [31474/23]

\*40. To ask the Minister for Transport the number and locations of charging points for electric vehicles in County Meath. — Darren O’Rourke. [31475/23]

\*41. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the concerns of owners of older cars and other motorised machinery whose machinery is not compatible with e10; the steps he is taking to mitigate the impact on them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [31495/23]

\*42. To ask the Minister for Transport what assistance measures he can put in place, or what measures he would consider, to assist bus companies (details supplied) with the high costs of applications for work permits for drivers, having had to source them from outside this jurisdiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [31500/23]

\*43. To ask the Minister for Transport what options are available to a person who has lost possible employment because they cannot get a driving test (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31504/23]

\*44. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the incremental increases that have been provided to members of pension schemes in the CIÉ group of companies over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [31505/23]

\*45. To ask the Minister for Transport if, in light of the increase in demands on the Northern Rail Line that the Dart+ Coastal North project will bring, his Department has considered increasing the number of tracks from two to four on the busy stretch of the line between Malahide and Connolly Station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31553/23]

\*46. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driving test will be expedited for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal for employment purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [31639/23]

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

\*47. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider extending the six-month expiration on section 24 arrangements under the Credit Union Act 1997, as the required documentation, medical assessment and court appearance required under the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015 is not achievable in the given timeframe, let alone the high costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [31402/23]

\*48. To ask the Minister for Finance if the family of a deceased person can claim tax relief on nursing home expenses on their relative's behalf; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [31513/23]

\*49. To ask the Minister for Finance if any provisions are in place for people with life-long illnesses who have been declined mortgages despite financial capacity because their life-long illness precludes them from obtaining mortgage protection insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [31523/23]

\*50. To ask the Minister for Finance if work is underway in his Department to review taxation rules in relation to sports utility vehicles and other large vehicles for personal use; if so, if those reviews will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [31563/23]

*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.*

\*51. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the criteria pertaining to the Brexit Adjustment Reserve will be changed to allow draw-down of funding beyond the end of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [31482/23]

\*52. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department will provide assistance to a person (details supplied) following severe flooding at their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31503/23]

\*53. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the measures the Government is taking in response to the estimated €1.9 billion in climate harmful spending identified in Budget 2023; what measures, if any, he is taking to ensure that this cost is reduced in Budget 2024; if he has plans to review the harmful impact infrastructure provision and wider environmental impacts beyond climate mitigation considered, for example, biodiversity, which were not included in this iteration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31459/23]

\*54. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the refurbishment works that were carried out on behalf of the OPW at Trim Castle over the past 18 months; and the refurbishment works scheduled to take place at Trim Castle over the next 12 months. — Darren O'Rourke. [31469/23]

\*55. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a complete list of all State agencies; the associated line Department; the total number of employees and the Exchequer allocation for 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [31493/23]

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

\*56. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 428 of 25 April 2023, if he intends to increase the minimum salary for non-EEA healthcare assistants under the general employment permit so that it matches the €30,000 minimum for family reunification; if he is considering giving spouses stamp 1G visas; if not, if he is considering giving spouses dependant work permits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31549/23]

\*57. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of cases taken under disability grounds for discrimination under the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015 to the Workplace Relations Commission in each of the years since 2015, in tabular form; the number of these cases that were adjudicated in favour of the complainant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [31462/23]

\*58. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if complainants taking cases under the grounds of discrimination in the workplace have access to any additional resources or supports in these cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [31464/23]

\*59. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is considering amending legislation to provide a more inclusive definition of what constitutes a co-operative; the consultation that has taken place to date in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [31492/23]

\*60. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will expedite the process of issuing work permits to drivers at a company (details supplied) in order that the company can address chronic staff shortages which are causing significant problems with providing an efficient reliable bus service between County Kildare and Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [31499/23]



\*61. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the level of funding set aside for the post Brexit: market growth and diversification grant in 2023. — Louise O'Reilly. [31519/23]

\*62. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost of increased funding for technical assistance for micro exporters (TAME) by 10%, 20% and 50%, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [31521/23]

\*63. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the Government has created a winter plan to assist businesses with high energy costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [31573/23]

\*64. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total number of employment permit applications which have been received by his Department since 1 January 2023 to 31 May 2023; the total number of applications which have been approved during this timeframe, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [31608/23]

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

\*65. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in fulfilling the Programme for Government commitment to enact the Education (Student and Parent Charter) Bill 2019; further to Parliamentary Question No. 275 of 25 April 2023, the status of the engagement between her Department and stakeholders including the National Parents Council and the Office of the Ombudsman for Children on matters pertaining to the Education (Student and Parent Charter) Bill 2019; the expected timeline for the enactment of the Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31394/23]

\*66. To ask the Minister for Education if an application for a school bus ticket will be considered in the case of the daughter of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31414/23]

\*67. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware that a school (details supplied) is without ASD classes from second class up to sixth class, that the current school building the ASD unit is situated within has been deemed unsuitable by Department inspectors, and that the principal has tried without success to engage with the school capital appraisal section; if support and resources will be put in place to bridge the gap in provision from second to sixth class; if there are any plans to provide modular accommodation for the ASD unit until more permanent accommodation is constructed; if she appreciates the enormous stress on students and their families when children have to leave the school and enrol at another in order to fully access education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [31417/23]

\*68. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the lack of educational provisions in the community of Knocklyon for neurodivergent children, as there are no autism units in either primary school in Knocklyon; if she will provide an update in relation to any development of these much-needed services in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [31442/23]

\*69. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware that the senior side of a school (details supplied) does not have an ASD unit, despite the junior side school having one open for 11 years; if she will confirm, in relation to the unit which has been previously sanctioned by her

Department, where the funding is; when this unit will be made available to the children who need it urgently; the timeframe for when this is possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [31443/23]

\*70. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the application for additional accommodation by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [31447/23]

\*71. To ask the Minister for Education the full-year cost to recruit ten additional WTE special educational needs organisers, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [31479/23]

\*72. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) could be considered for inclusion in the energy retrofit pathfinder programme; if this programme will be expanded to allow access for more schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [31480/23]

\*73. To ask the Minister for Education if and when a special educational needs organiser will be urgently assigned to the north Kildare area, with particular reference to the forthcoming school year and ensuring as much support as possible is put in place for children with special needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31483/23]

\*74. To ask the Minister for Education the progress being made for the provision of autism classes in the Knocklyon area at primary and secondary level. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [31507/23]

\*75. To ask the Minister for Education if payment will issue without further delay in respect of a project completed some time ago (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [31516/23]

\*76. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine the appeal of a child (details supplied) who has been refused a remote access boarding grant to study at an all-Irish secondary school on the basis that the child was refused a place at the local Gaelscoil because of the lack of sufficient Irish of the student, despite the fact that school is oversubscribed; and if she would agree that the aim of the student and to remedy this deficiency by accessing a secondary school education through Irish is precisely what the remote access boarding grant scheme was designed for. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [31522/23]

\*77. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 276 of 25 April 2023, for an update on any monitoring or analysis underway in her Department as regards the implementation of circular 0032/2017 which sets out the principles of cost-effective practice to be adopted by schools to reduce the cost of returning to school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31552/23]

\*78. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she will take to seek a reduction in the cost of schoolbooks at both primary and secondary school level including e-books; her views on the similar prices being affixed to both versions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [31559/23]

\*79. To ask the Minister for Education the SNA allocations for 2023/2024. — Sorca Clarke. [31584/23]

\*80. To ask the Minister for Education the spending per funding head for primary and post-primary schools for the full-year 2022 and to date in 2023. — Sorca Clarke. [31585/23]

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

\*81. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of current Fáilte Ireland board members who are directors or shareholders in companies that have received finance, grants or other supports from Fáilte Ireland. — Darren O'Rourke. [31468/23]

\*82. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has had recent contact with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and with the Tourism Authorities in Northern Ireland in relation to the need to provide an exemption to the electronic travel authorisation scheme for tourists travelling to Northern Ireland via this State taking into account that the island of Ireland is marketed as one tourist destination and the need to avoid barriers to free travel; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [31611/23]

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

\*83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount funding that is available to Dublin City Council for the energy efficiency retrofit programme; and if he has any plans to increase this funding to meet climate action plans. — Mary Lou McDonald. [31399/23]

\*84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the 77 units at a vacant housing estate in Ballinrobe, County Mayo; the plans he has to ensure they are redeveloped; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [31494/23]

\*85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 109 of 14 June 2023, if he will clearly indicate the amount of funding given to Kildare County Council to purchase homes under the tenant-in-situ scheme since the lifting of the ban on no-fault evictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [31498/23]

\*86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, with regard to the vacant property refurbishment grant, he can clarify how people who wish to apply for the grant but cannot get a mortgage on the vacant property concerned due to its not being 'habitable' (i.e. no working kitchen) will be able to avail of the grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [31501/23]

\*87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the refurbishment spends and number of units in each case of Traveller accommodations, per local authority, from 2018 -2022, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [31533/23]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline all Traveller accommodation projects currently in the pipeline; the initial dates of these projects; and their current status, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [31534/23]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 32246/17, if he plans to update the building standards and building classifications, as he called for in 2017, to allow for the introduction of a green certificate for homes where there is negligible pyrite and no physical damage, in order that houses can be sold. — Louise O'Reilly. [31582/23]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that the views outlined at the seminar last February in relation to the Open Seasons Order, and at subsequent stakeholder engagement meetings will be taken into account in devising the best way to address the issues concerning any species deemed vulnerable and listed on the Open Seasons Order; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [31628/23]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he will implement in conjunction with all relevant stakeholders to put in place adequate measures to enhance habitat, protect breeding grounds and properly fund research concerning any species deemed vulnerable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [31629/23]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the concerns of stakeholders who attended the April meeting to review the Open Seasons Order that relevant data was not disclosed to them at that time which subsequently came into the public domain, and if he will ensure that in such discussions all relevant data is provided in a timely and transparent manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [31630/23]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department was instructed by the NSAI to adopt the European Standards EN771-3 and EN 12620 into the Irish building regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [31676/23]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that in Ireland we operate the Assessment of Verification of Constancy of Performance (AVPC) System 2+ by notified bodies while other EU member states operate a system 4 for EN12620 Aggregates for Concrete and EN771-3 Specification for Masonry Units Part 3: Aggregate Concrete Masonry Units (Dense and Lightweight Aggregates); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [31677/23]

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

\*95. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends to ensure that the new fund being created through the auto-enrolment pensions scheme will not invest in fossil fuel companies; if she intends to enshrine this in law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31392/23]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the procedure to be followed by a person (details supplied) to change their daughter's name on her birth certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31407/23]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide a breakdown of the number of supplementary welfare allowance applications received for 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 for an area (details supplied), broken down by the number of applications received and how many applications were awarded and were unsuccessful; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [31419/23]

\*98. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide a breakdown of the number of exceptional needs payment applications received in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 for an area (details supplied), broken down by the number of applications received and how many applications were awarded and were unsuccessful; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [31420/23]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current timeframes on processing exceptional needs payment applications, broken down by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [31421/23]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current timeframes on processing new claims for jobseeker's allowance applications, broken down by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [31422/23]

\*101. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an urgent review of an eligibility for disability allowance can be undertaken in the case of a person (details supplied) whose case is supported by their GP given their ongoing medical challenges, and who is unable to secure employment as a result of their ongoing medical challenges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31529/23]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the last time that the carer's allowance means test was reviewed; if the means limits were increased under this review; if she will outline the basis as to the appropriate level of savings, in particular in cases where carers try and save a small amount each week for their future needs, but find that such savings are then assessed as means; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31548/23]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, regarding the proposed auto-enrolment scheme for pensions and the potential allocation of funds to investments in fossil fuel exploration or extraction, she will take into consideration the recommendation put forth by the Oireachtas Committee on Social Protection, Community Development and the Islands to ensure that these funds are not invested in fossil fuels (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [31557/23]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on the disability allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [31564/23]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will advise on a payment for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [31565/23]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review a contribution history record on behalf of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31583/23]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will set out the data sets she receives from the National Transport Agency's ITS number; the number of official complaints she has received in respect of the collection of data from the NTA regarding the free travel scheme her Department provides; and the amount in reimbursements made to the NTA and or transport providers in the past two years to date. — Catherine Murphy. [31649/23]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if this Parliamentary Question will be taken as notice of appeal of the decision to refuse a disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31667/23]

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

\*109. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of bed spaces available and/or occupied in Tusla-funded domestic violence refuges on 26 May 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [31396/23]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of adults and children in Tusla-funded domestic violence refuges on 26 May 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [31397/23]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1107 of 21 March 2023 (details supplied), if she will provide an update on the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [31401/23]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Justice in the context of processing applications for citizenship, if she will detail the stages and processes involved in Section 16 (Irish Associations) applications between registration and submitting the applications for final decision; the stage in this process in which delays are occurring the most; the actions being taken to rectify any recurring delays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31418/23]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the progressing of the application for residency pursuant to the undocumented scheme in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision is expected to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31423/23]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Justice how often citizenship ceremonies are held in a year; where these ceremonies are held; when the next ceremony will take place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [31457/23]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cases that the Meath divisional drugs unit has dealt with in the years of 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [31472/23]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Justice the percentage of members of An Garda Síochána who have a competency-based driving permit at Level 4. — Darren O'Rourke. [31473/23]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware of the difficulties being experienced by non-EEA health care assistants in acquiring permission from her Department for family reunification for spouses and children (details supplied); her plans to address this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [31517/23]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Justice if, in relation to the OASA Review Group Report, she will make a commitment to implement the Review Group's recommendations; and if she will provide a timeline for implementation. — Paul Murphy. [31546/23]



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

\*119. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the review of the use of metaldehyde as a plant protection product (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [31460/23]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the roll-out of a national campaign for the collection of farm hazardous waste and an amnesty for banned substances such as carbofuran (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [31461/23]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will ensure that funding is allocated from the Brexit Adjustment Reserve for primary farm producers, in view of the challenges posed by Brexit for the farming sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [31481/23]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds who were microchipped and registered on the RCETS whose year of birth was 2021. — Neasa Hourigan. [31530/23]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing ‘un-named’ greyhounds recorded as ‘dead’ on RCETS whose year of birth was 2021. — Neasa Hourigan. [31531/23]

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

\*124. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of reports of alleged sexual abuse of residents in designated residential disability centres that HIQA has received since 2021 directly through unsolicited concerns and through its inspection work; the breakdown on the source of the allegations; the number of said reports that HIQA subsequently reported to An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [31405/23]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he intends to hold any review of the workings of the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015 or the Equality (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2015, specifically in relation to the rights of people with disabilities to take cases relating to workplace discrimination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [31465/23]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of 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 in 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. [31400/23]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the Government’s position on implementing the recommendations of the recent report titled: ‘Review of Children’s Rights and Best Interests in the Context of Assisted Human Reproduction (AHR)

and Surrogacy in Irish Law'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [31403/23]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he or his Department have engaged with Tusla to discuss the issues highlighted in reports (details supplied) of the alarming levels of exploitation being experienced by children in the agency's care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [31412/23]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a service provider (details supplied) will receive payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [31458/23]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he will make the order or orders required to bring the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2023 into operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [31486/23]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has a policy of offering alternative accommodation to those who have a right to reside in the State after having been through the international protection process but are still living in the direct provision system that is far from their current residence (details supplied); if he will ensure that offers of alternative accommodation to those cohorts are in the locality of the direct provision centre; if he will ensure that a refusal of accommodation in an area that is far from their current residence will not result in the loss of access to homeless services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [31547/23]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will review correspondence (details supplied); and undertake to have the matter reviewed. — Robert Troy. [31576/23]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the procedure to be followed by a refugee (details supplied) wishing to relocate to care for two people in need of care, who is currently in a refugee centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31640/23]

*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*134. To ask the Minister for Health if he has conducted or will conduct a review of pharmacy dispensing fees and the extent of service provision by community pharmacists; if he has engaged or will engage with an organisation (details supplied) on the matter; if so, the dates on which he has engaged or will engage it; 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. — Martin Browne. [31822/23]

\*135. 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. — John Lahart. [31393/23]



\*136. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) is on the HSE waiting list for a procedure. — Robert Troy. [31395/23]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cognitive behavioural therapists in CHO9; the average waiting time for a patient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [31398/23]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Health the number of reports of alleged sexual abuse of residents in residential nursing homes that HIQA has received since 2021 directly through unsolicited concerns and through its inspection work; the breakdown on the source of the allegations; the number of said reports that HIQA subsequently reported to An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [31405/23]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Health if the changes made on foot of the McHugh Report on student nurses have been implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [31409/23]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [31410/23]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to date on expanding the national heel-prick test; the number of diseases babies born today in Ireland are being tested for currently; when spinal muscular atrophy will be included in newborn screening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [31411/23]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Health the annual cost of providing adult incontinence pants and inserts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [31413/23]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Health to provide information on the palliative care service in Wicklow; the hours that this service is available; if there are plans to increase the arrangements to 24 hours a day, 7 days per week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [31415/23]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Health the number of palliative care teams and staff members in CHO6 and CHO7 Wicklow at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [31416/23]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the status of funding to support counselling psychology training places; if the offer to counselling psychology trainees will be equivalent to the offer to educational psychology trainees (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31444/23]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if funding will be provided for the remaining four places on the counselling psychology doctorate in Trinity College Dublin, equivalent to the ten places already funded by CHO6 and 7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31445/23]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail for each individual public/voluntary hospital the number employed in wholtime equivalent terms in each category (details supplied) in each hospital in May 2023, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [31448/23]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Health the action, if any, which has been taken on recommendation two of the final report of the Special Committee on Covid-19 Response by carrying out a review into the impact of nursing home privatisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31449/23]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing home beds provided by each voluntary NGO provider; the location, by CHO; the costs of this provision per nursing home for 2021 and 2022; the bed capacity of each nursing home in 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31450/23]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing home beds provided by each private for-profit provider; the location by CHO; the costs of this provision per nursing home for 2021 and 2022; the bed capacity of each nursing home in 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31451/23]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing home beds provided directly by the State; the location by CHO; the costs of this provision per nursing home for 2021 and 2022; the bed capacity of each nursing home in 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31452/23]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Health the number of alcohol and drug treatment centres provided by each voluntary NGO provider; the location of each centre; the costs of this provision per centre for 2021 and 2022; the bed capacity of each centre in 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31453/23]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Health the number of alcohol and drug treatment centres provided by each private for-profit provider; the location of each centre; the costs of this provision per centre for 2021 and 2022; the bed capacity of each centre in 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31454/23]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Health the number of alcohol and drug treatment centres provided directly by the State; the location of each centre; the costs of this provision per centre for 2021 and 2022; the bed capacity of each centre in 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31455/23]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a primary medical certificate for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31456/23]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cognitive behavioural therapist positions funded through the HSE, by CHO area; for a breakdown of vacant positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [31466/23]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE paediatric audiologists working in each health centre and primary care centre within CHO8 in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [31476/23]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for eye care with the HSE, by age cohort and length of wait, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [31477/23]

\*159. 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 same; if he will establish a review which encompasses the scope of services provided or which could be provided by community pharmacy; and if so, whether he will include scoping of a minor ailments or minor illness scheme in community pharmacy in the terms of reference of the aforementioned review. — Pearse Doherty. [31487/23]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Health given that 28 June is International Neonatal Screening Day, the progress he is making on expanding the national heel-prick test; how many diseases babies born today in Ireland are currently being tested for; when he will decide on including spinal muscular atrophy in new-born screening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31497/23]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the difficulties being experienced by non-EEA health care assistants in getting permission to have close family members join them in Ireland, and the impact this is having on the recruitment and retention of health care assistants; if he has raised this matter with Government colleagues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [31514/23]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will issue guidance relating to the €500 allowance for student nurses and midwives, as announced by Government following the McHugh Report; and if he will indicate when student nurses and midwives will be able to access this allowance. — Eoin Ó Broin. [31515/23]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Health the reason an elderly person (details supplied) from County Mayo would be offered hospital appointments in Kildare and Derry, rather than Galway University Hospital, in light of their advanced age and medical condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [31518/23]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on CAMHS services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31524/23]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Health if the funding for counselling trainees will be equivalent to the amount offered to educational psychology trainees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [31525/23]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a medical card holder (details supplied) cannot obtain dental services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [31528/23]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31550/23]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1117 of 13 June 2023, if he can provide a copy of this new policy with specific details in relation to it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31551/23]

\*169. 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 so, whether he will include scoping of a minor ailments or minor illness scheme in community pharmacy in the terms of reference of the aforementioned review. — Claire Kerrane. [31554/23]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to establish a new national contract for vasectomy provision for general services medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [31609/23]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Health the reason why seriously ill young infants have to travel abroad for ECHMO treatment; if there are plans to make this treatment available in Ireland for all children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [31610/23]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reopening of Keltoi. — Thomas Gould. [31621/23]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a date for a hospital admission to rehab, Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [31622/23]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the €9 million in additional supports promised to student nurses and midwives; when nurses and midwives will receive the €500 increase (details supplied); if this will be backdated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [31360/23]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive their Covid recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [31662/23]

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

\*176. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if tutors currently working in the further education sector will retain the right to receive social welfare payments during holiday breaks if they decide to stay as they are and not accept the adult educator contracts recently offered to them by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [31575/23]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding student accommodation deposits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31635/23]

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I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 29 MEITHEAMH, 2023  
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 29 JUNE, 2023**

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

I. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he supports sub-minimum rates of pay for young workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [31661/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans for regulation of technology in business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [31432/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what measures are being taken to make Ireland a hub for EU technology regulation. — Willie O'Dea. [31434/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of employment permits issued to non-EEA home care workers since December 2022; the number of applications received; the number of applications refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [31204/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the degree to which he remains satisfied foreign direct and indigenous investment continue to play a meaningful role in the development of the manufacturing and services sectors, with particular reference to the need to ensure durability and long-term confidence at home and internationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31613/23]

6. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider allowing partners and spouses of holders of intra-company transfer employment permits to be eligible for an employment permit in their own right in a similar way to the current eligibility of partners and spouses of holders of critical skills employment permits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [31329/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the scheme for businesses impacted by kerosene price increases will go live; and if it will be expanded to businesses impacted by liquid petroleum gas and liquefied natural gas price increases. — Louise O'Reilly. [31537/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on European Central Bank data that corporate profiteering is contributing more to inflation than wages, and similar data from the Central Bank of Ireland's quarterly report that profits have contributed more to domestic inflation than wages; and if he believes that profit restraint will have a key role in reducing inflation. — Louise O'Reilly. [31540/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the work of his Department and Enterprise Ireland on the Circuleire Programme; the expected outputs of the programme for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [31160/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he agrees that without appropriate regulation, the increased usage of artificial intelligence technologies poses potential risks to workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [31386/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how often his Department carries out a review of the employment permits lists; how long these review take before the lists are updated; how stakeholders and interested parties have been made aware of these reviews in order to part-take in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [31604/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the negotiating position adopted by the European Parliament in relation to its discussions with the European Council on the proposed Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [31382/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the regional enterprise development fund will be open for new applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [31325/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he expects proposed changes to employment permit law to take effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [31651/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will discuss the White Paper on Enterprise 2022-2030; and what steps are being taken to ensure improved funding for local enterprise offices. — Maurice Quinlivan. [31489/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the action being taken by the IDA and Enterprise Ireland to support new businesses and jobs to Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [31391/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what measures are being taken to improve on Ireland’s current position in innovation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [31663/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of applications received by his Department for intra-company transfer employment permits in each respective year from 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023; the number of successful applications in the same period, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [31381/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what discussions he has had with his EU colleagues in relation to harmonised rules for the development, placement on the market, and use of AI systems in the EU. — Seán Haughey. [31433/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he can provide an update as to when the WRC Code of Conduct for remote working will be published. — Louise O’Reilly. [31536/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will introduce a new statutory consumer advocacy agency; and if there are existing plans within his Department in relation to its creation. — Gary Gannon. [24645/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on his engagement with the retail forum regarding food prices. — Thomas Gould. [31627/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will detail any proposals or plans to deal with the issues regarding the representative rights of retired workers; if he will support the passage to Committee stage of the Industrial Relations (Provisions in Respect of Pension Entitlements of Retired Workers) Bill 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [31601/23]



24. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline any work or reviews undertaken by his Department on the carbon emissions impact of strengthening the Irish export sector as outlined in his Department's White Paper on Enterprise 2022-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [31159/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of his Department's commitment to increase engagement with islands in the Regional Enterprise Plans, as promised in the recently published Our Living Islands action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31541/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the action being taken by the IDA and Enterprise Ireland to support new businesses and jobs to the midlands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [31429/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the report (details supplied) which finds that while "significant support is provided to supporting people experiencing disabilities in employment, this has not yet been extended to supporting business creation and self-employment."; his plans to introduce tailored supports for people with disabilities to start and maintain their own business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [31588/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the development and implementation of a scheme to assist businesses which have been impacted by significant increases in the cost of kerosene heating oil. — Joe Flaherty. [31389/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the Artificial Intelligence Strategy. — James Lawless. [31335/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on progress on the implementation of the Midlands Regional Enterprise Plan; the potential future funding for the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [31428/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has had any discussions with SME representatives in relation to regulatory impact assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31431/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the National Digital Strategy. — James Lawless. [31334/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how he proposes to ensure that artificial intelligence is developed and used in a manner that is in line with basic human rights and values; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [31383/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how he proposes to ensure a modern, cohesive and well-resourced regulatory framework for digital businesses. — Willie O'Dea. [31435/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 75 of 10 May 2023, if the IDA currently employs, or has under contract, an agent or consultant in Israel to increase investment in Ireland by Israeli companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31542/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline the work being carried out by his Department and related agencies to support SMEs in the Border region wishing to export; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [31586/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on efforts being made by his Department, the IDA and Enterprise Ireland to attract new businesses to County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [31312/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what measures are being taken to identify key sectors that will require additional State supports to successfully transition to low-carbon production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [31664/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when construction work will commence on the advanced manufacturing facility at the IDA park in Marlinstown, Mullingar, County Westmeath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [31326/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if consideration will be given to the establishment of a Departmental forum on AI in the workplace, comprising experts in the area and trade unions representing workers whose employers use automated systems to monitor workers, to better understand how firms deploy automated technology for worker surveillance. — Louise O'Reilly. [31538/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for a report on progress being made to acquire an IDA Ireland purpose built facility in Longford town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [31388/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the IDA advanced building solution to be provided on the purchased IDA land bank in Mell north Drogheda; the expected timelines on the delivery of the ABS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [31634/23]

43. 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. [31491/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on progress in the implementation of the South-East Regional Enterprise Plan; the potential future funding for the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [31390/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he has taken to address food price inflation. — Holly Cairns. [30760/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 80 of 11 May 2023, the number of employment permits issued in respect of non-EEA home care workers since the start of January 2023; the number of applications refused;



the number of applications pending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31545/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 91 of 11 May 2023, the status of his Department's engagement with the Department of Foreign Affairs with a view to developing a new action plan on business and human rights; the status of plans to reconvene the Business and Human Rights Stakeholder Forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31544/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he intends to support Irish-based companies to continue to supply indigenous gas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [31644/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will bring forward or support new legislation in view of events at a company (details supplied) recently that will protect workers; his views on whether current legislation is sufficient to prevent abuses of workers in cases of examinership and so on; if his Department is investigating the actions of management at the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [31602/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the Working Group on Trustworthy AI Principles and Guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [31441/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to detail what efforts are being made by his Department to enhance trade links with Asia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [31674/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if, in light of proposed redundancies at a company (details supplied), he will review current legislation around redundancies and notice periods in order to enhance current protection for workers; if he or his Department will meet with representatives of the company's workers to hear their concerns at the limitations of the current legislation and the process undertaken by their employer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [25165/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider introducing an export credit guarantee scheme to support companies looking to increase their international trading opportunities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [31440/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he has taken to ensure that employers have access to qualified employees to meet the requirements of the labour market; when the next review of the critical skills occupation list will take place; what measures he is taking to stream-line the work permit application process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [31203/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he and his Department continue to monitor any issues likely to be a cause of inflation throughout the business and commercial sectors; if research continues to be carried out to identify the possible causes of price increases leading to operation costs for businesses throughout the manufacturing and services sectors; if he remains satisfied that opportunistic price increases are not affecting

consumer confidence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31612/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 107 of 11 May 2023, for an update on the implementation of the West Regional Enterprise Plan to 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31543/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how he and the Government will take action to address the most recent European Commission report indicating that Ireland is now the most expensive country in Europe for household expenditure on goods and services last year, at 46% above the EU average; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [31633/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide an update on the Western Enterprise Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [31643/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how many applications for work permits for transmission line workers have been refused by his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023; if he is aware of the implications for enterprise and wider infrastructural development of these refusals; if he will intervene to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31625/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how he can reconcile the finding of the CCPC that there is no excessive pricing in the grocery sector with the fact that Irish prices are 46% higher than the EU average; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [31660/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has sought to develop a solution, in partnership with the management of a company (details supplied) for the continuation of the mines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [30825/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding available through Enterprise Ireland for people with disabilities seeking to establish their own business. — Thomas Gould. [31626/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the critical skills list review will be carried out sooner than scheduled by his Department in view of the enormous resourcing pressures presently paralysing enterprises; if he is aware in particular of the shortage of transmission line workers and the refusal of work permits for such workers despite their unavailability in the Irish market; the reason his Department is waiting until autumn to initiate work to address this pressing problem; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31624/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has considered the re-establishment of the co-operative development unit within his Department to provide training support and advice to co-operatives. — Maurice Quinlivan. [31488/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider developing four regional hubs to support seedbed and fledgling tourism businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [31311/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is developing policy tools with the aim of creating regional centres of excellence built around regional strengths. — Richard Bruton. [31669/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what action he is taking to reduce the cost of doing business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31430/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the development of regulation, guidelines and standards for the ethical use of artificial intelligence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [31385/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on his recent convening of the Enterprise Digital Advisory Forum meeting at CeADAR, Ireland's designated AI hub; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [31387/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the recent report (details supplied) from the European Disability Network that reveals the persistent gap in access to quality employment for persons with disabilities and states that four countries including Ireland lead this "hall of shame" with less than a third (32.6%) of persons with disabilities employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [31589/23]

71. 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. [31490/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on his recent participation at high-level roundtable on artificial intelligence in Sweden; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [31384/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is aware of recent actions by a company (details supplied) which are aimed at unilaterally changing the work contract of senior staff and separately the changing of hours and remuneration of delivery staff; if he will meet with workers' representatives on foot of these moves to examine their concerns on the limitations of current legislation that governs protection of workers' contracts and earnings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [25166/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he intends to meet food production companies in the near future to discuss the high cost of retailed/end product food items in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [31587/23]

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

75. To ask the Minister for Education when the last tender for educational books in Braille happened; and what action she intends to take to end the inordinate delays experienced by students requiring these books. — Sorca Clarke. [31617/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary school teachers in counties Limerick, Clare and Tipperary, respectively in 2019-2020; how these figures compare with the number of primary school teachers in the same counties for 2023-2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [31437/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the school divestment programme. — Robert Troy. [31594/23]

78. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cad é beartas na Roinne maidir le bunú Gaelscoileanna agus Gaelcholáistí; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30560/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the School Building Programme in County Cork; if she is satisfied with its progress to-date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [31658/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the excess waste and spend of buying physical copies of textbooks only to load the virtual version they contain onto an electronic device (details supplied); and if she will outline what her Department is doing to reduce this waste and spend. — Gary Gannon. [31572/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated number of children and families that will benefit from the free schoolbooks scheme in primary schools in counties Laois, Offaly, Longford and Westmeath, respectively for 2023-2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [31508/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Education in response to the CSO population publication which shows significant increases in population in County Louth and, in particular, the east Meath settlement area, the total number of pupils currently accessing SEN units in primary and post-primary schools in the Louth and the east Meath catchment area; her plans to increase capacity in these areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [31638/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Education the number of resignations (including notices of resignation) of primary and secondary school teachers since the beginning of the 2022-2023 academic year. — Gary Gannon. [31568/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she expects to be in a position to ensure an adequate supply of primary and second-level school places throughout north Kildare and throughout the country to meet the growing needs of a rapidly increasing population in terms of school places, extra and new accommodation and the supply of teachers to meet these needs in line with the demand arising from negotiation with the various school authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31614/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied with the model being piloted for the transfer of patronage in schools; and if modifications in that approach are planned. — Richard Bruton. [31671/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Education how special schools can have generic behaviour codes which every child has to follow when these children with the highest supports do not understand what is been asked of them, leading to suspension of the children and families in distress (details supplied); her stance on behaviour codes for special schools; if she will examine with her Department and NCSE the matter of individualising behaviour codes for families; and if a Middleton programme will be introduced in all special schools and autism classes (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [31156/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider increasing the school capitation grants in her submission for Budget 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [31647/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 89 of 16 May 2023, if she will provide an update on the number of applications made for the school transport scheme within County Cork; if there is an increase in applications in the Cork east constituency; if her Department has plans for new school transport routes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [31659/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the work completed to date under the pilot programme of counselling and wellbeing/mental health supports in schools; her Department's plans for the programme going forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [31607/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider developing an enhanced range of interventions in acutely disadvantaged clusters of urban schools such as has been proposed by principals in a number of such schools. — Richard Bruton. [31670/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has considered the impact on Border third-level institutions of a later-than-usual Leaving Certificate results day, as Border third-level institutions need to attract Northern-based students who will receive UCAS offers based on their A Level results on August 17; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [31590/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Education whether she has engaged with the State Examinations Commission regarding Leaving Certificate maths papers. — Thomas Gould. [31632/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Education when a three-classroom extension project at a school (details supplied) will progress; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [30829/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Education when the long-awaited review of the school transport scheme is due to be completed and the recommendations published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [31637/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 85 of 16 May 2023, her plans to publish her Department's review of the summer programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31566/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Education when she intends to introduce free schoolbooks in secondary schools. — Joan Collins. [31158/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the roll-out of solar panels for all schools; if a timeline for the commencement of this project is available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [30782/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary school teachers in counties Carlow Cork and Kerry in 2019-2020, respectively; and how these figures compare with the number of primary school teachers in the same counties for 2023-2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [31439/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Education if she will abolish fares for school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [31656/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Education if she will develop a register for schools for children with ASD and additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [31642/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the proposal to create a DEIS plus band for schools with high levels of support needs to assist with disadvantage; and if she will consider creating a DEIS plus model to provide additional supports to pupils who need it. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [31596/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated number of children and families that will benefit from the free schoolbooks scheme in primary schools in counties Cork and Kerry for 2023-2024, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [31438/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to resolve teacher shortages in the coming school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [31654/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Education how much funding has been provided to Cork schools by her Department under the emergency works scheme and the additional accommodation scheme for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [31606/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that all students who need it will have access to school transport in September; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [31655/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Education for a list of primary and post-primary schools that have been issued with funds by her Department to buy, or that have been issued with air purifiers and Hepa filters for their classrooms; and a list of schools that have not been issued with same. — Joan Collins. [31157/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the capital funding plans for the expansion of a school (details supplied) to accommodate growing numbers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [31162/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide additional supports for parents who must purchase devices such as a tablets and so on, for the new school year; if her Department has plans to purchase centrally such devices on behalf of schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [31599/23]



109. To ask the Minister for Education the number of appeals made under section 29 of the Education Act 1998 to the Secretary General of her Department in 2021 and 2022, respectively and to date in 2023; the number of these appeals in each category; the number of cases each year to which an appeals committee was appointed; the further number of these appeals where a hearing was conducted; the final number of these appeals that were upheld; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [31510/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 137 of 25 January 2023, if the ongoing school transport review will facilitate children in September 2023 who cannot gain access to their nearest school due to a shortage of school places and would then not qualify for school transport as they would not be attending their nearest school or second nearest school; if she will give specific consideration to an area in County Cork (details supplied) which experiences this issue every year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [30828/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to ensure that teachers in Dublin can afford accommodation near their jobs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [31653/23]

112. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she will take to meet the identified need for a secondary school in Dublin 8; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [31592/23]

113. To ask the Minister for Education the plans that are in place to ensure the maximum number of second-level students who apply for places under the school transport scheme for the 2023-2024 academic year will get them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [31591/23]

114. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated number of children and families that will benefit from the free schoolbooks scheme in primary schools in counties Limerick, Clare and Tipperary, respectively for 2023-2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [31436/23]

115. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cad é líon na n-aonad Gaeilge in iar-bhunscoileanna an Stáit; an bhfuil aon scrúdú déanta ar éifeacht na n-aonad ó thaobh oideachais trí Ghaeilge de le hais Gaelcholáistí; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30559/23]

116. To ask the Minister for Education the dates when a review of the operation of sections 28 and 29 of the Education Act 1998 have been conducted as mandated under the Act; the person or persons who carried out any such review in each case; the outcome of these reviews; her plans, if any, to have further reviews carried out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [31506/23]

117. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the school reconfiguration pilot programme. — Gary Gannon. [31570/23]

118. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén uair a bheidh múinteoirí in ann clárú i nGaeilge leis an gComhairle Mhúinteoireachta ar líne sa bhealach céanna ar féidir é a dhéanamh i mBéarla, agus cén fáth nach raibh sé in ann é seo a dhéanamh ó thús agus cad é an mhoill le rogha Ghaeilge a bheith ar fáil dóibh síúd atá ag clárú nó ag athchlárú ós rud é go bhfuil sé riachtanach orthu chun dul ag múineadh sa Stáit. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [26650/23]

119. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a child (details supplied) has a school place in an autism class this September. — Joan Collins. [31155/23]

120. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [31672/23]

121. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ban voluntary contributions in schools in view of the escalating costs on parents; and if she will implement the financial supports necessary in order to be able to fund those services currently funded by voluntary contributions. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [31595/23]

122. To ask the Minister for Education the number of registered teachers at primary and secondary school level at the beginning of the 2022-2023 academic year. — Gary Gannon. [31569/23]

123. To ask the Minister for Education the costs associated with the delivery of modular school accommodation versus accommodation procured pre-Covid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [31641/23]

124. To ask the Minister for Education the reason ICT grants were not given this year; if she is aware that many schools had built the ICT grant into their funding model to avail of lease agreements and that the withdrawal of the ICT grant leaves a gap in funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [31597/23]

125. To ask the Minister for Education the funding that was allocated to primary and post-primary schools under the Digital Strategy for Schools in the 2021-2022 school year and in the 2022-2023 school year; her plans to allocate the remainder of the €200 million announced by her under this strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [31645/23]

126. To ask the Minister for Education the funding options available to schools that require to purchase ICT equipment for September 2023. — Holly Cairns. [30762/23]

127. To ask the Minister for Education the up-to-date position on delivering new school buildings for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [31666/23]

128. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she expects to be in a position to continue to meet the ever increasing demand arising from a rapidly increasing population in Kildare north and throughout the country, with particular reference to school transport for primary and second-level, and appropriate special needs classes to meet this rising demand to include extra and appropriately qualified teachers and SNAs as required and arising from her dialogue with the various school authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31615/23]

129. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the Citizens' Assembly on the Future of Education, which was outlined in the Programme for Government. — Gary Gannon. [31571/23]

130. To ask the Minister for Education the intervention she and her Department have made in relation to the ongoing issue of school transportation from Ballyvourney, Macroom and surrounding areas to a school (details supplied). — Sorca Clarke. [31618/23]



131. To ask the Minister for Education the grants planned to be paid to primary schools for the 2023-2024 school year; and the dates on which they will be issued. — Holly Cairns. [30761/23]

132. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she will take to ensure increased year-on-year funding for the school pathfinder retrofitting project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [30783/23]

133. To ask the Minister for Education if she considers that continued Catholic Church dominance in the school system is appropriate given the findings on religious affiliation and lack of religious affiliation reported in the last Census; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [31657/23]

134. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application for an extension by a school (details supplied) to facilitate a special education class. — Robert Troy. [31593/23]

135. To ask the Minister for Education the reason repeated applications since 1998 by a school (details supplied) for the provision of a gym and social canteen space have been refused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [31646/23]

136. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary school teachers in counties Laois, Offaly, Longford and Westmeath, respectively in 2019-2020; how these figures compare with the number of primary school teachers in the same counties for 2023-2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [31509/23]

137. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the schedule for the review of the Reasonable Accommodation Policy for Exams; who will carry out the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [31161/23]

138. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the implementation of the expanded summer programme for children with complex educational needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [31673/23]

139. To ask the Minister for Education if she has considered the roll-out of a nationwide partnership with tech companies to enable students at primary education level to develop their technological skills including coding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [31665/23]

140. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimh. 129 an 23 Márta 2023, soiléiriú a thabhairt ar an dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir leis an bplean chun beartas cuimsitheach don Ghaeilge sa chóras oideachais, idir leibhéal an oideachais réamhscoile agus leibhéal an oideachais do mhúinteoirí, a fhorbairt agus a fhoilsiú; cathain a fhoilseofar an beartas nua; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [31567/23]