



# DÁIL ÉIREANN

*Dé Máirt, 4 Iúil, 2023*  
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**CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

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

1. To ask the Taoiseach the total number of times Taoisigh have issued State apologies in the past decade. — Peadar Tóibín. [30823/23]
2. 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]
3. To ask the Taoiseach the State apologies issued by Taoisigh since 2013. — Mary Lou McDonald. [32197/23]
4. To ask the Taoiseach to list the total number of State apologies issued by his Department since 2011. — Bríd Smith. [32546/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with drugs policy will next meet. — Neasa Hourigan. [30915/23]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30964/23]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next. — Mick Barry. [32130/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next. — Aindrias Moynihan. [32450/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32451/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32540/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with Health will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [32547/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on drugs policy will next meet. — Gino Kenny. [32556/23]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with disability will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32550/23]

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

15. To ask the Taoiseach the policy in his Department regarding the use of the Government jet. — Mick Barry. [32131/23]

16. To ask the Taoiseach the policy in his Department on use of the Government jet. — Paul Murphy. [32543/23]

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

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mick Barry. [32132/23]

19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [32199/23]

20. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32452/23]

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [32455/23]

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [32508/23]

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing is next due to meet. — Alan Dillon. [32515/23]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32541/23]

25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [32544/23]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [32548/23]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [32557/23]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Paul McAuliffe. [32822/23]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the NESC. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32542/23]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the NESC. — Paul Murphy. [32545/23]

33. 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. — Cian O'Callaghan. [32558/23]

34. 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. — Mick Barry. [32644/23]

35. 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. — Brendan Smith. [32833/23]

36. 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. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [32844/23]

37. 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]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social dialogue co-ordination unit of his Department. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [32454/23]

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Social Dialogue Co-ordination unit of his Department. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [32509/23]

40. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Social Dialogue Unit of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32549/23]

41. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Social Dialogue Unit of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [32552/23]

42. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Social Dialogue Co-ordination Unit of his Department. — Cian O'Callaghan. [32559/23]

43. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Social Dialogue Co-ordination unit of his Department. — Mick Barry. [32645/23]

44. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Social Dialogue Co-ordination Unit of his Department. — Brendan Smith. [32834/23]

45. 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]

46. To ask the Taoiseach if he will detail the salaries of the top ten highest paid civil servants in his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32079/23]

47. To ask the Taoiseach if he will list the salaries of the top ten highest paid civil servants. — Paul Murphy. [32553/23]

48. To ask the Taoiseach if he will list the salaries of each of the top ten highest paid civil servants in his Department. — Mick Barry. [32646/23]

49. 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]

50. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the State litigation principles announced by the Attorney General. — Paul Murphy. [32554/23]

51. To ask the Taoiseach the amount spent on advertising with RTE by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [32076/23]

52. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on this attendance at the recent European Council Meeting. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32445/23]

53. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the European Council on 29 and 30 June 2023. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32453/23]

54. To ask the Taoiseach how many new jobs have been created in Cork for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2022. — Colm Burke. [31605/23]

### **CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

55. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the commitment by the Minister of State to develop a national strategy to improve communicating a coherent message around integration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [32481/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps being taken to ensure that children are not exploited when under the residential care of Tusla; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [31581/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on child protection and welfare practices in publicly funded and run residential care facilities; if his Department monitor cases of suspected abuse; if provision to address issues highlighted by Tusla will be included in budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [32483/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will comment further on a recent Parliamentary Question I raised around the number of children in care who are awaiting the allocation of a qualified social worker; the measures that he proposes to tackle the shortfall in social workers within Tusla; the measures he proposes to address the deficit in available data in regard to same; if his Department are engaged in workforce planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [32484/23]

**CEISTEANNA EILE  
OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

59. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what engagement his Department has had with the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science regarding the provision of additional college places for speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, child and adult mental health psychologists and social workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [32242/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to address staffing shortages on Children's Disability Network Teams. — Holly Cairns. [32533/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of beds, in tabular form, in each unit, in each LHO, assigned for respite for relatives of families aged 18 years and older; and the cost per centre and staff allocated per centre of respite, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [32059/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he has taken to control increase in childcare costs in the summer months when the Early Childhood Care and Education Programme is not running; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [32517/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current pay structure in Enable Ireland for occupational therapists and speech and language therapists; if there are plans to increase funding to Enable Ireland in 2023 and 2024 to cover the costs of basic services for children with complex needs; the engagements he has had with Enable Ireland this year on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [32505/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if consideration is being given during the process ahead of Budget 24 to increasing the rate of the foster carers' allowance, which has not increased since 2009; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [32456/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to improve disability services in County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [32534/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will put in place at an early date an adequate grant-aid scheme to support the provision of new and substantial community childcare facilities where such needs exist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [32443/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the Programme for Government's commitment to double the target for employment of people with disabilities in the public service to 6%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [32325/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that the Government's own Cost of Disability report indicated that people with disabilities incur between €9,482 and €11,735 a year on expenses related to their disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [32470/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 73 of 30 May 2023, the status of the review of the projected timelines for the implementation of the White Paper to end direct provision and establish a new international protection support service; if the review has been completed to-date; the timeline for the publication of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [32458/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the need to review the funding streams for FRC's. — Robert Troy. [32577/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children who have gone missing from State care in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [32082/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that Ireland ranks lowest in the EU for both its disability employment rate and disability employment gap; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [32472/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the need to address the unintended anomalies in the core funding for early years settings. — Robert Troy. [32578/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on how his Department is addressing the waiting lists for clinical assessments identified through the assessment of needs (AON) process; if the budgetary allocation for this year is enough to tackle this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [32243/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the engagements his Department has had with the Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform and his Department on resolving the disparity in pay and conditions of section 39-funded workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [31362/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he monitors the extent to which local authorities are applying the criteria of need for childcare places in the issuing of conditions surrounding new developments. — Richard Bruton. [32475/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which children's welfare and wellbeing is protected by Tusla in all situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32521/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what engagement that has been held with the Minister for Education in regard to the provision of special schools in the State. — Sean Sherlock. [32060/23]



79. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on legislation that will transfer the registration and inspection functions for non-statutory children's residential centres from Tusla to the chief inspector in HIQA, which is under consideration by the Government for over four years; if the necessary amendments will be included in the Child Care (Amendment) Bill 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [32479/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are plans to change the fee structure for early childhood care service providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [32241/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on a review of the Equality Acts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [32566/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to establish an agency (details supplied) to assist in the expansion of high-quality childcare, spearheading leadership, best practice and innovation, as well as professional development in community and private settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [31577/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his Department's plans to allow parents of children who need or received an assessment of need privately to claim back from the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [26698/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will publish an action plan and allocate resources to support the findings of the Government's own Cost of Disability report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [32471/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 60 of 30 May 2023, to outline the progress made, if any, by his Department in putting in place support measures for vulnerable young adults with intellectual disabilities to attend training centres and workshops post-second level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [32399/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what is being put in place to resolve the crisis in staffing issues in SLT in CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [32518/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current staffing levels of CDNTs in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [32444/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will examine funding for transport for children in support services once they reach the age of 18 years. — Sean Sherlock. [32061/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps being taken to address the additional transport costs associated with disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [31580/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he expects the Optional Protocol of the UNCRPD will be adopted by Ireland; what is the reason for the delay in acceding to the Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32323/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has met with Rehab Enterprises in Navan to discuss the risk of job losses there; if he will put measures in places to ensure that these jobs are protected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [32401/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to address the steps he will take in budget 2024 to address disadvantaged children in early years given the significant levels of child poverty being experienced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [32485/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will be support Tusla with the necessary capital investment required to achieve 50:50 public private children's residential centre provision by 2025; if this investment will be part of Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [32480/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the Disability Capacity Review Action Plan will be published; the reason for the delay in the publication of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [32459/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the status of the provision of community neuro-rehabilitations teams in CHO 4; what funding, if any, has been allocated to increase these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [32324/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will confirm the number of early years services that have been unsuccessful for the sustainability grant by county, in tabular form; the reasons given; and the supports that his Department offer those turned down to ensure future applications are successful. — Kathleen Funchion. [32487/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what engagement he has had with staff representatives in the CDNT sector in terms of pay and conditions. — Sean Sherlock. [32058/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will comment on the recent early years pilot meals programme; to disclose the services that took part in the pilot and whether the programme will be widened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [32486/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to reduce childcare costs for families. — Holly Cairns. [32535/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extra funding provided to disability organisations for new services this year; the number of new services provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32071/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking, including what engagement he has had with the Minister for Housing, to ensure that the human rights of homeless children and children at risk of homelessness are protected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [32512/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has identified the need for new supply in early childhood education and childcare; and if he has developed any proposals for capital support in areas of shortage. — Richard Bruton. [32474/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if it is possible to engage with a local authority on the improvement of a road to allow a bus service support an entity (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [32062/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps being taken to support and ensure adequate staffing of children's disability network teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [31579/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if consideration is being given during the process ahead of Budget 24 to the issues of wages and job progression in the childcare sector; if consideration is being given as to how costs can be reduced for parents in the same context; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [32457/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to improve access to personal assistant hours this year; if there are plans to improve national standards for allocation, provision and data collection for a full evaluation of the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32322/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to further reduce childcare costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [32403/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps being taken to ensure recruitment and retention of staff in the disability sector, particularly in section 39 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32070/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on disability services for children in both Cavan and Monaghan; if there are plans to increase services in these counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [32504/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the Autism Innovation Oversight and Advisory Group; when the next public consultation to finalise the Autism Innovation Strategy will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [32245/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the progress of the Neuro-Rehabilitation Strategy Implementation Framework; an update on the two demonstrator projects within CHO6 and CHO7 to assess the feasibility of the model to inform national roll-out and how these will provide learnings for the expansion of the

service across the country; an estimated timeline of when a full national roll-out will occur; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [32246/23]

112. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps being taken to support the provision of allied health services to children with a disability within the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [31578/23]

113. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if exit interviews were being carried out with those leaving Community Disability Network Teams in CHO 7; the results of these interviews; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [32506/23]

114. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the return of therapists to special schools in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [31631/23]

115. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to a study (details supplied) which expressed concerns over the sexual exploitation of children in care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [32081/23]

116. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details on the €700,000 in dormant accounts funding to Tusla; what this funding will be used for; what organisations will benefit from this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [32244/23]

117. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which Tusla can intervene in all situations where concerns have been raised regarding the health and welfare of a child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32522/23]

118. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has examined ways of reducing the level of bureaucracy associated with the National Childcare Scheme for both families and childcare service providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [32400/23]

119. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 21 of 30 March 2023, if he will provide an update on the possible 'earlier ratification of the Optional Protocol' of the UN Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [32565/23]

120. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children waiting on assessment of needs and the average waiting time in each Community Disability Network Teams in Dublin Mid-West; his plans to address these waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [32507/23]

121. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline the proposals, if any, he has to increase substantially the level of grant-aid available under building blocks - capacity grant for the provision of new and upgraded childcare accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [32442/23]

122. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will comment on the low levels of internal promotion from social care level to social worker level, given the crisis in recruitment and retention within the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [32488/23]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*123. To ask the Taoiseach the amount paid out to all consultancy firms for any services rendered; and the cost per contract for the year to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [31699/23]

\*124. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department purchased or produced any memorabilia such as pens, stationery, pins, badges, mugs or other types of souvenirs to mark or celebrate Pride 2023; and if so, the costs incurred. — Carol Nolan. [31802/23]

\*125. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of the Shared Ireland Programme since its establishment in 2020; the key initiatives taken; and his assessment of their impact to date. — Jim O’Callaghan. [31854/23]

\*126. To ask the Taoiseach the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020. — Cathal Crowe. [31872/23]

\*127. To ask the Taoiseach if he will arrange for a requested meeting (details supplied) to take place at an early date. — Róisín Shortall. [31980/23]

\*128. To ask the Taoiseach the total advertising budget allocated by his Department and agencies in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2023, respectively; the funding provided directly to RTÉ in each year; and if he has sought and secured an assurance that none of this funding was rebated via the RTÉ advertising barter account. — Denis Naughten. [32000/23]

\*129. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department collates statistics on the number of SMEs which close each year; and if so, if he will furnish this Deputy with statistics pertaining to each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [30824/23]

\*130. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a schedule of the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding that his Department can provide to an association (details supplied), heading under which the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding is provided; the maximum amount that can be accessed; and the dates on which the schemes operate. — Catherine Murphy. [32286/23]

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

\*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 37 of 21 June 2023, to clarify the meaning of the statement that ‘no new peacekeeping missions have been approved by the UN Security Council since 2014’, in view of the fact that five new UN-mandated peace operations were established in 2022, which together deployed

approximately 26,000 personnel (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [32190/23]

\*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of peacekeeping missions approved by the UN Security Council in each year since 1960; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [32191/23]

\*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32256/23]

\*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide a schedule of the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding that his Department can provide to an association (details supplied), heading under which the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding is provided; the maximum amount that can be accessed; and the dates on which the schemes operate. — Catherine Murphy. [32278/23]

\*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he spoke with the United States Secretary of State at the recent Ukraine Recovery Conference in London. — Alan Kelly. [32310/23]

\*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when the competition for the new Department of Foreign Affairs election monitoring roster will be advertised; the number of places available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [32334/23]

\*137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extra resources and personnel that will be deployed at the Irish Embassy in Paris during the upcoming Rugby World Cup; and if a temporary emergency out-of-hours phone line will be set up for the duration of the World Cup. — Paul Donnelly. [32356/23]

\*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for a breakdown of the training and development and incidental expenses incurred by his Department in the years ending 31 December 2013, 31 December 2014, and 31 December 2015, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [32462/23]

\*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will be issued for a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [32490/23]

\*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on a passport (details supplied) given it has now passed its issue date. — Thomas Gould. [32598/23]

\*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to outline what training the human resources disability officer in his Department has undertaken and is scheduled to undertake in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [32636/23]

\*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will ensure that the renewal of a passport for a person (details supplied) will be processed urgently by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [32659/23]



\*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Irish Ambassador to the United States has spoken with the Governor of the State of Virginia in the US to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [32667/23]

\*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the current status of the applications for EU membership in respect of, separately, Kosovo, Georgia, Moldova, Bosnia Herzegovina, Türkiye, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Albania, Serbia and Ukraine; the current position of the Government in respect of each application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [32733/23]

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

\*145. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of dramatic increases in electricity in air-to-water/geothermal households; if he will consider further supports in future; if there are measures being put in place to ease these price increases in light of more offshore renewables under construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [32619/23]

\*146. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the actions being taken by Inland Fisheries Ireland and the EPA in relation to an ongoing fuel leak into the Slaney river below the waterworks at Tullow; whether the impact of this oil leak on the SAC, in particular the pearl mussel and salmon populations, has been ascertained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [32037/23]

\*147. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline the interdepartmental engagement process on the distribution of revenues raised from the windfall gains in the energy sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [32085/23]

\*148. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of people connected to the microgen pilot scheme from 2009 to 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [32117/23]

\*149. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the initial 907 pilot scheme generators will receive their payments under the Government-backed microgeneration scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [32118/23]

\*150. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of times he has met with or corresponded with the Director General of RTÉ since he took office; and the dates upon which such meetings or correspondences took place. — Peadar Tóibín. [32165/23]

\*151. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of times he has met with or corresponded with members of the board of RTÉ since he took office; and the dates upon which such meetings or correspondences took place. — Peadar Tóibín. [32169/23]

\*152. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of public funding, in money terms, the Government has provided to RTÉ in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [32172/23]

\*153. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of times his predecessors (details supplied) met with or corresponded with the Director General of RTÉ while they were in office; and the dates upon which such meetings or correspondences took place. — Peadar Tóibín. [32177/23]

\*154. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to clarify the nature and extent of his and his Department's statutory role with respect to the oversight and funding of Bord na Móna; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32189/23]

\*155. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will confirm that, in light of the recent EPA emissions projections and the subsequent confirmation by his Department that any overrun of total greenhouse gas emissions in excess of the 2021-25 carbon budget will be subtracted from the 2026-2030 carbon budget, the 2024 Climate Action Plan will introduce additional urgent emission reduction measures and corresponding downward adjustments of sectoral emission ceilings to satisfy the legal obligations to ensure compliance with the carbon budgets as required under the Climate and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [32265/23]

\*156. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will confirm that the projected carbon emissions data provided by the EPA for the cumulative carbon budget period 2021-2030 may, if realised, entirely eliminate the 2031-2035 carbon budget provisionally proposed by the Climate Change Advisory Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [32266/23]

\*157. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a schedule of the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding that his Department can provide to an association (details supplied), heading under which the grants, grant-aid, low cost borrowing and funding is provided; the maximum amount that can be accessed; and the dates on which the schemes operate. — Catherine Murphy. [32276/23]

\*158. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if an Eircode will be issued to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32336/23]

\*159. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for an update and a timeline/date for the roll-out of Broadband in an area of County Sligo (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [32371/23]

\*160. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to outline the next steps in the process for awarding the 2% increase in the An Post pension for a person (details supplied), agreed on 1 January 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [32478/23]

\*161. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline what consideration has been given to calculating carbon credits for the agricultural sector, in view of the fact that it was previously noted that afforestation and anaerobic digestion are two specific areas that are not related to agricultural emissions in terms of credits and considering that comparing carbon sequestration with carbon emissions is needed to provide a clear picture



of progress in meeting climate-related targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32610/23]

\*162. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the whole-time equivalent staff, by job title, working in the geological survey division of his Department as of 28 June 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [32685/23]

\*163. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there is a stream of funding under the Just Transition Fund that a company establishing operations in Littleton, Thurles, County Tipperary, could apply for to renovate a warehouse into a fit-for-purpose workshop in order to create local employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [32714/23]

\*164. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the District Heating Steering Group has reported to him regarding the sustainability of wood pellet stoves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [32787/23]

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

\*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to outline the current situation with respect to Irish soldiers who used malarone, doxycycline and lariam for overseas service; if any compensation process is open to soldiers adversely affected by the drugs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32040/23]

\*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on the adoption of the recommendations outlined in the High-Level Action Plan of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [32149/23]

\*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on the status of each vessel currently used by the Naval Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [32150/23]

\*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his views on whether the Naval Service is currently able to fulfil its current maritime security and defence commitments based on its current staffing levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [32151/23]

\*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for a breakdown of the numbers of people joining and leaving the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps, by month, over the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [32152/23]

\*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update in relation to the replacement of the Government's Learjet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [32153/23]

\*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update in relation to the PC-12 and CASA CN 235 aircrafts damaged in March 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [32154/23]

\*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update in relation to the at least 87 empty Defence Forces family accommodation; what plans there are to utilise these; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [32155/23]

\*173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of personnel for whom the Defence Forces currently provide accommodation, broken down by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [32156/23]

\*174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on the various capital works taking place on Haulbowline Island; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [32157/23]

\*175. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the full cost of the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy, in tabular form, to include the cost of policing and security, the use of locations, and the cost of Department staff involvement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [32195/23]

\*176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide a schedule of the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding that his Department can provide to an association (details supplied), heading under which the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding is provided; the maximum amount that can be accessed; and the dates on which the schemes operate. — Catherine Murphy. [32273/23]

\*177. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of males and females that applied to become instrumentalists within the Defence Forces School of Music from the most recent recruitment campaign. — Alan Kelly. [32317/23]

\*178. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has spoken with the United States Defence Secretary to date in 2023. — Paul Donnelly. [32341/23]

\*179. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 176 of 20 June 2023, the breakdown of the miscellaneous expenses incurred by his Department in the years ending 31 December 2013, 31 December 2014, and 31 December 2015, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [32460/23]

\*180. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence why only seven women were accepted into the Defence Forces in the last call despite over 617 women applying; if he thinks that this low number of female recruits is acceptable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [32847/23]

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

\*181. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an outline of the expected cost to the Irish taxpayer for the State to fund 50% of the A5 motorway upgrade; and to outline engagements he has had on this matter. — Martin Kenny. [32604/23]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Transport for a breakdown of the cost for the Blessington Greenway Project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [32814/23]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will urgently engage with Louth County Council and Meath County Council to investigate whether any additional funds can be provided to fund a temporary dolly bridge at the site of the Obelisk Bridge in Drogheda, given the expected closure dates of this key transport link outline a ten-month closure timeline and its key position adjacent to one of the areas key tourism sites in Oldbridge House and Gardens; if any option could be

considered that would allow the temporary cessation of toll charges for local residents on the M1 to alleviate what will be additional congestion pressures in an already over-congested town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32026/23]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Transport to respond to concerns raised (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32044/23]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Transport to respond to concerns raised with respect to the imminent closure of a transport link in Oldbridge, Drogheda, which is essential for bridge refurbishment works; if he will examine whether any supports can be put in place with regard to a dolly bridge or slip toll reductions for residents affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32050/23]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on what measures he has undertaken to ensure that Ireland meets the mandatory quote of 5.5% renewable fuel of non-biological origin use in the transport sector by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [32106/23]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that works being carried out on the historic Obelisk Bridge at Oldbridge, County Meath will see the bridge close from 1 August 2023 for one year; if he is aware that the closure of this bridge/route from the north to the south of Drogheda will force motorists to use the toll bridge on Donore Road, Drogheda; if he will engage with CRG to lift the toll for the duration of the works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [32111/23]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with Bus Éireann regarding an issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32128/23]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Transport if a preferred corridor or route for the N22 Macroom to Ovens has been identified by TII; if information on the most specific current proposed route will be provided; when this route selection took place; if it is open to review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [32162/23]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of times his predecessor (details supplied) met with or corresponded with the Director General of RTÉ while he was in office; and the dates upon which such meetings or correspondences took place. — Peadar Tóibín. [32167/23]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will put in place a free electronic toll pass for residents within a 10km radius of Obelisk Bridge in east Meath for the duration of the closure of the Obelisk Bridge which will seriously discommode those living in the area and trying to cross the river Boyne for school, work, shopping, church and social reasons. — Peadar Tóibín. [32196/23]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Transport how much glyphosate was used by TII and its servants or agents in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [32210/23]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking in response to the absence of an increased in pension payments (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32234/23]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a schedule of the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding that his Department can provide to an association (details supplied), heading under which the grants, grant-aid, low cost borrowing and funding is provided; the maximum amount that can be accessed; and the dates on which the schemes operate. — Catherine Murphy. [32288/23]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details on all Bus Éireann services which now stop in Moate, County Westmeath, on a daily basis. — Robert Troy. [32297/23]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount that Bus Éireann spent on security equipment and personnel on its bus fleet in the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [32312/23]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the provision of a second NCT centre in County Clare; where the centre will be located; when it will be operational; to outline the reason for the delay in delivering the second centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [32318/23]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to the provision of an NCT centre in west Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [32319/23]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated investment to date in the Dublin BusConnects initiative; and the estimated final cost; and the expected impact when it is fully in place, in terms of extra passengers, extra buses in the system, and so on. — Paul Donnelly. [32343/23]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Transport if Irish Rail plans to increase the number of carriages from three to four on both the 09.33 and 17.33 Dublin Connolly to Rosslare Europort trains. — Paul Donnelly. [32344/23]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Transport who is the regulator for the 15 bus route; how a person can submit an official complaint about this service; and if there is an option to appeal the outcome of the complaint made. — Paul Murphy. [32396/23]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Transport how many three-yearly inspections of ships have taken place under section 5(3) of SI 376/2014 since that Instrument came into force; how many non-compliances were detected; and to provide these inspections and detected non-compliances, by category, in a tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [32409/23]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on Ireland's progress towards ratification of the Work in Fishing Convention ILO 188; whether it is intended to make the Marine Survey Office the sole agency for the enforcement of the provisions of the Convention on Foreign Flagged Fishing Vessels in operating in Irish territorial waters or whether the WRC inspectorate is envisaged as having a role as they do on enforcing minimum conditions of work on Irish flagged fishing vessels that employ direct labour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [32410/23]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Transport when the NTA's bus stops upgrade programme will be extended to Limerick city and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [32436/23]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will sanction a cost-of-living increase in the CIÉ pension; when that increase will be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [32597/23]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Transport to detail the number of CHADEMO/CCS charge points which have been removed in both Galway city and county since January 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [32617/23]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on a successor agreement between TII and the IFA (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [32623/23]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Transport the number and percentage of coaches and double-decker buses within the Bus Éireann fleet that currently have a toilet onboard; and if there are plans to increase these numbers. — Catherine Murphy. [32670/23]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Transport if Aer Rianta International, as a subsidiary of the Dublin Airport Authority, currently operates or oversees retail spaces in either Canada or in the United Arab Emirates airports. — Catherine Murphy. [32671/23]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Transport the waiting time for tests in each NCT test centre nationwide; to outline the measures he has put in place to reduce waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [32697/23]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the investment that is planned by Iarnród Éireann for its network in County Clare during 2023 and 2024; if consideration is being given to the opening of a rail stop at Crusheen, County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [32698/23]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons waiting for a driving test and a theory test in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [32699/23]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of and a breakdown of the categories of reports filed with the Road Safety Authority in respect of e-bike and e-scooters in 2022 and to date 2023; if the RSA is developing an updated advice on the use of e-bikes and e-scooters; if he will provide an update on his work in respect of the insurability of these modes of transport that are not capable of breaching the 25KPH threshold. — Catherine Murphy. [32790/23]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide, in tabular form, the current wait times facing those on 'priority booking' (out-of-date NCT certification) waiting lists in each NCT centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [32799/23]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide, in tabular form, the wait times facing those on 'priority booking' (out-of-date NCT certification) waiting lists in each NCT centre between 2018 and 2022. — Martin Kenny. [32800/23]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide, in tabular form, the current wait times per centre facing those awaiting a test for their full driving licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [32801/23]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide, in tabular form, the wait times facing those seeking a test for their full driving licence between 2018 and 2022. — Martin Kenny. [32802/23]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Transport what public transport strategies are in place to facilitate disabled wheelchair users in regional towns to allow them access essential services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [32809/23]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount collected by road toll collectors in each month of 2022 and to date in 2023; the amount outstanding in payments yet to be collected; and the cost of recovering unpaid toll payments in 2022. — Ivana Bacik. [32842/23]

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

\*220. To ask the Minister for Finance whether he is aware that insurance providers refuse travel insurance to people with congenital heart defects even when these have been repaired; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [32039/23]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Finance if he would consider establishing a national compensatory fund for people who have been financially frauded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32053/23]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Finance the total sum of tax relief deducted from the purchase of diesel-fuelled buses through the VAT71 scheme in 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [32103/23]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has considered extending the eligibility of the VAT71 scheme to include electric and alternatively fuelled buses as a means of incentivising operators to purchase these vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [32104/23]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a breakdown of the categories of vehicles currently eligible for taxation relief under the VAT71 scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [32105/23]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Finance to engage with an organisation (details supplied) concerning the implications of changing VAT rates on hospitality services. — Holly Cairns. [32228/23]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a schedule of the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding that his Department can provide to an association (details supplied), heading under which the grants, grant-aid, low cost borrowing and funding is provided; the maximum amount that can be accessed; and the dates on which the schemes operate. — Catherine Murphy. [32277/23]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will advise on rates of heavy oil tax from 2020 to the end of 2024 including rate changes through each of these years; if he will provide a breakdown of the carbon and non-carbon components for each rate; if he will provide this



information, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32382/23]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Finance whether consideration is being given to improving investments in Exchange Traded Funds and whether consideration is being given to changing the deemed disposal rules that exist for ETF investments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [32398/23]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will support changes to regulations in relation to travel insurance to ensure that children who were born with congenital heart defects can obtain cover; his views as to whether he will contact a company (details supplied) who despite sponsoring charities that aid children with congenital heart defects, reject their applications for travel insurance and ask them to change their policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [32408/23]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline the public policy rationale for the changes made in the Finance Act 2022 in relation to the obligations of tenants and collection agents of non-resident landlords; if he will provide details on the number of non-resident landlords recorded by the Revenue Commissioners in 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [32433/23]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will give positive consideration to introducing tax relief measures for parents who have to take extended leave from work to care for young babies who, owing to an acute shortage of places for those under 12 months of age, cannot avail of childcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32441/23]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Finance the historical State savings rates for the past 20 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [32464/23]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Finance what resources, such as x-ray scanners and detector dog units, are currently available to the Revenue Commissioners to combat smuggling at the nation’s ports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [32499/23]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has received the pre-Budget 2024 submission from group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [32520/23]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking in response to a recent increase in interest rates for people with mortgages on their family homes. — Holly Cairns. [32527/23]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration can be given to the introduction of a Government savings scheme similar to the special savings investment scheme which ran previously. — Robert Troy. [32563/23]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has received the letter from a person (details supplied); his views on the letter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [32622/23]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to ensure that Budget 2023 is published in a format that is clear, accessible and in plain English, in order to ensure that the document is

accessible for disabled people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [32629/23]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Finance if the tendering process for a replacement customs cutter vessel has been completed. — Catherine Murphy. [32684/23]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider abolishing any capital gains tax arising from the sale of a residential property to tenants in situ; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [32726/23]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 128 of 22 June 2023, how many applications were received and accepted or refused under a scheme (details supplied), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [32848/23]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Finance how many applications were refused and the reasons for each refusal under a scheme (details supplied), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [32849/23]

*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.*

\*243. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department will be issuing a public tender or inviting tenders for the construction of two-storey modular homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [32476/23]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of times he has met with or corresponded with the Director General of RTÉ since he took office; and the dates upon which such meetings or correspondences took place. — Peadar Tóibín. [32166/23]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of times he has met with or corresponded with members of the board of RTÉ since he took office; and the dates upon which such meetings or correspondences took place. — Peadar Tóibín. [32170/23]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when his Department was first alerted to the fact that RTÉ had entered an agreement to guarantee an annual income of €75,000 to an employee (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [32176/23]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of times his predecessors under this Government and the last, met with or corresponded with the Director General of RTÉ while they were in office; and the dates upon which such meetings or correspondences took place. — Peadar Tóibín. [32178/23]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total value of National Lottery unclaimed prize money in the past six years to date;



the total amount spent on advertising in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32192/23]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a schedule of the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding that his Department can provide to an association (details supplied), heading under which the grants, grant-aid, low cost borrowing and funding is provided; the maximum amount that can be accessed; and the dates on which the schemes operate. — Catherine Murphy. [32283/23]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of qualified window fitters employed by the OPW as of 1 January 2022 and 23 June 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [32308/23]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of qualified arborists employed by the OPW as of 1 January 2022 and 23 June 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [32309/23]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform with the regard to the establishment of a Senior Posts Remuneration Committee if he would ensure that a public interest appointee is a member of the committee; if he will publish the terms of reference for this committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [32412/23]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of electric vehicle charging points in each OPW site available to visitors to that site, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [32686/23]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 55 of 28 June 2023, whether the HSE is categorised as a non-commercial State agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [32717/23]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 55 of 28 June 2023, if he will provide a full list of commercial State agencies associated line Department; the total number of employees and the Exchequer allocation for 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [32718/23]

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

\*256. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is aware of the case of four workers (details supplied) who have been dismissed by a company for trade union activity; if he will meet with these workers and their representatives; if he has plans to introduce legislation to protect workers in these situations and strengthen the right to collective bargaining and trade union representation within the lifetime of the current Dáil; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [32185/23]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will meet with the four men unfairly dismissed by a company (details supplied) for trade union activity; what legislative

steps he will take to ensure that workers representatives are free to collectively bargain without fear of intimidation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [32205/23]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he is taking to ensure that persons adjudicating in State industrial relations mechanisms have training on disability matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32227/23]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of a court injunction (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [32267/23]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a schedule of the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding that his Department can provide to an association (details supplied), heading under which the grants, grant-aid, low cost borrowing and funding is provided; the maximum amount that can be accessed; and the dates on which the schemes operate. — Catherine Murphy. [32275/23]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide a report on what amendments to the national patent legislation will be required to recognise both the new unitary patent and the Unified Patent Court agreement; his views on the timelines for drafting these amendments (details supplied); whether these amendments will be prepared in advance of the UPC referendum; whether consultation with stakeholders will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [32366/23]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the work on drafting the amendment of the constitution (unified patent court) Bill seeking to amend the Constitution to recognise the international agreement on a unified patent court specifically in view of the fact that the majority of the judges appointed to the court already are sitting on a part-time basis; whether it is intended to allow Irish judges to participate in the UPC on a part-time basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [32367/23]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32381/23]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will intervene in a situation where a practicing doctor in County Galway (details supplied) has been refused a stamp 4 support letter from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [32391/23]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he envisages his Department will make a decision on permitting the owners of Irish flagged fishing vessels to employ non-EEA fishers under one of its work permit schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [32411/23]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the meetings held by his Departmental officials from assistant principal level upwards with representatives of the food industry in relation to the issue of infant nutrition in Ireland from June 2022 to date, including the issue of infant formula; the dates, attendees and the matters that were discussed at each meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [32500/23]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide an update on the preparation of a Code of Practice by the Workplace Relations Commission under Part 4 of the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2023 to allow for the right to request remote and flexible working; when this right will be available to workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [32526/23]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he or the relevant senior official in his Department will meet with representatives from an organisation (details supplied) to discuss the procedures dealing with cases in the WRC involving the employment rights of workers in the film industry; if such a meeting could be arranged prior to the summer recess; to confirm whether this would be possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32529/23]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to outline how much in IDA grants and supports have been awarded to a company (details supplied) since 1997; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [32595/23]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide an update on the timing and publication of the regulatory impact assessment on the required legislation ahead of the referendum on Ireland's participation in the Unified Patent Court, in light of the fact that the court has already gone live across Europe and that Ireland's ability to play an influential role diminishes the more time that passes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [32642/23]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a matter in relation to funding for State companies (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32656/23]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the IDA plans to have a trade and investment mission to Singapore before the end of year. — Catherine Murphy. [32668/23]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the breakdown of the number of site visits hosted by the IDA in counties Galway, Clare and Limerick during the first six months of 2023, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [32700/23]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the qualifications required for appointment as an adjudicator in the Workplace Relations Commission for the purpose of adjudicating discrimination under the Equal Status Act and/or the Employment Equality Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [32728/23]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide, in tabular form, the number of visits by the IDA to counties Roscommon and Galway, and the location of each visit in 2022 and to date in 2023. — Claire Kerrane. [32780/23]

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

\*276. To ask the Minister for Education if she will create a bespoke examination for children with acquired brain injury within the secondary school system that will ensure students receive

full recognition of what learning they can do and achieve (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [32057/23]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Education how SNAs can contact staff working in the payroll section with queries (details supplied). — Mattie McGrath. [32089/23]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Education if money granted by Caranua to a survivor of an institution that was to be used, only for household goods, but not yet used may still be claimed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32110/23]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Education given that there are approximately 2,500 children enrolled in three schools in Oranmore, County Galway, if there is any scheme within her Department to provide playing and recreational facilities; if she will advise if there is a point of contact within her Department that is available to meet and discuss this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [32112/23]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Education to provide the number of teachers recruited to ETB schools in Counties Laois and Offaly since 2020; the number of these that have retained their positions; the number that left employment in Laois Offaly ETB's during the same time period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32126/23]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has a policy to intervene with schools that demonstrate an above average inability to retain teaching staff; if her Department monitors the turnover rates of teaching staff in State funded schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32127/23]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Education the number of psychology students who graduate from Irish universities every year; the number of psychology placements available every year; if there are any plans to increase the number of placements considering the shortage of psychologists in the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [32141/23]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on land acquisition adjacent to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [32184/23]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the school transport application of a person (details supplied); if, given that they must travel further than 6km to their children's school, they can be reconsidered; to outline what other options are available to them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [32229/23]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) in County Mayo will be able to proceed to construction; if her officials have completed the review of the tender documentation; if not, when they expect to have it completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32238/23]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a comprehensive and detailed update on the delivery of a new promised school building (details supplied) in County Mayo, in view of the condition of this school and the fact that the new school building was approved in February 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32239/23]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Education the process that a school (details supplied) must engage in order to receive funds to facilitate the construction of a gym and social canteen space for students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [32264/23]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the situation whereby some school secretaries may be worse off financially under the new changes to regularise the employment, terms and conditions and pension rights of school secretaries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [32268/23]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a schedule of the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding that her Department can provide to an association (details supplied), heading under which the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding is provided; the maximum amount that can be accessed; and the dates on which the schemes operate. — Catherine Murphy. [32274/23]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Education when she expects that a quantity surveyor will visit a school (details supplied) in County Clare in order that its application for additional school accommodation (devolved modular) can be urgently progressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32294/23]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Education how many persons worked as home tutors per annum for 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; how many of these are full-time on 39 hours per week or part-time on reduced hours, in tabular form; if these employees are paid on a weekly or monthly basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32298/23]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Education whether a person (details supplied) will receive the school transport scheme remote area grant for the 2023/2024 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [32299/23]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Education the plans she has, if any, to review the rates of payment for the school transport scheme remote area grant in light of rising fuel prices; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [32300/23]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider extending the free schoolbook scheme her Department has launched for primary schools to include all students attending second level education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32301/23]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a number of concerns from a teacher (details supplied) regarding their critical illness application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32303/23]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Education the dates in 2023 upon which she has met the Chief Executive Officer of the State Examinations Commission, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [32311/23]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Education if there are any plans to allow teachers who are already registered with the teaching council in the UK to be recognised by the Irish Teaching Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [32329/23]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Education if there are any plans to allow teachers who are already registered in the UK to be recognised by the Irish Teaching Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [32333/23]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Education if a reply will be issued to a representation by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [32337/23]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will consider financing a joint project with the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and Sport Ireland to build a PE hall at a school (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [32339/23]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Education the arrangements in place to provide maternity leave for primary school teachers whose children have been born through surrogacy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [32377/23]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans for facilitating flexible modes of study for full-time students who are wheelchair users and students who are hearing or visually impaired; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [32422/23]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the ASA application, with the capital appraisal section of her Department, made by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32437/23]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Education when she expects to announce projects being approved vis-à-vis the summer works scheme; if she will specifically look at the application made by a school (details supplied) in respect of replacing a collapsing floor in the school's general purpose room; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32438/23]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Education the options available to a person (details supplied) who has been unable to secure a school place in their locality or in their neighbouring towns and whose situation is complex due to medical reasons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32465/23]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has yet established the true extent of capacity issues in schools at secondary level in Lucan, County Dublin; if so, the outcome; what action has been taken to address capacity issues for the coming school year 2023/2024; and when planning will commence to ensure increased capacity in the area for the year 2024/2025. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32466/23]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has yet established the true extent of capacity issues in schools at secondary level in Clondalkin, Dublin 22; if so, the outcome; what action has been taken to address capacity issues for the coming school year 2023/2024; and when planning will commence to ensure increased capacity for the year 2024/2025. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32467/23]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has yet established the true extent of capacity issues in schools at secondary level in Newcastle, County Dublin; if so, the outcome; what action has been taken to address capacity issues for the coming school year 2023/2024; and when planning will commence to ensure increased capacity in the area for the year 2024/2025. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32468/23]



\*309. To ask the Minister for Education if a school place can be found for a child (details supplied) in the Dublin 13 area for the academic year beginning September 2023. — Denise Mitchell. [32489/23]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on her engagement with a school (details supplied); when the works will be completed; if she will accept that the project is urgently needed for the school community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32564/23]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Education if she will urgently reconsider, on health and safety grounds, the emergency works grant application made by a school (details supplied) in respect of replacing a collapsing floor in the school's general purpose room; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32583/23]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a school (details supplied) in Donegal had to wait over a year to have an appeal of special education teaching allocation decided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [32593/23]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Education the reasons the NCSE review panel refused an appeal of special education teaching allocation despite two NCSE reviewers recommending an increased allocation for a school in Donegal (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [32594/23]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Education the legislative or policy basis on which the parents of a child (details supplied) are being requested to sign an insurance indemnification form stating that they as the lawful father and mother respectively, agree to indemnify and keep indemnified the board, its servants and agents, including class teacher and/or the principal of the said school from and against all claims, both present and future, arising from the administration or failure to administer the medicine buccolam midazolam which is used to treat prolonged, acute convulsive seizures. — Sorca Clarke. [32620/23]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) can retain the additional permanent mainstream teacher which has been provisionally approved for 2023/2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32633/23]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [32639/23]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [32648/23]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Education what contact her Department has had with a school (details supplied) regarding increasing numbers; the additional classrooms to accommodate these numbers; her Department's plans to make this space available; the options for same; whether a timeframe has been established; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [32650/23]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Education if information will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32653/23]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a full-time home school community liaison officer for schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [32657/23]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Education when refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) in Naas, County Kildare, will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [32672/23]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on recent Departmental engagement with representatives on the issue of post-primary redeployment of teachers. — Sorca Clarke. [32719/23]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Education to address concerns (details supplied) regarding the funding of current trainee educational psychologists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32739/23]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Education if pupils (details supplied) will have a school place after the summer break; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [32749/23]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Education if she will intervene in the case of a child (details supplied). — Sorca Clarke. [32766/23]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will work with a school (details supplied), with a view to retaining and enhancing its special class beyond June 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [32794/23]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Education the progress of a school site in Celbridge which has been identified as a preferred new location for three schools (details supplied); the delays currently being experienced; the timeline for progression of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [32807/23]

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

\*328. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of times she has met with or corresponded with the Director General of RTÉ since she took office; and the dates upon which such meetings or correspondences took place. — Peadar Tóibín. [32164/23]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of times she has met with or corresponded with members of the board of RTÉ since she took office; and the dates upon which such meetings or correspondences took place. — Peadar Tóibín. [32168/23]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of public funding, in money terms, the Government has provided to RTÉ in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [32171/23]



\*331. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when her Department was first alerted to the fact that RTE had entered an agreement to guarantee an annual income of €75,000 to an employee (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [32174/23]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a schedule of the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding that her Department can provide to an association (details supplied), heading under which the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding is provided; the maximum amount that can be accessed; and the dates on which the schemes operate. — Catherine Murphy. [32287/23]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the infrastructure map that is being developed by Sport Ireland; if his Department will develop a fund or a grant heading to fill the gaps in sports infrastructure around the country, with an emphasis on areas of disadvantage, facility sharing and participation; and if this mapping exercise will incorporate or have the ability to utilise census data in order to assist with the identification of areas that have sports clubs that are oversubscribed. — Catherine Murphy. [32289/23]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of WTE vacancies, by job title, at Fáilte Ireland; the estimated full-year cost of filling each of these vacancies; and when each of these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [32304/23]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she last met with the CEO and/or Chairperson of the National Concert Hall; and when she is next scheduled to meet the CEO and/or Chairperson. — Paul Donnelly. [32349/23]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she believes if it is desirable there should be a personnel link between the RTE Authority and the Executive Board of RTE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [32413/23]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if he will provide an update on when the next round of sports capital funding will be open for applications. — Robert Troy. [32782/23]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if he will provide information on all facility upgrade grants which are currently available to sports clubs. — Robert Troy. [32783/23]

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

\*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will join the Island of Jersey in condemning the Faroe Islands' barbaric 'grindarap', which involves the annual massacre of thousands of whales and dolphins. — Paul Murphy. [32392/23]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if officials from the Office of Public Works can provide details of what birds nest on Scatterry Island, County Clare; what measures are taken to conserve their habitat; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32477/23]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has been made aware of any reports relating to the potential harmful effects of polystyrene foam on bird populations; if his Department can cite evidence related to any potential risk to birds from polystyrene foam; if so, the steps that his Department will take to mitigate any harm to local bird populations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [32692/23]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions being taken by the National Parks and Wildlife Service in relation to an ongoing fuel leak into the Slaney river below the waterworks at Tullow; whether the impact of this oil leak on the SAC, in particular the pearl mussel and salmon populations, has been ascertained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [32038/23]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he and his Department officials will issue a substantive response to a person (details supplied). — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [32042/23]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider introducing a €50,000 grant scheme to support individuals who are self-building their first-time home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32046/23]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that some applicants for the croí cónaithe fund schemes are unable to access finance to allow them to complete the necessary works on their property to avail of the grant; if there is any bridging finance available for cases like this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [32115/23]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration will be given to allocate additional funding to recruit a sufficient number of new inspectors for water pollution as reported (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [30988/23]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the adequacy of timeframes for replacing public sector staff; the associated internal processing delays in financing staffing changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [30989/23]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of his plans to progress the legislative underpinning for a joint urban area plan for Drogheda between Louth and Meath County Councils in order for the urban area of Drogheda to develop in line with National Development Plan 2018-2027 objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32139/23]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the croí cónaithe grant can be applied for in the case of a derelict property that has to be knocked and rebuilt entirely, due to major structural issues, and to bring the building to modern standards; if this is not possible, if it was the intention of this policy to omit such buildings; if so, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [32148/23]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when funding will be provided for the refurbishment of accommodation and site facilities as the current residents are

living in substandard conditions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32194/23]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to monitor mink hunting with dogs, including the actions to prevent these hunts disrupting other wildlife and hunting otters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32223/23]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm that there will be no requirement for the provision of a Personal Public Service Number for inclusion on the electoral register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [32270/23]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a schedule of the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding that his Department can provide to an association (details supplied), heading under which the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding is provided; the maximum amount that can be accessed; and the dates on which the schemes operate. — Catherine Murphy. [32281/23]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to grant voting rights to members of the Ukrainian community now residing in this country as a result of the invasion of their country by Russia in the forthcoming local elections. — Duncan Smith. [32291/23]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if all local authorities have furnished the details on the total number of derelict properties currently on their registers; the number of actions and fines issued under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 for each respective local authority; the changes he will make based on this information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [32295/23]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of the number of vacant homes officers currently in place in each local authority; the number of local authorities that have applied for funding for additional vacant homes officers to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [32296/23]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated full-year cost to recruit two additional WTE senior assistant fire advisors for his Department, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [32313/23]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the most up-to-date separate capital cost ceilings and averages for each local authority for the Social Housing Investment Programme, part V, turnkey and acquisitions in tabular form; and if these ceilings have been reviewed recently or are in the process of being reviewed. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32327/23]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is concerned with the operating deficit at An Bord Pleanála; if he or his officials have had any discussions with the Bord on this deficit and if additional funding is being sought by the Bord to clear this deficit. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32328/23]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the BER which rating that is acceptable in the terms of the new croí cónaithe scheme to refurbish derelict and vacant

rural houses, given that a number of local authorities are insisting on a BER 1 certification on completion but others are satisfied with a BER 2 rating. — Joe Flaherty. [32340/23]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to set out the cause of the ongoing delays with respect to the croí cónaithe refurbishment grants given that a number of mortgage lenders are refusing to allow borrowers to draw down their mortgages due what the mortgage lenders say is delays at his Department, and regarding the conclusion of the detail of the terms of the scheme on foot of agreement reached between the Department and BPFI last month. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32370/23]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ban mink hunting, given that the activity poses a threat to the otter species and causes massive disturbance to otter habitats both of which are protected under national and EU legislation. — Paul Murphy. [32394/23]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to strengthen the legislation around planning enforcement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [32395/23]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if given the biodiversity crisis, the pressure on the Irish hare and due to animal welfare issues if he will refuse to issue 2023-2024 hare coursing licences and a remove of the species from the Open Season Order; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [32404/23]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ask local councils to ensure that those who receive a child dependency payment do not have this included in their means test for rent, like those who receive the living alone allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [32418/23]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to issue the annual licence for hare coursing. — Paul Murphy. [32463/23]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will adopt a suggestion by a council (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [32510/23]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if subsidies or grant supports are available from his Department or any agency under the aegis of his Department for the conservation or protection of bats and their breeding and resting places in private residences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32560/23]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the number of new operatives and new trades apprentices hired into each of the 31 local authorities for each year since 2016, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [32586/23]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to ensure that actions outlined in the Implementation Plan for the Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 are implemented in a timely manner and are adequately resourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [32625/23]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline, on a step-by-step basis, the process provided for in section 24A of the Residential Tenancies Act 2004 (as amended) whereby the full administrative area of a housing authority i.e. an entire local authority area is capable of designation as a rent pressure zone; if this process is capable of being utilised to designate the Clogher Electoral District in County Louth as an RPZ given the fact that that it is the only electoral district in County Louth that is not, for reasons set out in a Parliamentary Questions reply (details supplied) to ensure fairness and equity for tenants in this electoral district; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [32630/23]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline what training the human resources disability officer in his Department has undertaken and is scheduled to undertake in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [32634/23]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will advise on the current backlog of cases with An Bord Pleanála; the average timeline for completion on decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32652/23]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of affordable housing developments currently in the planning process or under construction, broken down by local authority, funding stream, and stage in the planning/construction process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [32662/23]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide his advice on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [32663/23]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a scheme (details supplied) will be open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32720/23]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider reopening the period for the registration of septic tanks in view of the recent reports about septic tanks' failing inspections, which would enable households that did not register in 2013 to avail of the septic tank grant to carry out necessary repair works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32721/23]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will change the qualifying criteria for the septic tank grant to enable households that self-report a fault to qualify, rather than just households that have been inspected or those in a prioritised area for action in accordance with the River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32722/23]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify if the planning exemptions announced by him in February 2022, where he stated that no planning permission is needed for the conversion of vacant pubs into homes (up to nine units) includes an exemption for the related construction of an updated waste water treatment system for those new homes. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [32734/23]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications made for the vacant home refurbishment grant; the number of approved application

and the number of those who have drawn down the grant, by county, since the grant scheme was opened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32784/23]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he or his Department have had any negotiations or consultations with banks or mortgage providers with respect to difficulties in the operation of the vacant home refurbishment grant; if so, the name of these banks and providers; what these difficulties were; if they have been resolved; when the meetings took place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32785/23]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of his Department's investigation into alleged unlicensed seaweed harvesting in the Kenmare River by a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [32791/23]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the publication of the revised guidelines for rural housing; the expected timeline for the public consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [32792/23]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the development of section 28 guidelines for planning in Gaeltacht areas; if the draft guidelines have been finalised to date; the timeline for publication of the guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [32793/23]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a decision will be made on an application by Louth County Council for additional funding for the housing adaptation grants scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [32808/23]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department records the survival rates of hares after coursing; if their movements are tracked post release; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [32810/23]

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

\*387. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline the clear guidelines for carers in receipt of carer's allowance where the person being cared for must travel abroad for treatment not available in this State (details supplied); what the carer must do to ensure that they will not have their payment stopped or be threatened with having their payment stopped if they have to leave the State for treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [32097/23]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to make the fuel allowance a qualifying payment for carer's allowance, including in circumstances where the carer is not resident with the individual they are caring for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32233/23]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she expects the review of the draft service level agreements for citizens information service companies will be completed, as it appears from the board minutes of the Citizens Information Board obtained under FOI that the delay in rolling out these contracts sit with her Department, and it is almost two years since the previous service level agreements expired; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [32257/23]



\*390. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department is currently considering applications under disablement benefit from former coal miners based in Arigna, County Roscommon; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [32293/23]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the manner in which a retained firefighter is assessed for jobseeker's payments; the types of income which are reckonable and the types of income which are not; if there are any exemptions which apply to income earned by retained firefighters for call-out duties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [32335/23]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of WTE staff, by grade, working in the Blanchardstown Intreo centre as of 1 January 2022 and 27 June 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [32342/23]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) can expect to have a decision on the financial review on their disability allowance completed in view that they are in financial poverty as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [32374/23]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) can expect to have a decision on an application for carer's allowance completed; the reason the working family payment was suspended on submission of a carer's allowance application as this has placed the family in financial poverty as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [32375/23]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) can expect to have a decision on their application for carer's allowance completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [32376/23]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Social Protection why a person (details supplied) does not qualify for a State pension (contributory or non-contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32385/23]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she plans to introduce a pensions cost-transparency initiative, as referenced in the Pensions (Amendment) (Transparency in Charges) Bill 2021 Second Stage Dáil Éireann debate on 22 September 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [32434/23]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has carried out an "examination and assessment of the issues pertaining to the provision of information to pension scheme members in relation to costs and charges incurred by pension schemes and, if deemed to be required, to identify and develop the appropriate policy responses and associated methodologies", as referenced in her Second Stage speech on 22 September 2022 on the Pensions (Amendment) (Transparency in Charges) Bill 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [32435/23]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the eligibility for household benefits in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32503/23]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will fund the external statutory audit costs for community employment scheme considering that the external statutory audit is now a requirement of community employment guidelines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32582/23]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline what will happen to the pension entitlements of an individual born in 1944, who does not qualify for the full contributory pension, in the event of their spouse passing away; if they will be entitled to the widow's pension; if so, the rate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [32584/23]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the process used to select individuals for a review of carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [32643/23]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a review for carer's allowance will be finalised in respect of a person (details supplied) from County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [32649/23]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) was not switched automatically from disability allowance to a State pension (non-contributory) on reaching the maximum allowable age limit for the allowance; if she is aware that the local office and the social welfare inspector are still conducting inquiries six months after the person's sole financial assistance was suspended; the reason for the delay in its decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [32654/23]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost if the household benefits package increased to €45 per month based on 2022 figures. — Catherine Murphy. [32669/23]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the spring cost of living bonus has not yet issued to a person (details supplied) despite being promised payment within two weeks in a previous reply to a Parliamentary Question; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32818/23]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of payments currently being made under the rent supplement scheme; the total cost per week; the total amount paid out under this scheme in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [32832/23]

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

\*408. To ask the Minister for Justice to set out in tabular form, for the years 2018 to 2023, the number of gardaí by rank and division in County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [32936/23]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Justice if a visa will be granted to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [32051/23]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will confirm a future date for a person (details supplied) to attend a citizenship ceremony; if she will confirm their Irish citizenship; when they



will receive a new date for same; and the process they should now follow. — Kathleen Funchion. [32090/23]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will seek the figures on breaches for domestic violence orders for the years 2021 to dates for the greater Drogheda and surrounds, including Bettystown, Mosney, Collon and Dunleer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32113/23]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Justice when an application (details supplied) for funding under the immigrant investor programme was made, approved by the independent evaluation committee, and signed off on by her. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [32114/23]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Justice what plans the Government has in relation to a potential ban of advertising for gaming, lottos, competitions and so on. — Peter Burke. [32121/23]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of staffed domestic violence refuge centres and the number of supported units open in each county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [32122/23]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new refuge accommodation units delivered and opened for each of the years 2020 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [32123/23]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of refuge accommodation units that closed in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 inclusive, for each county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [32124/23]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Justice the Tusla funding allocation for each of the years 2020 to 2023 inclusive for staffed refuges, domestic violence support services, rape crisis centres and associated helplines, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [32125/23]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Ukrainian refugees who have transferred/sought a transfer to Ireland from another EU country having originally sought protection in that country; the country from which they have transferred/sought a transfer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [32140/23]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline in detail the number of members of An Garda Síochána in place at the station in Drogheda, County Louth in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [32142/23]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Justice if she plans to provide an extension to the operational period of the Drogheda Implementation Board; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [32144/23]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Justice the present number of Gardaí allocated to the Drogheda district, by rank, since 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32159/23]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will reduce the costs for persons who have been long-term residents in Ireland to become Irish citizens; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [32163/23]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Justice the timeframe for when a person (details supplied) may receive news on a visa application. — Gary Gannon. [32218/23]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of convictions there was between 2015 to 2023 for rape or sexual assault of children under 18 years. — Mattie McGrath. [32221/23]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she is taking to reform the family reunification process of Non-EEA healthcare assistants. — Holly Cairns. [32232/23]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a schedule of the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding that her Department can provide to an association (details supplied), heading under which the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding is provided; the maximum amount that can be accessed; and the dates on which the schemes operate. — Catherine Murphy. [32282/23]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Justice the average turnaround for a ‘permission to remain in the State as the spouse of an Irish national’ application. — Alan Kelly. [32315/23]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding has been provided for the purchase of additional state-of-the art drones for use by An Garda Síochána. — Alan Kelly. [32316/23]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a report on Garda Operation Canter; and if this operation is still active. — Paul Donnelly. [32345/23]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on Garda Operation Irene; the amount of alcohol seized under this operation; and the number of persons arrested and charged under this operation, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [32346/23]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of two applications for admission to Ireland under the Afghan admission programme (details supplied). — Catherine Connolly. [32363/23]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the current, or planned, involvement of her Department and the Courts Service of Ireland with the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment on the arrangements for Ireland’s participation in the Unified Patent Court, including logistics for establishing a local division of the court; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [32364/23]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of applications for visas in the case of persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32368/23]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Justice what engagement his Department had with the Department for Health on visa criteria for non-EEA healthcare assistants, particularly with regard to family reunification processes and eligibility criteria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32389/23]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the ability of prisoners in Castlereagh Prison to receive visits from family members; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [32393/23]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 131 of 26 April 2023, the timeline for the publication of the Criminal Justice (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2022; the timeline for Ireland to fully ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [32531/23]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has considered creating a different charge for an application for citizenship for persons who have lived and worked for most of their lives in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [32641/23]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí, by rank, attached to each district community policing units within the Kildare Garda division as of 31 December 2021 and 28 June 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [32673/23]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of stables currently in use by the Garda mounted unit; and the number of kennels currently in use by the Garda dog unit. — Catherine Murphy. [32675/23]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Justice if a full breakdown will be provided of the capital expenditure, including in vote 20, by programme for 2022, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [32676/23]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the process of appointing two further commissioners to the Data Protection Commission; the date upon which they will be in position; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [32748/23]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of and a breakdown of the categories of reports filed with An Garda Síochána in respect of E-bike and E-scooters in 2022 and to date 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [32789/23]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Justice if, in light of the UNs recommendation that Ireland raises the age of criminal responsibility from 12 to 14 years, the age limit is currently being reviewed, what next steps are planned in relation to this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [32817/23]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department is on schedule to publish the Defamation (Amendment) Bill in Quarter 4 of 2023; if she plans to remove removal of jury trials in defamation actions from the scope of her Department’s review of the law on defamation in view of the recent decision of the Supreme Court in Higgins v. The Irish Aviation Authority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [32837/23]

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

\*445. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a list of financial allocations from his Department under the Brexit adjustment reserve fund; the recipients

and the purpose of the allocation for each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [32045/23]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the rules and penalties which apply for unauthorised and unlicensed entry to a person's land in connection with hare coursing or fox hunting. — Robert Troy. [32088/23]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise on what supports his Department will offer to grain growers in the State in relation to recent grain import costs with regard to reports of grain being imported from Ukraine at approximately €160 per tonne, in comparison to current market prices of €202 per tonne for barley, €223 per tonne for wheat and €430 per tonne for oilseed rape; given the effect these important will have on domestic prices and as the harvest season commences; considering grain growers in other EU states, such as Poland and Latvia, have been provided with compensation for losses experienced due to imports of Ukrainian grain; in view of his acknowledgement of a reduction in funding for the tillage sector under the new CAP Pillar 1 measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32137/23]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline the appointment process for Ireland's two expert representatives on the Expert Committee for Fisheries and Environment, which is being established to advise the Commission on implementation and monitoring of the EU Action Plan: Protecting and restoring marine ecosystems for sustainable and resilient fisheries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [32247/23]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the positions for Ireland's two expert representatives on the Expert Committee for Fisheries and Environment, which is being established to advise the Commission on implementation and monitoring of the EU Action Plan: Protecting and restoring marine ecosystems for sustainable and resilient fisheries, will be advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [32248/23]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the positions for Ireland's two expert representatives on the Expert Committee for Fisheries and Environment which is being established to advise the Commission on implementation and monitoring of the EU Action Plan: Protecting and restoring marine ecosystems for sustainable and resilient fisheries, will be open to experts outside the civil service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [32249/23]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when it is intended to fill the positions for Ireland's two expert representatives on the Expert Committee for Fisheries and Environment which is being established to advise the Commission on implementation and monitoring of the EU Action Plan: Protecting and restoring marine ecosystems for sustainable and resilient fisheries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [32250/23]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an oral hearing for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32290/23]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of the appalling conditions that 3,000 bulls and heifers were subjected to on 30 May 2023 on a shipment of cattle

that left Greenore Port in Ireland, destination Haifa port Israel; the animal welfare regulations and inspections that are in place to prevent these cruel conditions; if there are animal welfare agreements in place with countries that Ireland exports livestock to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32338/23]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm that Horse Racing Ireland publishes figures for racing attendees including everyone who attends, even those who gains free admission, for example, trainers, jockeys, stable staff, bookmakers' staff, press and so on; and if he will request HRI to provide the number of paying attendees to all events for the past 18 months. — Paul Donnelly. [32354/23]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the Marine the estimated current costs if his officials were present in the passenger terminal at Dublin Airport between the hours of 8am and 10pm, seven days a week. — Paul Donnelly. [32355/23]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number and breakdown by sex of all non-coursing greyhound deaths registered on Greyhound Racing Ireland Traceability System per year between 1 January 2021 and 30 June 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [32405/23]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware that Greyhound Racing Ireland's Drug Sampling Metrics has not been published since December 2022, their Control Committee Reports have not been published since August 2022 and the National Greyhound Laboratory (NGL) accredited by the Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB) under ISO 17025 was shut down in January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [32406/23]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of unnamed non-coursing greyhounds born in 2021 registered as dead in Greyhound Racing Ireland's traceability system to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [32407/23]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of BDGP herds which were also included in BEEP-S in 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32415/23]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the drop-in BDGP participation in 2023 on 2022 figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32416/23]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of BEEP herds, by county in 2022 and to date 2023, by the number of herds with 15 cow/calf pairs or less; the number of herds with between 16-30 cow/calf pairs; the number of herds with more than 30 cow/calf pairs, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32417/23]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise the number of BEEP herds, by number of cows in each, ranging from one to 100 cows, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32498/23]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the meetings held by his Departmental officials from assistant principal level upwards with representatives of the food

industry in relation to the issue of infant nutrition in Ireland from June 2022 to date, including the issue of infant formula; the dates, attendees and the matters that were discussed at each meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [32501/23]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the horticultural exceptional payment scheme (HEPS) will be opened for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32590/23]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications to the horticultural exceptional payment scheme (HEPS) in 2022; the number of successful applications and the number refused; the average payment made under HEPS in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32591/23]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is developing value-enhancing alternative market avenues in the context of live exports and animal welfare, as per the Programme for Government commitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [32592/23]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline what training the human resources disability officer in his Department has undertaken and is scheduled to undertake in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [32635/23]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if accrued carbon credits will remain with the respective farmer or forestry owner under the new forestry programme; if consideration has been given to how carbon credits will be added to contracts which were signed prior to the new forestry programme and how that will operate; if he will outline his engagement with the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications on carbon credits within the new forestry programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32797/23]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the outstanding issue of delayed payments to the basic income support for sustainability and areas of natural constraints schemes; what progress his Department has made in ensuring these payments are made on time, given how critical the timely payment of these supports are to farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32798/23]

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

\*470. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the details discussed on a programme (details supplied) on 23 May 2023 regarding the lack of services available to those with autism and their families; if he will make funding and resources available to these families who need support including supported living; and if he will outline the actions his Department is taking to provide the resolutions needed. — Paul Murphy. [32414/23]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the date upon which a primary care autism assessment team will be operational in the Cashel area of County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [32482/23]



\*472. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will received their approved home support package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [32587/23]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to respond to concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32606/23]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what measures will be taken to better protect young people in State care from sexual exploitation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [32631/23]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide in tabular form the number of children waiting to be seen by children's disability network teams in counties Roscommon and Galway. — Claire Kerrane. [32777/23]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for a detailed timeline of the planned delivery of a neurorehabilitation centre for CH06; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [32811/23]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for the up-to-date outline of predicted staff levels and specialities needed for the planned neurorehabilitation centre for CH06; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [32812/23]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason that there are only six members of the community neurorehabilitation team in CHO3 despite the recommended staffing number being thirteen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [32846/23]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of any assistance available to childcare providers/summer camp operators, or directly to parents, for children with additional needs who receive supports in school and who wish to access afterschool/childcare/summer camps during school holiday periods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [32027/23]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unfilled positions for speech and language therapists in each of the community disability network teams in CHO5, broken down by area. — Martin Browne. [32032/23]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unfilled positions for occupational therapists in each of the community disability network teams in CHO5, broken down by area. — Martin Browne. [32033/23]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unfilled positions for physiotherapists in each of the community disability network teams in CHO5, broken down by area. — Martin Browne. [32034/23]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unfilled positions for psychologists in each of the community disability network teams in CHO5, broken down by area. — Martin Browne. [32035/23]



\*484. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of filled clerical and administrative posts in each of the community disability network teams in CHO5, broken down by area. — Martin Browne. [32036/23]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will re-examine the decision not to grant an earlier date of payment for a core funding application for a childcare service provider (details supplied) given the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [32092/23]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to confirm that a child (details supplied) who will be two years seven months and three weeks in September 2024 will be available to avail of the Early Childhood Care and Education Programme (ECCE) scheme in September 2024 as he will be only seven days short of the criteria of two years and eight months of age under the ECCE guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [32136/23]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to confirm what action his Department will take following reports that teenage girls in the care of the State are being targeted and sexually exploited by co-ordinated gangs of predatory men, according to a new study (details supplied) which calls for an immediate investigation into the problem; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [32138/23]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when she was made aware that the 24-hour security presence at a location (details supplied) had ceased; if the cessation of security cover is a fundamental breach of the contract that the State has with the facility; if he has investigated allegations that the security staff who were on site may not have had full security licences and were paid cash for their services; how he proposes to resolve the issues outlined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32145/23]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that the bus service to/from a location (details supplied) has allegedly ceased; if the cessation of this bus service is a fundamental breach of the contract that the State has with the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32146/23]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the long-standing arrangement remains that the national FRC programme budget is a distinct budget within the Tusla Vote, with appropriate Departmental oversight, aligned to the unique policy orientation of the programme as a national community development and social inclusion programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [32179/23]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department retains oversight of the national FRC programme budget and its unique policy purpose, whilst devolving the operational administration of the programme to Tusla; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [32180/23]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is a shared understanding between his Department and Tusla in respect of the difference between the national FRC programme budget inherited by Tusla from the former Family Support Agency versus additional funding Tusla may allocate to FRCs for specified service provision aligned to the statutory objectives of Tusla; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [32181/23]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the long-standing arrangement that decisions on expanding the national FRC programme either in respect of funding for existing FRCs, which is a priority, or admission of additional FRCs, remains with the Minister whereas the administration of the decision on the most appropriate geographical location of any new FRC is administered by Tusla, based on an assessment that is carried out in partnership with communities seeking an FRC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [32182/23]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has departed from the long-established position of providing Ministerial direction to Tusla in respect of specifying the total level of funding of the national FRC programme and direction on the admission of new FRCs to the programme; if he is aware that such position differs to that communicated by Tusla recently when a community group received funding from Tusla but was advised formally by Tusla that this funding did not form part of the national FRC programme budget and that the group could not form an FRC as the decision to expand the national FRC programme was a matter for the Minister; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [32183/23]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he expects the transport support scheme to come into operation; if the scheme will encompass both public and private transport; if he agrees that ten years without such a scheme has created an unnecessary cost burden on those who would benefit from such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [32206/23]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether any groups or individuals contacted his Department to express concerns in relation to the timeframe for making submissions to the consultation on the referendums on family, care and equality and/or in relation to the process for finalising the wordings to be put to referendum more generally; if so, how many individuals or groups expressed such concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [32212/23]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 421 of 21 January 2023, when he will publish findings of the consultation to examine the functioning and effectiveness of the Equality Acts, which was expected early this year. — Mary Lou McDonald. [32216/23]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps by which a refugee family can get on a list for modular housing. — Holly Cairns. [32224/23]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to provide services for autistic adults/adults with autism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32225/23]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline when the Lunacy Regulation (Ireland) Act 1871, concerning wards of court, will be repealed. — Holly Cairns. [32226/23]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a parent can expect to receive an ASD assessment through the HSE for their child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [32235/23]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether his Department is accepting proposals for accommodation related to the temporary protection directive or international protection, where the proposal is causing displacement of students from student accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [32255/23]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a schedule of the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding that his Department can provide to an association (details supplied) heading under which the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding is provided; the maximum amount that can be accessed; and the dates on which the schemes operate. — Catherine Murphy. [32272/23]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number and type of residential care centres provided by Tusla; the location of each centre; and the bed placement capacity for each centre for 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [32314/23]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are plans to establish a neurorehabilitation team in CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [32330/23]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 574 of 27 June 2023 (details supplied) regarding unaccompanied minors; if he will instruct the International Protection Accommodation Service or his Department to answer the question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [32360/23]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will take action to ensure that CHO9 is getting the day-only and overnight respite sessions it urgently needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [32362/23]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if more investment will be given for community neurorehabilitation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32378/23]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the length of time that children in CHO9 wait for supports from the CDNT; if he will examine a case (details supplied); and the advice he can give to the parents of this child who are concerned about their school attendance and who need the assistance of the CDNT; if he can provide a realistic timeframe to expect this support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [32421/23]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if officials from his Department and International Protection Accommodation Services are satisfied that an accommodation centre (details supplied) has a properly functioning wastewater treatment system and adequate fire control measures in place that allow for the entire complex (both the main building and adjacent bungalows) to be fully utilised; if he will provide an overview of any remedial works undertaken to address these matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32439/23]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will give positive consideration to extending the paid maternity leave period in Budget 2024 to reflect the fact that there is an acute lack of place for babies under 12 months in childminding facilities and this often requires parents to take unpaid leave from work. — Cathal Crowe. [32440/23]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the Government will publish the Action Plan on the Disability Capacity Review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [32493/23]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the needed investment in housing and required supports for disabled people as outlined in the Disability Capacity Review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [32494/23]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline the Implementation Plan on UNCRPD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [32495/23]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress that is being made on ratification of the Optional Protocol of the UNCRPD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [32497/23]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of children on the Clare children's disability network team waiting list, by length of time, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [32576/23]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the updated position regarding his Department's engagement with the ATU and the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science regarding the student accommodation in Sligo which has been offered to house Ukrainian refugees and the subsequent impact of same on student accommodation in Sligo; what discussions have taken place to date; what options are being considered; when he expects an outcome to these discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32618/23]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the date at which the Disability Capacity Review Action Plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [32624/23]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a report on the establishment of a UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities implementation plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [32626/23]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline he is working towards for publication of the Cost of Disability Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [32627/23]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeframe for the ratification of the Optional Protocol of the UNCRPD; if there are any further issues that are holding up ratification of the Optional Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [32628/23]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what measures his Department will take to better resource the State care system to protect minors in State care from sexual exploitation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [32632/23]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding accommodation for a Ukrainian family (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [32666/23]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children awaiting appointments and assessments with early intervention services in counties Clare, Limerick and Tipperary; the average waiting time for persons on the list in each county on 1 June 2022 and 1 June 2023, respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [32687/23]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what additional staffing resources have been provided to the Clare children's disability network team for the purpose of reducing waiting lists in County Clare since 2021; to confirm what measures will be taken to further improve service delivery in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [32689/23]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will intervene in the case of a person (details supplied) and assist this person in being granted a place in a residential care facility run by an organisation. — Chris Andrews. [32701/23]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when it is expected that all waiting lists for children with special needs/disabilities are likely to be satisfactorily dealt with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32702/23]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he has identified particular areas of deficiencies in services for children with disabilities; the action being taken to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32703/23]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent, if any, to which the provision of appropriate services for children continues to be a major priority; the specific areas in question identified for improvement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32704/23]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he proposes to use equality as a means of ensuring proper and adequate services to those deemed to be in need of such services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32705/23]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he and his Department continue to offer assistance to children and families fleeing from the war in Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32706/23]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the efforts currently in hand to ensure that Ireland can have a national childcare scheme where the prices

paid for childcare are similar to prices paid for childcare elsewhere across the European Union; if he will outline any recent progress in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32707/23]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to indicate, in conjunction with the Minister for Education, the efforts underway to provide integrated childcare under the national childcare scheme on site in various schools around the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32708/23]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he and his Department are aware of children who may be at risk for one reason or another, whether in institutions, fosterage or elsewhere; if the necessary support services are being made available to ensure that children do not feel isolated or alone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32709/23]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the manner in which he proposes to address issues of the need for suitable jobs for people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32710/23]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which services affecting the welfare and wellbeing of children continue to be readily and effectively available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32711/23]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he continues to liaise with various youth services throughout County Kildare and throughout the country, with a view to making available an equality of support services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32712/23]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of residential places available to children or women who may find themselves, for one reason or another, in need of secure accommodation; the extent to which such residential places have been utilised in the past five years to date; his intentions for the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32713/23]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on progress in relation to the referendum on equality and care due to take place in November; when the interdepartmental group will publish its proposed wording in relation to Articles 40.1, 41.2 and 41.3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [32729/23]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide in tabular form the number of children on waiting lists for assessment of needs in counties Roscommon and Galway. — Claire Kerrane. [32776/23]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether consideration will be given to providing respite/support services to a person (details supplied) and who is autistic, with a view to progressing to long-stay residential supported living in their catchment area in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [32827/23]



\*542. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the referendum on equality and care due to take place in November; whether all three proposed constitutional amendments will be brought forward; and when the Interdepartmental Group will publish its proposed referenda wording in relation to Article 40.1, Article 41.2 and Article 41.3. — Marian Harkin. [32829/23]

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

\*543. To ask the Minister for Health for a comprehensive update on the process for retrospective parental orders under the proposed new legislation; if the High Court will remain the main vehicle for such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [32816/23]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Health when a project team will be assigned in terms of delivery of a cancer centre of excellence within a Model 4 Hospital at Galway University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [31999/23]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults currently waiting on a spinal surgery in Tallaght University Hospital; the length of waits endured thus far; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [32018/23]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Health the number of completed spinal surgeries in the years 2020, 2022, 2023 in Tallaght University Hospital, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [32019/23]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Health if spinal surgeries will continue to be carried out in Tallaght University Hospital going forward; how many surgeons are currently undertaking spinal fusions and spinal surgery in the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [32020/23]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the current adult services available for spinal patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [32021/23]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults waiting on spinal fusion in this State and the time waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [32022/23]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Health to outline what clinical pathways are available for those transitioning from children spinal service to adult spinal services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [32023/23]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new insulin pump starts done in all hospitals within the RCSI Hospital Group in people aged between 0-17 years and those aged 18 years or greater for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32024/23]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Health when the review of monies paid to community pharmacies is due to commence; if he will engage with an organisation (details supplied) as a matter of urgency in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [32025/23]



\*553. To ask the Minister for Health to provide, in tabular form, the number of HSE psychology posts that remained unfilled after being advertised since January 2022, by CHO and by service type, i.e. child disability, adult disability, adult mental health, child and adolescent mental health, primary care psychology and hospital services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [32028/23]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Health if he will seek to address the lengthy delays in the process of accreditation of psychologists who trained and qualified overseas and who wish to work in Ireland; what steps he may take to this end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [32029/23]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for working off a clinical-population based framework of accreditation for psychologists who have trained overseas rather than a competencies-based framework, as is preferred in other countries; if he sees this as a barrier to the efficient accreditation of those psychologists who could take up positions in the Irish health system but who are prevented from doing so through not having had clinical placement experience with a particular care group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [32030/23]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the funding of counselling psychology and educational psychology training courses as part of a move towards equity of training for psychologists, as well as a means to address difficulties with recruitment and retention of psychologists in particular service areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [32031/23]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing homes that had unannounced HIQA inspections after hours or on weekends for each year since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32041/23]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a fair deal application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32047/23]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department might be in a position to sell any older ambulance vehicles that are no longer in use, or in limited use, to a charitable fund (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32048/23]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to lower the breast cancer screening age below the current level of 50 to 40 or 45 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [32049/23]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to establish a review of pharmacy dispensing fees and the extent of service provision by community pharmacists; and if he will engage directly with an organisation (details supplied) on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [32054/23]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Health when a wheelchair will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32086/23]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Health if an earlier appointment will be given to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32087/23]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the cancellation of a national contract that will make vasectomies no longer available on a medical card in seven counties including north County Dublin. — Paul Donnelly. [32094/23]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Health what assistance is given to non-EEA healthcare assistants when moving to Ireland as well as what support is given for family reunification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [32095/23]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Health the assistance that is given to non-EEA healthcare assistants when moving to Ireland; the support that is given for family reunification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [32096/23]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with an organisation (details supplied) to discuss its concerns in relation to the shortage of community pharmacists, dispensing fees and other related matters. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [32098/23]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who was referred by their GP to the dermatology service at University Hospital Limerick three years ago and has yet to receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [32099/23]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Health what criteria are used for applicants who suffer with cancer to obtain a medical card; the reason some people qualify and others (details supplied) are refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [32100/23]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to increase the income threshold for the over-70s medical card in Budget 2024; if he would take this into consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [32101/23]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who was referred by their GP in October 2022 to the diabetic outpatient service at University Hospital Limerick, and has yet to receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [32102/23]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in providing prescribed solpadine for holders of a medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [32116/23]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on funding available to psychology trainees undertaking doctorates for counselling and education psychology, now the current academic year is pending and fees have to be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [32119/23]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the situation in CORU whereby there is a four-month deadline to evaluate applications, but no fixed deadline for evaluating appeals, and if he has had any discussions with CORU in relation to this issue as a potential bottleneck in the processing of applications and recruitment, and possible additional resourcing CORU may need. — Mairéad Farrell. [32129/23]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the plan for publicly funded IVF as announced in Budget 2023, with €10 million being allocated by the then finance Minister, as

there is a lack of clarity as to how the plan will be implemented which is causing fertility patients serious concern; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [32135/23]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a prohibition on price discounting or special offers for infant formula in Irish shops; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [32147/23]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Health what the outcome of the recent meeting between his Department officials and an organisation (details supplied) was; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [32158/23]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the costs of Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) injections to be covered by the HSE (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [32160/23]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of funding for wages for trainees in the counselling psychology postgraduate degree at Trinity College Dublin; where this funding has been allocated from; if the €750,000 funding for trainee counselling psychologists has been allocated; if so, where it has been allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [32161/23]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech therapists in Sligo University Hospital; the number of current vacancies, if any; the length of time each vacancy has existed; the plans to provide a full complement of therapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32186/23]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the new rehabilitation unit at Roscommon University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32187/23]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide, in tabular form, the number of speech therapists employed in Roscommon University Hospital; the number of current vacancies, if any; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32188/23]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any discussions being held with representatives of the private nursing home sector regarding concerns related to the fair deal scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [32193/23]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Health how contact can be made with the school dental service by the parents of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32208/23]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Health the funding that has been given to the Hereditary Cancer Model of Care in 2023; the expected funding for each year of implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [32211/23]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Health if multi-annual funding will be provided for the Hereditary Cancer Model of Care; what funding will be given; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [32213/23]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts being made to retain paramedics in the National Ambulance Service. — Gary Gannon. [32219/23]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Health to outline his engagement with the Minister for Justice concerning reform of the family reunification process of Non-EEA healthcare assistants. — Holly Cairns. [32230/23]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Health to provide his response to a campaign concerning Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [32231/23]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider increasing the NTPF funding to private nursing homes in view of the rising cost of inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32236/23]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the situation for private nursing homes with regard to the services that are provided to patients in public nursing homes but are not provided to patients in private nursing homes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32237/23]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Health if he will seek an update on the status of a report (details supplied) which was granted funding by the Health Research Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [32240/23]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Health what measures are being put in place to alleviate lengthy waiting list times for breast reconstruction surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [32258/23]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Health whether private hospital resources are being considered to alleviate the backlog of breast reconstruction surgery times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [32259/23]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently on a waiting list for a mastectomy for each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 by each waiting time period in each hospital, in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [32260/23]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently on a waiting list for breast reconstruction surgery for each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 by each waiting time period, in each hospital, in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [32261/23]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently on a waiting list for an oophorectomy for each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 by each waiting time period, in each hospital, in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [32262/23]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting for genetic testing for each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 at by each waiting time period, in each hospital, in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [32263/23]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Health when retired HSE workers will receive their pension increments; the reason former HSE staff are awaiting over a year for these increments to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [32269/23]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a schedule of the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding that his Department can provide to an association (details

supplied), heading under which the grants, grant-aid, low cost borrowing and funding is provided; the maximum amount that can be accessed; and the dates on which the schemes operate. — Catherine Murphy. [32280/23]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital beds, excluding critical care beds, currently provided in each public/voluntary hospital, in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [32292/23]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the current organisational structure of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland; the number and grade of staff in each directorate, including permanent, contract, agency or other staff, in tabular form; the number of external staff supports contracted to provide services to each Directorate, for example, project management staff, educational assessors, call centre staff, registration external overseas file reviewers and others; and the overall whole-time equivalent staff numbers for each of the years 2016 to 2022 and to date in 2023. — David Cullinane. [32302/23]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric urologists based at Cork University Hospital in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [32305/23]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE vacancies, by job title, at Borrisokane and Tipperary town primary care centres; and when each of these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [32306/23]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inspections carried out on retailers that offer tanning and sun beds in 2022 and to date in 2023; the number and percentage of these retailers that were in breach of legislation, in tabular form; and the frequency with which these inspections are conducted. — Alan Kelly. [32307/23]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied), or if this person can be treated through the National Treatment Purchase Fund. — Robert Troy. [32320/23]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Health the implementation status of each of the recommendations of the Short-Term Review of Clinical Placement Allowances for Student Nurses and Midwives and the Longer-Term Review: Matters relating to Student Nurses and Midwives, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [32321/23]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Health when the €500 subsistence grant for supernumerary student nurses and midwives in years 1 to 3, backdated to the start of the 2022-2023 academic year, will be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [32326/23]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Health if a GP is entitled to charge for conducting a mental competency test for a medical card holder for the purpose of drawing up a will; if so, if there are any guidelines to what level this fee should be; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [32332/23]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of revenue generated through parking charges at the public car park at the Mater Hospital in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023; and of the amount of revenue generated, how the money was spent, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [32350/23]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Health the number of shoulder surgeries carried out at Cappagh Orthopaedic Hospital in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [32351/23]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant endocrinologists based in each hospital part of the RCSI Group in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [32352/23]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Health the services provided at each primary care centre within CHO7 and CHO9, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [32353/23]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) cannot get a letter from a consultant to apply for assistance technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [32369/23]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Health to explain the discrepancy between the 8,876 combined termination procedure and aftercare claims under the primary care reimbursement scheme in 2022, whilst just 8,156 notifications of termination were officially received in 2022. — Seán Canney. [32372/23]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the number of meetings, in tabular form, held with the Attorney General on the issue of safe access zones legislation since January 2022 to date in 2023. — Seán Canney. [32373/23]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the restoration of pharmacy fees slashed under FEMPI; if he will acknowledge that pharmacies are under threat as a result of the failure to restore fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [32379/23]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Health his plans in relation to nurses who contracted Covid during the course of their duties, who are now suffering from long-Covid and who need an extension of special leave with pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [32380/23]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Health if he will restore the dispensing fee model to €6.50 per medicine considering the current crisis in community pharmacies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32383/23]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with a representative body of a sector (details supplied) prior to reviewing the nature of community pharmacies services under the Public Pay and Pensions Act legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32384/23]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount of money spent on abortion services in 2022 (including abortions carried out in hospitals, community settings or via telemedicine, and including the cost of the operation and promotion of the MyOptions government helpline) broken down by category in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32386/23]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of the number of adverse incidents, in tabular form by severity scale and broken down by month, reported to the State Claims Agency



which related to the Health Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy Act 2018 from January to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32387/23]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Health what engagement his Department had with the Department for Justice on visa criteria for non-EEA healthcare assistants particularly with regard to family reunification processes and eligibility criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32388/23]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Health what measures are being implemented to rectify the situation where nursing homes prior to the fair deal scheme were mischarging residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32390/23]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Health if any consideration has been given to increasing medical card income thresholds for under and over 70s ahead of the upcoming budget, with consideration to the excessive increase in cost-of-living and the Eurostat report which designates Ireland as having the highest goods and services costs in the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32419/23]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he intends to take to remove the pay difference between Section 38 and 39 health care workers which is causing major problems for the retention of staff and has resulted in the closing of respite services (details supplied) in Galway and Tuam; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [32423/23]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to restore walk-in dentistry services within primary care settings in CHO7. — Joan Collins. [32426/23]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Health the ambulance response times relative to key performer indicators for Echo and Delta callouts for May 2023, by ambulance region, in tabular form. — Joan Collins. [32427/23]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant maxillofacial surgeons based at St. James's Hospital in the years of 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Joan Collins. [32428/23]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vascular surgeries procedures carried out at Beaumont Hospital in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Joan Collins. [32429/23]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE nurses working in Cherry Orchard Hospital in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased. — Joan Collins. [32430/23]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE vacancies, by job title, in the ophthalmology department at the Mater Hospital; and when these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Joan Collins. [32431/23]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the audit of the €150 million temporary assistance payments scheme for voluntary and private nursing homes to be completed; the date the audit commenced; the number and rank of civil servants who have been allocated to this audit; if that number is adequate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32432/23]



\*634. To ask the Minister for Health whether the national children's flu vaccine programme will continue to be free of charge for the 2–17 age group for the 2023/2024 flu season; whether there are any plans to change age eligibility for the free scheme for the coming season; the rationale for any such proposed change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [32491/23]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the HSE tender for the delivery of the nasal flu vaccine to children in primary schools and special schools between October and December 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [32492/23]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the implementation of the Cost of Disability Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [32496/23]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Health the meetings held by his officials from assistant principal level upwards with representatives of the food industry in 2022 and 2023 to date; the dates, attendees and matters that were discussed at each meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [32502/23]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Health whether, given the criticality of our pharmacies to community health, 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, and 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; 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; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [32511/23]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received the pre-Budget 2024 submission from a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32519/23]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to avoid individuals who do not wish to be in mixed gender wards being placed in these settings. — Holly Cairns. [32528/23]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 313 of 1 February 2023, while filling vacancies may be a key priority, what is the current strategy to fill vacancies in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [32569/23]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 182 of 29 March 2023, if "exceptional circumstances" includes capacity issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [32570/23]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Clare on a waiting list for speech and language therapy services, by age and length of time that they have been waiting in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [32571/23]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently on the waiting list for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in County Clare by length of time under 3; 3-6; 6-9, 9-12 months and in excess of one year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [32572/23]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently on the waiting list for eye examinations in County Clare by length of time waiting in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [32574/23]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently on the waiting list for dental examinations and check-ups in County Clare by length of time waiting in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [32575/23]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address concerns (details supplied) relating to the funding of nursing homes under the fair deal scheme. — Cathal Crowe. [32585/23]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Health if pain management patches can be supplied to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [32588/23]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a referral to the National Rehabilitation Hospital at Dún Laoghaire (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [32589/23]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Health the last date which there was a review of pharmacy dispensing fees and pharmacy contracts; when a further review will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [32599/23]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Health when he last met with (details supplied) in respect of dispensing fees and contracts, and the scope of services permitted by pharmacies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [32600/23]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Health if he proposes to conduct a review of the scope of services provided within community pharmacies; if such a review will include consideration that minor ailments and minor illnesses be included within the scope of pharmacies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [32601/23]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering a proposal from an organisation (details supplied); if he intends to review the dispensing fee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [32605/23]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Health to provide, in tabular form, how many radiographers are employed on a full-time and part-time basis in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [32607/23]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Health the opening and closing time for radiology in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [32608/23]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Health how many rooms are currently being used in radiology in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [32609/23]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to develop of Heart Failure Registry to help reduce high hospital admission and mortality rates among patients with the condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [32611/23]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reduce the 90-day hospital readmission rate for heart failure patients estimated at 30% by the HSE's National Heart Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [32612/23]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to cut waiting times for outpatient appointments for heart failure patients, particularly in view of the high hospital readmission rates among patients with the condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [32613/23]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of a pilot phone support programme run by an organisation (details supplied) in conjunction with the heart failure service in University Hospital Waterford that reduced the readmission rate among patients with the condition; if he believes this is a service that should now be expanded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [32614/23]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Health to list the hospitals that provide a clinical psychology service to heart failure patients, those treating heart failure that have no dedicated service for these patients; to set out his plans to improve these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [32615/23]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Health in light of a survey by an organisation (details supplied) survey finding that 50% of heart failure patients did not receive adequate cardiac rehabilitation; what measures are being taken to increase access to the service for this specific patient cohort; what progress has been made to reduce an overall national waiting list for cardiac rehabilitation estimated at over 2,800 in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [32616/23]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Health the status of funding for IVF as announced in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [32637/23]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 513 of 25 April 2023, if he can seek clarification on whether the HSE is confirming that seroquel is being prescribed to nursing home dementia patients despite the HPRA advice (details supplied) which states that it should not be taken due to increased risk of stroke and or in some cases the risk of death in elderly people with dementia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32638/23]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Health if he has plans to progress drug availability in Ireland for rare forms of the neurological condition, spinal muscular atrophy, specifically adult types 3 and 4 (details supplied). — Gino Kenny. [32647/23]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Health the preparedness of Ireland for the forthcoming influenza seasons with specific reference to people over 65 years of age; whether there are any plans to introduce an increased vaccine schedule to this most at-risk cohort; if there are plans to undertake health technology assessments for this cohort; when same is likely to occur; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32651/23]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently review the need for the appointment of six genomic resource associates at the department of clinical genetics at Crumlin Hospital to reduce the current unacceptable two-year waiting list with regard to rare diseases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32655/23]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Health for advice and clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [32660/23]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to research (details supplied), published on 6 June 2023, which reveals that services for over-8s are based on a geographic lottery to access children's eye care with very little access in some areas, particularly in the north west and parts of the greater Dublin region; if the HSE will fast-track the roll-out on a standardised optometrist-led eye care programme for over-8s and a timeframe to introduce same; to provide a breakdown nationally of where this care is now; and the plans for the future. — Joan Collins. [32661/23]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Health if current trainee counselling psychologists in second and third year of their doctorate programme will receive funding; the timeline he is working towards in announcing the details of this funding, given that students who are currently enrolled in counselling psychology doctorate programmes fees are due in the coming months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [32664/23]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the yearly €500 travel and subsistence scheme grant for first-, second- and third-year student nurses and midwives; the reason this has not been paid to students for the 2022/2023 academic year; when students will receive this backdated pay for the 2022/2023 academic year; when students can expect to receive this payment for the next academic year, beginning in September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [32665/23]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant in emergency medicine-based in the accident and emergency department of Naas General Hospital in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [32677/23]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Health the full-year cost to reduce the waiting list for cancer genetic screening by 50%. — Catherine Murphy. [32678/23]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that have attended cardiology risk clinic at Tallaght University Hospital in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [32679/23]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant intervention cardiologist attached to Beaumont Hospital in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [32680/23]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time HSE employed drug and alcohol outreach workers in County Kildare in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [32681/23]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hoists currently in use in radiology departments at both CHI Temple Street and CHI Crumlin, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [32682/23]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the necessary funding to recruit one WTE consultant clinical geneticist for Beaumont Hospital. — Catherine Murphy. [32683/23]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the status of podiatry services provided by the HSE in County Clare; the status of the service going forward; the number of persons on the waiting list for the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [32688/23]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the rate of theatre utilisation in UHL Dooradoyle for 2022; if he will provide the rate of theatre utilisation in Ennis, Nenagh and St John's hospitals, respectively, for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [32690/23]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting on hip and or knee surgery and cataract surgery in counties Clare, Limerick and Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [32691/23]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a representative organisation (details supplied) was not consulted about the development of the National Endometriosis Framework; if he intends to meet this organisation to discuss the framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [32693/23]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to develop a heart failure registry to provide vital real-time information to help cut excessive mortality and hospital admission rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [32694/23]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to tackle the revolving door syndrome in heart failure treatment that has resulted in a 90-day re-admission rate to hospital of 30%, according to the HSE's Heart Failure Model of Care 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [32695/23]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitals that provide a clinical psychology service to heart failure patients; the proportion of patients identified as requiring clinical psychology who receive the service in each of these hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [32696/23]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be provided for much-needed equipment for a resident (details supplied) in a nursing home in County Mayo in view of this person's condition and the fact that residents in public nursing homes are provided with this funding for equipment if it is required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32716/23]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Health if he can confirm when the HSE older persons' services in the south east region will meet with local representatives in south Tipperary and local Clonmel-based palliative care groups, considering this meeting has been postponed numerous times and a new date is yet to be set despite assurances it would be; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [32727/23]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Health to address concerns (details supplied) regarding the funding of current trainee educational psychologists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32738/23]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Health what services are available in County Longford for adults living with eating disorders. — Sorca Clarke. [32750/23]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Government intends to introduce caps on hospital car parking charges, as per the 2020 Programme for Government commitment; if so, the timeline for implementing this commitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32751/23]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Health the gross income and net income received through car parking charges in each of the hospitals managed by the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group in each of the years 2017 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32752/23]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Health to list any external contractors in place for providing car parking services in each of the hospitals managed by the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group; and the dates of expiration/renewal of said contracts, in tabular form. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32753/23]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Health the gross income and net income received through car parking charges in each of the hospitals managed by the RCSI Hospital Group in each of the years 2017 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32754/23]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Health to list any external contractors in place for providing car parking services in each of the hospitals managed by the RCSI Hospital Group; and the dates of expiration/renewal of said contracts, in tabular form. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32755/23]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Health the gross income and net income received through car parking charges in each of the hospitals managed by the Saolta Hospital Group in each of the years 2017 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32756/23]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Health to list any external contractors in place for providing car parking services in each of the hospitals managed by the Saolta Hospital Group; and the dates of expiration/renewal of said contracts, in tabular form. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32757/23]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Health the gross income and net income received through car parking charges in each of the hospitals managed by the University of Limerick Hospital Group in each of the years 2017 to 2022, in tabular form. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32758/23]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Health to list any external contractors in place for providing car parking services in each of the hospitals managed by the University of Limerick Hospital Group; and the dates of expiration/renewal of said contracts, in tabular form. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32759/23]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Health the gross income and net income received through car parking charges in each of the hospitals managed by the Ireland East Hospital Group in each of the years 2017 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32760/23]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Health to list any external contractors in place for providing car parking services in each of the hospitals managed by the Ireland East Hospital Group; and the dates of expiration/renewal of said contracts, in tabular form. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32761/23]



\*701. To ask the Minister for Health the gross income and net income received through car parking charges in each of the hospitals managed by the South/Southwest Hospital Group in each of the years 2017 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32762/23]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Health to list any external contractors in place for providing car parking services in each of the hospitals managed by the South/Southwest Hospital Group; and the dates of expiration/renewal of said contracts, in tabular form. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32763/23]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Health the gross income and net income received through car parking charges in each of the hospitals managed by the Children's Health Ireland Hospital Group in each of the years 2017 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32764/23]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Health to list any external contractors in place for providing car parking services in each of the hospitals managed by the Children's Health Ireland Hospital Group; and the dates of expiration/renewal of said contracts, in tabular form. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32765/23]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Health what steps are being taken to address the ongoing recruitment and retention crisis in the National Ambulance Service. — Claire Kerrane. [32767/23]

\*706. To ask the Minister for Health to provide, in tabular form, the number of paramedics qualifying and entering the National Ambulance Service in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023. — Claire Kerrane. [32768/23]

\*707. To ask the Minister for Health if he is concerned at the use of ENTs to make up crews in the National Ambulance Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32769/23]

\*708. To ask the Minister for Health if additional resources will be provided by the National Ambulance Service to the north Roscommon/south Leitrim area given the high number of call volumes in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32770/23]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the call volumes for the National Ambulance Service for the north Roscommon, Boyle, Carrick-on-Shannon area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32771/23]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Health to provide, in tabular form, the number of current vacancies across each department in hospitals (details supplied); and the length of time each vacancy has existed. — Claire Kerrane. [32772/23]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Health the number of recommendations in the Roscommon Mental Health Services report of 2017 which have been implemented; and the number outstanding. — Claire Kerrane. [32773/23]

\*712. To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form the number of children on waiting lists for initial appointments/assessments with primary care for speech & language therapy, occupational therapy, psychology; and the average waiting times for each in CHO2 with a breakdown of Roscommon, Galway and Mayo. — Claire Kerrane. [32774/23]



\*713. To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form the number of children on waiting lists with primary care for speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, psychology; and the average waiting times for each in CHO2 with a breakdown of Roscommon, Galway and Mayo. — Claire Kerrane. [32775/23]

\*714. To ask the Minister for Health if the extension of a service (details supplied) is being considered by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32778/23]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Health the number of complaints made in relation to a service (details supplied) in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023. — Claire Kerrane. [32779/23]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who five years ago was referred to Croom Orthopaedic Hospital, Limerick, for knee replacement surgery and has not received an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [32781/23]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details, by occupation and grade and location of the payments made, to health-care personnel of the one-off Covid-19 recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [32803/23]

\*718. To ask the Minister for Health how much has been allocated in Budget 2023 for the training and upskilling of physiotherapists to work with patients with complex brain injury within the public health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [32813/23]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the Assisted Human Reproduction Bill 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [32815/23]

\*720. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive an urgent appointment for surgery at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [32828/23]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail in tabular form the health infrastructure projects currently underway in CHO2; the projects completed since June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32831/23]

\*722. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail, in tabular form, the health infrastructure projects currently underway in CHO5; the projects completed since June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [32836/23]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Health the number of complaints made to HIQA in respect of nursing homes in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023; the number of adverse findings made in each of those years; and the counties in which there were the highest per capita incidence of complaints made. — Ivana Bacik. [32841/23]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied with the current accommodation for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [32852/23]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Health if he has any plans to increase accommodation for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [32853/23]

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

\*726. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures being taken to prevent paramedicine students from not having sufficient work experience during their degree to meet the needs of their chosen career. — Gary Gannon. [32220/23]

\*727. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a schedule of the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding that his Department can provide to an association (details supplied); heading under which the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding is provided; the maximum amount that can be accessed; and the dates on which the schemes operate. — Catherine Murphy. [32279/23]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if student accommodation being used to accommodate Ukrainian refugees and International Protection applications over the summer months will, again, be available for student accommodation when the 2023/2024 academic year begins; if he will specifically engage with management of Hubble in Galway to ensure that their facilities are again made available for students after the summer break; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32331/23]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of rolling out a one-year blue cert certification process to professionalise the small and medium enterprise sector pilot project between organisations (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [32579/23]

\*730. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress to date in the determination of an appeal regarding a higher education grant in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32581/23]

\*731. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a case (details supplied) will urgently be reviewed within her Department considering that the private report submitted should suffice for the requirements requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32621/23]

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

\*732. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will provide an update on the Community Services Programme, which aims to encourage operational employment in the community sector; if June 2023 is still the targeted deadline for announcing successful recipients; if he will give serious and honest consideration to an application by an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [32830/23]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development whether she plans to roll out further grants for existing community centres to assist with maintenance and upgrades; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [32207/23]

\*734. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to outline the process by which a closure order for a premises engaged in dog breeding is withdrawn, including the list of rationales for a withdrawal. — Holly Cairns. [32222/23]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a schedule of the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding that her Department can provide to an association (details supplied); heading under which the grants, grant-aid, low-cost borrowing and funding is provided; the maximum amount that can be accessed; and the dates on which the schemes operate. — Catherine Murphy. [32284/23]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to outline in tabular form any current available grants for communities seeking to develop a playground; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32397/23]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the cost of the study at Roonagh pier, County Mayo; when the report will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [32425/23]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will introduce an annual men's shed sustainability grant system. — Catherine Murphy. [32602/23]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will provide resources and or a grant in order for an organisation (details supplied) to develop a role for a national organiser. — Catherine Murphy. [32603/23]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the upcoming LEADER programme; the budget for this programme; and what headings projects will be funded under. — Robert Troy. [32788/23]

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

1. To ask the Taoiseach how much his Department has spent on public relations in each of the past ten years and to date, in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [32080/23]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plan for constitutional amendments. — Mary Lou McDonald. [32201/23]

3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with culture, arts and the audio-visual sector will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32551/23]

4. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the progress of the public inquiry into nursing home deaths during Covid 19, which he promised in January 2023. — Bríd Smith. [32555/23]

5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on a Humanitarian Response to Ukraine will next meet. — Alan Dillon. [32820/23]