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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13. 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]

14. 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]

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

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

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

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

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

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

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

32. 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]

33. 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]

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

35. 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]

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

37. 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]

38. 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]

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

40. 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]

41. 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]

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

43. 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 LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*44. To ask the Taoiseach the pay and any other benefits, including any loyalty payments/bonuses or other benefit-in-kind, of each chief executive of State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department for each year since 2020, in tabular form. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33060/23]

*45. To ask the Taoiseach the number of instances in which his Department used unlicensed software and/or lapsed licenced software in the past ten years to date; the associated expenditure on same to remedy the situation; and the software that was used. — Catherine Murphy. [33164/23]

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

*46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the annual costs associated with operation of an office at the NATO buildings in Brussels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [33043/23]

*47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the itemised cost of each contribution made to NATO Trust Funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [33044/23]

*48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he can expedite a passport application for a person (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [32887/23]

*49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport for a person (details supplied) can be expedited. — Paul McAuliffe. [33042/23]

*50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the pay and any other benefits, including any loyalty payments/bonuses or other benefit-in-kind, of each chief executive of State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department for each year since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33052/23]

*51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to establish a full-time Consulate General of Ireland in Montreal, Canada; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [33124/23]

*52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of instances in which his Department used unlicensed software and/or lapsed licenced software in the past ten years to date; the associated expenditure on same to remedy the situation; and the software that was being used. — Catherine Murphy. [33156/23]

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

*53. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications in 2008 when his officials were drafting the Western Fisheries Region Conservation of Trout Bye-Law No. 840, 2008, did the now defunct Western Regional Fisheries Board provide his Departmental officials with validated scientific data to show that rod and line angling was having a direct and measurable impact on brown trout stocks in Lough Corrib SAC; if his Departmental officials used any scientific data to ensure that the said bye-law was in compliance with the requirements of Regulation 31 of the European Communities (Natural Habitats) Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 94 of 1997); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [32860/23]

*54. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a list of data and sources used to measure the 232 unique UN SDG Indicators in the Voluntary National Review to report Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) progress, broken down by the SDG they relate to (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [32888/23]

*55. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications regarding the March 2023 agreement to increase the pension of former workers at An Post, the reasons there has been a delay in payment to former workers; when they can expect to receive this payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [32956/23]

*56. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views regarding the constant electricity power cuts facing north County Dublin, including Donabate, Portrane, Swords, Rush and Lusk; his Department's policy as to how this should be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [32995/23]

*57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the pay and any other benefits, including any loyalty payments/bonuses or other benefit-in-kind, of each chief executive of State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department for each year since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33050/23]

*58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the timeline for the public consultation to be undertaken under Regulation (EU) 2023/955 establishing a Social Climate Fund under Article 5 of this Regulation which obliges Member States to undertake a public consultation with local and regional authorities, representatives of economic and social partners, relevant civil society organisations, youth organisations and other stakeholders when developing their social climate plans and requires each Member State to set reasonable timeframes for the public consultation, allowing sufficient time for the public to be informed, to participate and express its views. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33138/23]

*59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications whether he has met with NAMA or sought a meeting with NAMA to discuss the issue of affordable housing delivery in the Poolbeg SDZ and the possible transfer of NAMA's 20% equity stake in Poolbeg to Dublin City Council to guarantee the delivery of the extra 15% affordable homes in the SDZ. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33142/23]

*60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of instances in which his Department used unlicensed software and/or lapsed licenced software in the past ten years to date; the associated expenditure on same to remedy the situation; and the software that was being used. — Catherine Murphy. [33154/23]

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

*61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the pay and any other benefits, including any loyalty payments/bonuses or other benefit-in-kind, of each chief executive of State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department for each year since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33047/23]

*62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of instances in which his Department used unlicensed software and/or lapsed licensed software in the past ten years to date; the associated expenditure on same to remedy the situation; and the software that was used. — Catherine Murphy. [33151/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*63. To ask the Minister for Transport if a renewed emphasis could be placed by the NTA on the allocation of funding to rural towns and villages, as opposed to larger urban centres for active travel funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32883/23]

*64. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driving test can be expedited for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [32896/23]

*65. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 31 of 2 March 2023, the degree to which his Department monitors the transfer of taxi licences; if he is aware of social media sites facilitating the transfer of licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [32898/23]

*66. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question 31 of 2 March 2023, the number of section 15 nominations which have been made in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [32899/23]

*67. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 31 of 2 March 2023, the number of enforcement actions taken for suspected breaches of Section 14(1) of the Taxi Regulation Act 2013 in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [32900/23]

*68. To ask the Minister for Transport being cognisant of the fact the population of Drogheda grew by 13% between 2016 and 2022, and with 25,000 new residents expected within a few years due to housing developments along the PANCR, what additional public transport resources are being considered for Drogheda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [32940/23]

*69. To ask the Minister for Transport what measures to alleviate traffic congestion, such as removing the slip road toll at Donore, are being considered whilst the Obelisk bridge at Oldbridge, is closed for repair and restoration from 1 August 2023 to 31 May 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [32941/23]

*70. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on a strategic project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [32964/23]

*71. To ask the Minister for Transport the discussions he or his officials have had with the providers of charging points in relation to leaving the older-type charge points in place when new-type charge points are being installed (details supplied) given there are still vehicles that cannot get a fast charge at the new type-charge points; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [33026/23]

*72. To ask the Minister for Transport the pay and any other benefits, including any loyalty payments/bonuses or other benefit-in-kind, of each chief executive of State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department for each year since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33062/23]

*73. To ask the Minister for Transport if he and the NTA will set out the policy in respect of domestic animals travelling on public transport with their owners; and if there are plans to review and/or amend the policy. — Catherine Murphy. [33102/23]

*74. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of instances in which his Department used unlicensed software and/or lapsed licenced software in the past ten years to date; the associated expenditure on same to remedy the situation; and the software that was used. — Catherine Murphy. [33166/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*75. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are any circumstances where, in a joint mortgage application where one applicant is eligible for the help to buy scheme and one applicant is not, if the scheme can be availed of; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [32994/23]

*76. To ask the Minister for Finance if they have received the pre-Budget 2024 submission from a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32858/23]

*77. To ask the Minister for Finance regarding the proposed increase in VAT to 13.5 % for the hospitality sector (details supplied) if he will give a commitment to maintain the current 9% VAT rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [32903/23]

*78. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide clarification on a tax matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32935/23]

*79. To ask the Minister for Finance 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. [32955/23]

*80. To ask the Minister for Finance the financial measures that are in place for older working people unable to secure a standard bank mortgage due to their age but unable to afford private renting once they retire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [33033/23]

*81. To ask the Minister for Finance the pay and any other benefits, including any loyalty payments/bonuses or other benefit-in-kind, of each chief executive of State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department for each year since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33051/23]

*82. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of instances in which his Department used unlicensed software and/or lapsed licenced software in the past ten years to date; the associated expenditure on same to remedy the situation; and the software that was used. — Catherine Murphy. [33155/23]

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.

*83. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a full list of the individual projects funded under the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund by Department; the amount of funding given in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [32875/23]

*84. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the case of a housing estate (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [32905/23]

*85. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the names of travel agents currently on the Office of Government Procurement multi-supplier framework for the provision of travel services in public bodies. — Paul Donnelly. [32928/23]

*86. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the pay and any other benefits, including any loyalty payments/bonuses or other benefit-in-kind, of each chief executive of State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department for each year since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33057/23]

*87. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of instances in which his Department used unlicensed software and/or lapsed licenced software in the past ten years to date; the associated expenditure on same to remedy the situation; and the software that was used. — Catherine Murphy. [33161/23]

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

*88. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the pay and any other benefits, including any loyalty payments/bonuses or other benefit-in-kind, of each chief executive of State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department for each year since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33049/23]

*89. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to report on the work of the Enterprise Ireland office in Quebec, Canada, since its establishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [33129/23]

*90. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide an update on the work of drafting the Amendment of the Constitution (Unified Patent Court) Bill seeking to amend

Article 29 of the Constitution to recognise the international agreement on a Unified Patent Court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [33137/23]

*91. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of instances in which his Department used unlicensed software and/or lapsed licenced software in the past ten years to date; the associated expenditure on same to remedy the situation; and the software that was being used. — Catherine Murphy. [33153/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*92. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 293 and 301 of 20 June 2023, 79 of 24 November 2022 and 101 of 11 October 2022, if she has been made aware that there is still a sizeable number of students in east Cork who have not been offered a first-year place in a second-level school for the coming school year; if she will make further resources available to enable schools to enrol these students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [32854/23]

*93. To ask the Minister for Education when a form of acceptance will issue to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [32891/23]

*94. To ask the Minister for Education being cognisant of the fact the population of Drogheda grew by 13% between 2016 and 2022, and with 25,000 new residents expected within a few years due to housing developments along the PANCR, what additional schools and associated school resources are being considered for Drogheda; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [32939/23]

*95. To ask the Minister for Education to provide details on the points attained by blind and vision impaired Leaving Certificate candidates on a national average basis versus the performance of their peers in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Seán Crowe. [32950/23]

*96. 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. [32962/23]

*97. To ask the Minister for Education the closing date for applications for a school (details supplied) in Grangegorman; how parents can apply; how this is being communicated to parents of children with additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [32965/23]

*98. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [32966/23]

*99. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for additional accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [32997/23]

*100. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to increase the mandatory retirement age for school bus drivers from 70 to 75 years, to take into account those drivers who wish to continue working; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [33023/23]

*101. To ask the Minister for Education the pay and any other benefits, including any loyalty payments/bonuses or other benefit-in-kind, of each chief executive of State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of her Department for each year since 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33048/23]

*102. To ask the Minister for Education if she will introduce measures (details supplied) to assist exam candidates with dyslexia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33111/23]

*103. To ask the Minister for Education the number of instances in which her Department used unlicensed software and/or lapsed licenced software in the past ten years to date; the associated expenditure on same to remedy the situation; and the software that was used. — Catherine Murphy. [33152/23]

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

*104. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the pay and any other benefits, including any loyalty payments/bonuses or other benefit-in-kind, of each chief executive of State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of her Department for each year since 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33061/23]

*105. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of instances in which her Department used unlicensed software and/or lapsed licenced software in the past ten years to date; the associated expenditure on same to remedy the situation; and the software that was used. — Catherine Murphy. [33165/23]

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

*106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are any provisions within the draft Historic and Archaeological Heritage Bill 2023, in addition to any technical amendments, to restrict or ban rod and line angling for brown trout and Atlantic salmon on Lough Corrib SAC, considering the large number of subsurface archaeological sites around the lake; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [32861/23]

*107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 362 of 20 June 2023, if he will provide a precise list of “key stakeholders” and other “organisations of interest within the game shooting fraternity” that have been invited to engage the National Parks and Wildlife Service as part of the review and public consultation process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [32947/23]

*108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are any plans to amend legislation, whereby people who rent properties in rent pressure zones and their existing tenants leave of their own accord, to allow the property owner then rent the property at market value; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [32951/23]

*109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of appeals against the valuation on a commercial property made to the Valuation Tribunal for Reval 2017 and Reval 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32986/23]

*110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide in tabular form the number of appeals outstanding, whether they are for oral or written proceedings, under Reval 2017 and Reval 2019, for each rating authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32987/23]

*111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown in tabular form of the total appeals made to the Valuation Tribunal under Reval 2017 and Reval 2019 for each rating authority; whether the appeal was for oral or written proceedings and the sector of commercial activity concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32988/23]

*112. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average timeline for an appeal to be heard by the Valuation Tribunal, for both oral and written proceedings, under Reval 2017 and Reval 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32989/23]

*113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown on the number of cases, both written and oral, that can be dealt with or discharged by the Valuation Tribunal in 2023; the breakdown of cases dealt with in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32990/23]

*114. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the current performance of the Valuation Tribunal, the resources and whether additional resources are required to carry out its functions in a timely and efficient manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32991/23]

*115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are any additional incentives available to assist joint mortgage applicants purchasing a home who cannot avail of the help-to buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [32994/23]

*116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if funds can be made available to local authorities to deal with Japanese knotweed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [33016/23]

*117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the pay and any other benefits, including any loyalty payments/bonuses or other benefit-in-kind, of each chief executive of State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department for each year since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33055/23]

*118. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether a local authority requires a licence or permit to undertake noisy construction work during certain hours; the prescribed hours this would be required for; and the process by which they apply for, and members of the public can see, such a licence. — Thomas Gould. [33063/23]

*119. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to publish the Q2 2023 basic unit costs (BUCs), previously referred to as unit-cost ceilings and acquisition cost guidelines (ACGs) for social housing for each local authority area. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33110/23]

*120. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the options open to an individual who is over the threshold for the disabled persons' adaptations grant but is still in need of a bathroom conversion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [33113/23]

*121. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the problems with the Lough Corrib Navigation Act 1945 were identified that were rectified by the reinstatement of the functions of the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees that were removed as a result of the repeal of some of the Drainage (Ireland) Act 1856, under which the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees were established; when work started to correct the situation; when a decision was taken to include the legislative correction in the Historical and Archaeological Heritage Bill 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [33114/23]

*122. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of instances in which his Department used unlicensed software and/or lapsed licenced software in the past ten years to date; the associated expenditure on same to remedy the situation; and the software that was used. — Catherine Murphy. [33159/23]

*123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress that has been made in relation to anomalies that have arisen regarding de-zoning land (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33233/23]

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

*124. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the benefit of S class contributions which a person (details supplied) was deemed to make, arising from income received from an approved retirement scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33108/23]

*125. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether the allocation for school lunches for secondary schools included in DEIS in 2022 differs from the allocation for existing DEIS secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [32862/23]

*126. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will guarantee that the auto-enrolled pension scheme will not invest in fossil fuels or the arms industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [32930/23]

*127. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a minimum percentage of the funds of the auto-enrolled pension scheme will be invested in Irish renewable energy developments in order to work toward our climate action obligations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [32931/23]

*128. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if someone who has been receiving jobseeker's allowance for a period of 18 months applies for disability allowance, does their jobseeker's payment cease immediately, or does it continue until a decision regarding the disability allowance application is reached; if the payment is ceased is there a requirement for the individual to apply for supplementary welfare allowance in the interim; and in the event that the first application for

disability allowance is unsuccessful what payment does the person revert to. — Paul Murphy. [32932/23]

*129. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person is awarded disability allowance and transitions from jobseeker's allowance does this change their eligibility for the Christmas bonus associated with long-term social welfare payments. — Paul Murphy. [32933/23]

*130. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person receiving disability allowance is permitted to participate in a part-time springboard course or other ETB training options. — Paul Murphy. [32934/23]

*131. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is any progress in establishing a family maintenance collection agency to follow up on those who do not keep their commitments to pay maintenance as legally required. — John Lahart. [32942/23]

*132. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an appeal sent in April 2023 against the decision to refuse application for a carer's support grant and a respite grant was received and registered in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32963/23]

*133. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an appeal in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [32992/23]

*134. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the pay and any other benefits, including any loyalty payments/bonuses or other benefit-in-kind, of each chief executive of State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of her Department for each year since 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33059/23]

*135. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to examine, with urgency, a situation (details supplied). — Réada Cronin. [33069/23]

*136. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason an income derived from contributions made by a PAYE employee to an approved retirement scheme is now deemed to be in self-employment when applying for jobseeker's transition payment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33107/23]

*137. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the backdated increase in child benefit to the qualified child will be paid to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33115/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of instances in which her Department used unlicensed software and/or lapsed licenced software in the past ten years to date; the associated expenditure on same to remedy the situation; and the software that was used. — Catherine Murphy. [33163/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to confirm the qualifications of the officers and staff within her Department who are responsible for medically assessing applications for carer's allowance and disability allowance; if she will clarify whether the staff members who review the medical reports of these applications on appeal hold a more senior medical qualification from

those who initially assess and reject the original application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [33181/23]

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

*140. To ask the Minister for Justice in light of her statement that there exists a serious and genuine, present or foreseeable threat to the security of the State and that such a threat is likely to continue for at least the next 12 months, to outline the details of such threats to the security of the State; to outline the nature of her concerns in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [32895/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision will be made on a visa appeal (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32949/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a family reunification application (details supplied); when it is envisaged that same will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [32957/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for Justice if the text of a Bill in relation to the ratification of the UN Second Optional Protocol has been finalised (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [32998/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for Justice when the Second Optional Protocol on the UNCRC will be ratified (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [33005/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for Justice if the UN Second Optional Protocol will be ratified before the summer recess of Dáil Éireann; and if not, if she will give a guarantee that the protocol will be ratified before the end of 2023. — Joan Collins. [33006/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for Justice whether she intends consulting with the Independent Reporting Commission in relation to the reports published recently on the Special Criminal Courts and the Offences Against the State Act 1939; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [33014/23]

*147. To ask the Minister for Justice the pay and any other benefits, including any loyalty payments/bonuses or other benefit-in-kind, of each chief executive of State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of her Department for each year since 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33056/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for Justice if she would consider allowing non-EU citizens working in Ireland long-term to have a longer lasting residency visa issued to them; if she would facilitate easier access to visitor visas for members of such families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [33070/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for Justice how incidents of anti-social behaviour are recorded for data purposes, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [33071/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for Justice how incidents of knife crime are recorded by category; such as numbers of knife seizures; numbers admitted to hospital due to knife attack and number of homicides due to stabbing or others; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [33072/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Garda schools programme is ongoing; the number of schools that have been engaged with over the past ten years; whether knife crime awareness and prevention is part of the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [33073/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is a national reduction and prevention of violence strategy for young people, outside of the youth diversion projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [33076/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on a number of applications under the atypical working scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [33077/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 154 of 21 June 2023, if she can clarify queries with regard to the deportation orders granted from 2018 to date, 790 in total, as the issue queried originally was not answered in the first instance; how many of those orders have been fully executed, and the people subjected to them deported as ordered; with regard to the orders not as yet executed, which agency is charged with keeping a record of their whereabouts; which agency is responsible for the supervision of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [33099/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for Justice the date on which she requested of the president of the High Court to designate a judge or judges of the High Court to be a relevant judge under the Communications (Retention of Data) (Amendment) Act 2022; the date on which that judge nominated; the persons the judge nominated; if she will clarify whether the alleged threat is present or foreseeable to the security of the State; the assessments that were conducted in respect of the alleged threat; the evidence that was proffered in relation to the alleged threat; the way in which the retention of this data necessary and proportionate to the purposes for which the application was made; if she and or her officials conducted a data protection impact assessment; if she will clarify whether she consulted with other bodies, including but not limited to, the Data Protection Commission and the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission before making this application; and if she will set out the conditions and directions that the relevant judge specify in the order. — Catherine Murphy. [33105/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of instances in which her Department used unlicensed software and/or lapsed licenced software in the past ten years to date; the associated expenditure on same to remedy the situation; and the software that was used. — Catherine Murphy. [33160/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for Justice the plans to reduce delays in processing probate applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [33178/23]

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

*158. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the new forestry programme 2023-2027 will get State aid approval (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32927/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine with regard to the recently announced TAMS woman farmer capital investment scheme, if he is aware of the concerns

outlined by a group (details supplied) regarding criteria set out in the scheme; if he will outline how his Department intends to engage to address issues around access to the scheme for women farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32946/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the pay and any other benefits, including any loyalty payments/bonuses or other benefit-in-kind, of each chief executive of State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department for each year since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33045/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of instances in which his Department used unlicensed software and/or lapsed licenced software in the past ten years to date; the associated expenditure on same to remedy the situation; and the software that was used. — Catherine Murphy. [33149/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will clarify a query concerning the ACRES scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33177/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for his advice on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33179/23]

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

*164. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will establish a neuro-rehabilitation team in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [32902/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that the extra social protection payments designed to combat the cost-of-living crisis are adversely affecting the subsidies received by many families under the national childcare scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [32944/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth 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. [32954/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if Ireland should have launched public awareness campaigns in relation to the Second Optional Protocol on the UNCRC before the protocol was ratified (details supplied); the exact explanation of Article 9(2), given that it appears that to ratify this protocol without informing the public first would not seem to make sense. — Joan Collins. [32996/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if funding will be made available to fully staff a community neurorehabilitation team in each of the nine CHOs around the country, as outlined in the National Neurorehabilitation Strategy. — Paul Donnelly. [33007/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what can be done to help a person (details supplied) who has two special needs adult sons with profound intellectual disabilities. — Patricia Ryan. [33100/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of funding for a community neurorehabilitation team in CHO9; the timeline he is working towards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [33109/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a facility (details supplied) is being investigated; and if so, if he can provide an update on the investigation. — Ivana Bacik. [32843/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to detail the allocation criteria used for the rapid build housing programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [32856/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the referenda on equality and care due to take place in November; whether all three proposed constitutional amendments of the Oireachtas Committee on Gender Equality will be brought forward; when the interdepartmental group will publish its proposed referenda wording in relation to Article 40.1, Article 41.2 and Article 41.3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [32894/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will review the arrangements with respect to pregnant people being unable to defer maternity leave for illness leave to be taken, as is possible under Section 11 of the Paternity Leave and Benefit Act 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [32568/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that a significant number of families in receipt of a subsidy under the national childcare scheme have had their subsidy affected due to the extra social protection payments designed to combat the cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [32943/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has considered an expansion of his Department's Building Blocks Capital Programme to make capital grants available to potential childcare service providers towards the cost of purchasing premises to develop childcare facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [32985/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason a person (details supplied) has not received OT support since January 2023; if he will ensure that this situation is rectified as a matter of urgency, considering the impact that the removal of services has had on the person and their family; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [33015/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the pay and any other benefits, including any loyalty payments/bonuses or other benefit-in-kind, of each chief executive of State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department for each year since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33046/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if childcare facilities will receive an injection of funding which is required if they are to survive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33112/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of instances in which his Department used unlicensed software and/or lapsed licenced software in the past ten years to date; the associated expenditure on same to remedy the situation; and the software that was used. — Catherine Murphy. [33150/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*181. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department 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. [32857/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Health the reason section 39 physiotherapists not received the Covid recognition payment of €1,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [32863/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Health the cost and staffing that would be associated with expanding clinical psychology to heart failure patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [32884/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of establishing and maintaining a national registry system of heart failure patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [32885/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Health the costs of ensuring adequate national capacity to deliver cardiac rehabilitation to all heart failure patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [32886/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail in tabular form the health infrastructure projects currently underway in CHO8; the projects completed since June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [32889/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail, in tabular form, the health infrastructure projects currently underway in CHO4; the projects completed since June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [32890/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide further assistance to the private and voluntary nursing home sector to help these providers deal with the difficulties they are experiencing as regards increased costs and recruitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [32901/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied) in Drogheda hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [32904/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Health being cognisant of the fact the population of Drogheda grew by 13% between 2016 and 2022, and with 25,000 new residents expected within a few years due to housing developments along the PANCR, what additional resources under the remit of his Department are being considered for Drogheda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [32938/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Health to indicate the financial assistance, if any, available to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32945/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health the current size of the waiting list for initial appointments at the Coombe Hospital's endometriosis clinic; the median waiting time, in days, over the past year for women and girls from their initial placement on the waiting list to their first appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [32948/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health whether he or the relevant Minister of State will engage with the Tallaght Drugs and Alcohol Taskforce, including meeting with the executive, to enable the TDATF to outline the current challenges and opportunities being experienced by the communities of Tallaght and Whitechurch. — Paul Murphy. [32953/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Health the level of additional funding provided for nursing homes in Budget 2023 under new measures and the amount provided to/via the NTPF, the nursing home support scheme, and the amount provided otherwise, in tabular form; the level under existing levels of service; the amount provided otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [32967/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be put in place for a multidisciplinary team for the only dedicated neurology service for Irish patients with long-Covid in St. James's Hospital Dublin. — Paul Donnelly. [33008/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Health what consideration has been given to investment in therapeutic support and education for family carers of those who suffer with dementia. — Paul Donnelly. [33009/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department can fund an investment to bring about pay parity for dementia care workers. — Paul Donnelly. [33010/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans for a national heart failure registry, equipping health service planners with the information to cut excessive mortality and hospital readmission rates. — Paul Donnelly. [33011/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will invest in practical, social and emotional supports in the community that reduce readmissions and improve quality of life. — Paul Donnelly. [33012/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Health if he will commit to a right to a medical card for all heart failure patients, removal of prescription charges, and the national assessment of the economic impact of the condition on patients. — Paul Donnelly. [33013/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the processes and discussions that led to the decision to add an additional 18 months to the existing six-month timeframe for closing nursing homes to repurpose their businesses (HIQA Guidelines). — Robert Troy. [33024/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Health if he will restore the dispensing fee for pharmacists from 2009 levels of €5.00 for the first 1,667 items up to €6.50, in line with the FEMPI pay restoration increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [33025/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who have died from sepsis in Ireland in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33027/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health if, given that amounts of €4.3 million and €11.3 million were reimbursed under the Cross Border Directive and the Northern Ireland Planned Healthcare Scheme, respectively in 2022, similar funding will be found for the establishment of a cataract clinic in the CHO4 area, to avoid patients travelling to the North for surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [33028/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for speech and language therapy for children and adults, by CHO; the average waiting time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [33029/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Health if funding can be made available to provide a shingle vaccination programme to people over the age of 70 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [33030/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Health if and when the consumer-directed home support scheme can be rolled out nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [33031/23]

*208. 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, which amounts to an unaccounted-for €324,000 being paid to abortion-performing doctors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [33040/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the discrepancy between the 6,683 combined termination procedure and aftercare claims under the primary care reimbursement scheme in 2021, whilst just 4,577 notifications of termination were officially received in 2021, which amounts to an unaccounted-for €947,700 being paid to abortion-performing doctors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [33041/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Health the pay and any other benefits, including any loyalty payments/bonuses or other benefit-in-kind, of each chief executive of State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department for each year since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [33054/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently consider developing a green field hospital facility to service Athlone (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [33064/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the podiatry service provided by the HSE in the health centre in Glenties, County Donegal, is unavailable to service users; when it is planned to recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [33065/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant HSE podiatry services positions in County Donegal, by location; the plans to fill any such vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [33066/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Health whether he will instruct the HSE to schedule a follow-up appointment and resolve the issue of the case of a person (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [33067/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Health if he has or will conduct a review of pharmacy dispensing fees and the extent of service provision by community pharmacists; if he has or will engage with an organisation (details supplied) on the matter; the dates on which he has or will engage; if he will establish a review which encompasses the scope of services provided or which could be provided by community pharmacy; and if he will include scoping of a minor ailments or minor illness scheme in community pharmacy in the terms of reference of the aforementioned review. — Patricia Ryan. [33097/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Health if he can confirm his availability for a meeting with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [33101/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Health to outline, in tabular form, the number of emergency department attendances in 2022 in St. James's Hospital, University Hospital Limerick, the Mater Hospital and St. Vincent's University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [33121/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Health to outline, in tabular form, the number of inpatient beds in St. James's Hospital, University Hospital Limerick, the Mater Hospital and St. Vincent's University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [33122/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatient and outpatient appointments that have been cancelled at University Hospital Limerick in Q1 and Q2 of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [33123/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Health the number of instances in which his Department used unlicensed software and/or lapsed licenced software in the past ten years to date; the associated expenditure on same to remedy the situation; and the software that was used. — Catherine Murphy. [33158/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Health when the national guidelines in respect of wigs/hairpieces and post-mastectomy products will be published; the funding to be allocated for the implementation of the guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33176/23]

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

*222. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what measures are being taken to support Ireland's labour supply with the skills needed to meet labour demands under residential retrofitting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33087/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on changes to the borrowing framework for technological universities. — Robert Troy. [32859/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on a SUSI application by a person (details supplied); if there are any considerations for single parents in relation to SUSI applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [32882/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he can confirm that funding (details supplied) comes from the National Access Plan, and for the avoidance of confusion, that this does not constitute new or additional funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [32958/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address a series of queries related to funding (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [32959/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address a series of queries related to funding (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [32960/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has a policy when it comes to making announcements, specifically in relation to the need to make it clear to the public whether additional funding is being made available for an initiative, or whether this is existing money that has already been announced, in order to avoid confusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [32961/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether PhDs classified as non-EU will be provided with updated residency visas with a four-year duration, similar to the hosting agreement scheme used for attracting non-EU research talent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [33017/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made that PhD researchers have access to PRSI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [33018/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made on mandating that PhD researchers have access to sick leave and/or parental leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [33019/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recommendation will be made for PhDs to have access to the Workplace Relations Commission in order to resolve disputes with their university; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [33020/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether a recommendation will be made on establishing minimum standards for the provision of funding for PhD researchers in Ireland, including minimum standards of pay (such as the national minimum wage); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [33021/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether a recommendation will be made on the matter of employee status for PhDs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [33022/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the pay and any other benefits, including any loyalty payments/bonuses or other benefit-in-kind, of each chief executive of State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department for each year since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33053/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will report on the Shared Island cross-border funding to expand Ulster University's Derry campus announced on 20 June 2023. — Brendan Smith. [32835/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of instances in which his Department used unlicensed software and/or lapsed licenced software in the past ten years to date; the associated expenditure on same to remedy the situation; and the software that was being used. — Catherine Murphy. [33157/23]

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

*238. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there are plans or if consideration is being given to the pre-Budget 2024 to a request by an organisation (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [32929/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if, in respect of the recently published Census figures, the area of Pullough, Tullamore, County Offaly will be included in the Clár programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32993/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the pay and any other benefits, including any loyalty payments/bonuses or other benefit-in-kind, of each chief executive of State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of her Department for each year since 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33058/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of instances in which her Department used unlicensed software and/or lapsed licenced software in the past ten years to date; the associated expenditure on same to remedy the situation; and the software that was used. — Catherine Murphy. [33162/23]

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gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 6 IÚIL, 2023
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 6 JULY, 2023**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number currently on the social housing waiting list in Cavan; the current wait time for social housing applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [32980/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department have a plan and budget to manage and maintain the social housing stock over time to ensure that the housing stock is kept in good condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [33200/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions that are being taken to increase the number of homes built by local authorities beyond the 1,666 that were constructed last year. — Brian Stanley. [32921/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the impact of the ending of the eviction ban on the latest homelessness figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [33183/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he has put in place to improve water services since June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [33190/23]

6. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on his Department’s efforts to deliver the additional 15% affordable housing in the Poolbeg SDZ including whether he or his cabinet colleagues has met with NAMA and discussed the transfer of NAMAs 20% equity stake in the SDZ lands to Dublin City Council to assist them in ensuring the delivery of genuinely affordable homes in the SDZ. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33130/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the planned pilot scheme for unsewered villages. — Cathal Crowe. [33135/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement he has had with the stakeholders of a local amenity (details supplied) to develop this area as a National Park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33083/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects to publish the review of the guidelines in relation to the construction of rural houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [33201/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the new pilot scheme that offers grants to ready vacant farmhouses for refurbishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [32917/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how the social housing waiting list in Cork County Council now compares with that in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [33198/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the completion of the single utility for water services and to outline what additional funding his Department intends to provide to cover the full costs of water service workers remaining in local authorities on their current full terms and conditions. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33134/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in response to my Leader’s Question on Part V segregation the Minister made statements (details supplied); is it Government policy to ‘pepper-pot’ Part V tenants across developments or to continue to allow

the segregation of Part V tenants into separate areas or blocks, as seen in The Davitt apartment complex. — Joan Collins. [33096/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the local authority home loan scheme which enables successful applicants to borrow up to 90% of the market value of the property; if he will detail the number of people who have applied for the scheme; and the number who have been successful. — Peadar Tóibín. [32083/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how the Land Development Agency is providing new homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [33186/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to ensure that older working people who do not own their own home and are currently above social housing limits will be protected on retirement or able to seamlessly transition to social housing on retirement. — Patrick Costello. [33034/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he intends taking to encourage more house building, particularly by reviewing the NDP and streamlining the planning process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32075/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action he is taking to improve sewage schemes for small towns and villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [33144/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the review by his Department of public homes in the pipeline; and the number of these that have been stalled for over 12 months. — Thomas Gould. [33089/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing units delivered via the Cost-Rental Equity Loan, the Affordable Housing Fund and Project Tosaigh in County Monaghan in 2022, and planned to be delivered in 2023, with a breakdown of units per scheme and average price of units by unit size. — Matt Carthy. [33001/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he intends to set affordable housing targets for each local authority without official targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [33094/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are provisions in planning law to ensure that communities have critical water and wastewater infrastructure (details supplied); if this is the responsibility of the local authority or the developer; if there are plans to update the provisions in planning law to ensure critical water and wastewater infrastructure is put in place in advance of the construction of residential and commercial development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [32913/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how the social housing waiting list in Offaly now compares with that in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [32974/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is undertaking any review of rural planning guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [33191/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the regulations of the new defective concrete blocks scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [33172/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has any data as to how many new build homes are being purchased by first-time buyers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [33141/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the Public Consultation on the Review of Part B (Fire Safety) of the Building Regulations; if there is a timeline for the report to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [33184/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on social housing provision in Longford from 2020 to 2022; the target in place for same in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [33147/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will direct all local authorities to record all presentations from homeless individuals and families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [32723/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm the number of housing completions in Cork in 2022; the projected number for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33125/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will agree to homeowner amendments to the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks Act, passed almost one year ago, considering that the reason he refused these amendments at the time was his urgency to get the new scheme up and running. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [32741/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to detail the number of people in Limerick currently residing in State supported emergency accommodation including hotels, hostels, B&Bs, student accommodation, family hubs and short-term private lettings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [32906/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures put in place by his Department to ensure that those families that are not eligible for the cost-rental tenant-in-situ scheme are not made homeless as a result of their current property being put up for sale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [32923/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to ensure all landlords are registered with the Residential Tenancies Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32536/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses purchased by local authority tenants each year since 2016 under the tenant purchase incremental

scheme 2016; whether he intends amending the scheme further to encourage more tenants to buy their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32074/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the Revision Process for the National Planning Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [32916/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has given consideration to the use of 3D printing technology and its possible benefits to the current problems with housing construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [33036/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on social housing provision in Offaly from 2020 to 2022; the target in place for same in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [32973/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of estates which are overdue for taking-in-charge; and if he plans any initiatives to address this problem. — Richard Bruton. [33127/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to set out in tabular form an update on the progress to date in the implementation of all 32 recommendations from the report of the Independent Group on Traveller Accommodation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33132/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the provision of social housing at Kildonan Lands, Church of the Annunciation and Berryfield in Dublin 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [32999/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for details of any engagement he and his Department have had with Galway City Council to-date in 2023 with regard to Galway City Council's targets for the delivery of new social houses in Galway in 2023, 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [32796/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the progress of the tenant-in-situ and the cost-rental tenant-in-situ schemes, including a timeline on bringing in legislation to ensure that the tenant or local authority have first refusal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [33205/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans for a scheme to compensate businesses that have lost revenue due to water outages (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [32909/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities have any role in overholding cases when the tenant is a HAP recipient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [32979/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many of the promised 1,850 cost rental homes with State-backed rent of at least 25% below what they would be on in the private market, for 2023, have thus far been delivered. — Peadar Tóibín. [32084/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to change the requirement for applicants for social housing to have medical certificates signed by two practitioners as this is placing a cost on them of up to €120, and more in some cases. — Brian Stanley. [32920/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on social housing provision in Cork County Council from 2020 to 2022; the target in place for same in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [33197/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has any plans to review the threshold for housing adaptation grants for older people and people with a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [33143/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department might seek quotations from builders/developers for the provision of a specific number of public authority houses, aimed at filling gaps not currently being met for various reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33081/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the provision of both social and affordable housing in Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [32972/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how the current social housing waiting list in Longford compares with that in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [33148/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the dismay caused to hundreds of homeowners in defective block homes in Donegal, who have had their application under the defective concrete block grant scheme referred by Donegal County Council to the Housing Agency to adjudicate on, under the remediation of dwellings damaged by the use of defective concrete blocks scheme; and to confirm that these referrals are down to the emerging science that has severely undermined the IS465, and to the serious delays in the review of IS 465 that he ordered. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [32740/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will update the Dáil Éireann on the level of home purchases by first-time-buyers; and the progress of Government initiatives to support this. — Richard Bruton. [33128/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on number of housing commencements to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [33116/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if any additional emergency accommodation has been put in place in Mayo since the lifting of the eviction ban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [33173/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to report on the local authority housing stock retrofitting programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [33206/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he is taking to reduce the cost of construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32919/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will make changes to the HAP scheme so that there is not a cliff edge if people go over the social housing income limits to ensure that there is tapered rental support for those above the limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [33208/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will comment on the significant delays with the opening of the online application process for the enhanced grant scheme for the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the use of Defective Concrete Blocks in their Construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [32724/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide additional resources to the local authority to deal with and manage the demand for the vacant property refurbishment grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [33203/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the provision of interim funding for fire safety defects in apartments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [32732/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the provision of emergency funding for homeowners with fire safety and other structural defects to address immediate fire safety and other structural defects risks in their properties pending the opening of the formal redress scheme for owners with Celtic Tiger era building defects. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33133/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm the amount of people who availed of the help-to-buy-scheme, local authority affordable purchase scheme, first-home scheme and the local authority home loan scheme in Cork in 2022; the amount of funding provided under these schemes in Cork in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33126/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is any update on when the referendum on the Right to Housing will take place. — Francis Noel Duffy. [32359/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a report on the cost-rental scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [33187/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding Project Tosaigh; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [33118/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to his reply to Parliamentary Question No. 100 of 21 June 2023, if Ministerial consent in accordance with the EC (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 was sought in respect of the foreshore activity referenced in Marine Notice No. 40 of 2022 and in Marine Notice No. 36 of 2022, and the details of same; if Ministerial consent was granted in respect of the foreshore activity referenced, and

the details of any consent granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [32795/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to comment on the record number of commencement notifications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [32908/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the cost-rental tenant-in-situ scheme, including the number of such properties purchased to date; the number of expressions of interest from landlords; and the number of referrals to the housing agency from local authorities. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33131/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will refuse 2023-2024 licences for cruel hare coursing as there appears to be uncertainty over the number of hare's in the country (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [32725/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many social housing applicants had their files/cases closed due to them exceeding the income threshold for the years 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32918/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can detail the number of people currently in emergency accommodation; the numbers who have been there for over 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [33038/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the number of housing commencements in Carlow to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [32971/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he has set a target date for ending homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [33182/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the delivery of affordable housing in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [33088/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an overview on his Department's latest monthly data on the number of commencements notices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [32914/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline what alternatives are open to people in County Louth who need a housing adaptation grant but who cannot apply to Louth County Council because the applications process is closed until January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [33037/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans with respect for continued funding for the Limerick Regeneration Economic and Social Intervention Fund 2023 to be extended to 2024 and beyond. — Maurice Quinlivan. [33175/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the delivery of affordable, social and cost rental housing in Dublin 9 and 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [33000/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress on the commitment in Housing for All to implement a minimum building energy rating requirement for rental properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [33188/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for the full details of the affordability measures put in place in Cherrywood developments in return for the LIHAF funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [33207/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on measures to address issues impacting on homeowners effected by pyrite issues. — Cathal Crowe. [33136/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on Housing For All delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [32204/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can detail the number of purchases of properties by local authorities and approved housing bodies under the tenant-in-situ scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [33068/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans, if any, to adjust the cost rental tenant-in-situ scheme to take into account families whose household income exceeds the limit specified in the scheme and where, because of the age of the applicant, a mortgage is not an option; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [32922/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if some consideration can be given to the development of a subsidised sites scheme on public or private lands with a view to making affordable or local authority housing more readily accessible; if any consideration has already been given to such a proposal and how it might meet current demands and as housing continues to be a most pressing issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33080/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the provision of both social and affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [33117/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if interim funding has been decided on for those who are currently facing defective issues in their dwellings. — Francis Noel Duffy. [32358/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the financial support to replace lead pipes in homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [32915/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated number of people on the Mayo local authority housing list at present; the likelihood of having housing needs met in the short-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [33095/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the roll-out of the tenant-in-situ scheme; if local authorities have resourced additional staff to manage the workload involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [32203/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he is taking to increase home ownership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [33140/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has concerns that the MICA defective block scheme does not cover 100% redress for affected homeowners and that many affected homeowners will be excluded from accessing the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [33119/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what changes he intends to make to the cost-rental rules so that those eligible on income grounds are not ineligible on affordability grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [33209/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider making County Cavan a rent pressure zone due to the rapid increase in rents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [32742/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress of the legislation to allow for directly elected mayor with executive powers for Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [33189/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will confirm, in view of a statement made by the Minister for Finance on 22 June 2023 that “There will be a core welfare package to try to improve the incomes of people who are on fixed incomes”, that these increases will be above the rate of inflation and increase welfare payments in real terms. — Joan Collins. [32977/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to address the findings of the Cost of Disability in Ireland – Research Report. — Holly Cairns. [32538/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to extending the number of home-caring periods a foster carer can accrue throughout the years they foster in order for them to be able to claim a State pension (contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [33074/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline the actions she will take to address the alarming increase in the amount of retired people at risk of poverty as in the public service performance report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [33174/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what engagement she has had with the Minister for Health on homecare packages and the financial impact of those families in receipt of carers' payment who do not receive homecare support. — Sean Sherlock. [32066/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if all social welfare payments will be increased in line with inflation in the forthcoming Budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [33170/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline an engagement her Department has had with other Government agencies and Departments in relation to the problems faced by workers who live in the North and who work for Southern-based companies, who wish to work from home and if the issue will be included in the considerations for Budget 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [33075/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the review of the Reasonable Accommodation Fund; the timeframe for the completion and publication of the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [32743/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports that are in place for older working people who do not own their own home, are above social housing assistance limits but will be unable to afford private renting once they retire; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [33032/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the maximum rent limits under the rent supplement scheme were last updated; the plans, if any, she has to increase these rent limits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [32912/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether her Department has produced a report on the unpaid carers identified in Census 2022; and whether she intends to expand the carer's allowance to provide payment to these people. — Thomas Gould. [33091/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she is taking to support family carers. — Holly Cairns. [32539/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which a more personalised approach might be given to applicants who are being refused on various grounds in respect of applications they have made in the genuine expectation that an appeal or a review would be beneficial to their case reasons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33078/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for a review of the current payment under the hearing aid grant with the rising costs of hearing aids; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33086/23]

112. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which she might review applicants previously refused for the State pension (contributory) on the basis of insufficiency of contributions, with a view to allowing payments on a pro-rata basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33079/23]

113. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has plans to introduce tiered disability payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [32982/23]

114. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total amounts paid out in jobseeker's allowance and jobseeker's benefit in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [32133/23]

115. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she intends to introduce legislation underpinning the provision of pensions to carers. — Matt Carthy. [33004/23]

116. To ask the Minister for Social Protection through investigations by her Department and a firm (details supplied) how many RTÉ workers were found to be on bogus self-employment contracts; and how many have now been placed on full employee contracts. — Joan Collins. [32975/23]

117. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update regarding preparations within her Department for an enhanced pension for long-term family carers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32968/23]

118. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in relation to information (details supplied) from an email I have received from RTÉ staff, if her Department has investigated these matters; and what were the conclusions of these investigations. — Joan Collins. [32976/23]

119. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what new measures she plans to adopt to ensure that people with disabilities are not at risk of poverty due to the cost of disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [33167/23]

120. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of children who will receive a hot school meal in the new school term from September; and the number planned for the following year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [31600/23]

121. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will ensure that households that have accumulated significant debts, including arrears on bills and on prepayment meters, have access to sufficient support to avoid a long-term legacy of indebtedness and reduced financial resilience; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [33193/23]

122. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to introducing a cost of disability payment in Budget 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32969/23]

123. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has undertaken an assessment of the take-up of the working family dividend, and consulted with the Revenue Commissioners who collect income data to ensure that this support is fully taken up. — Richard Bruton. [33146/23]

124. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will advise on her Department's review of means testing for carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [33196/23]

125. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on how many people received the carer's support grant in 2023; the further supports that her Department are working on in relation to carers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [32910/23]

126. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of successful applicants for fuel allowance in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [32983/23]

127. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made with the review of means testing of social welfare payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32072/23]

128. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the report being compiled by her Department on expanding the free travel scheme for people who have been excluded from driving with epilepsy is available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33085/23]

129. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she aware that An Taoiseach has publicly commented that he anticipates energy prices are anticipated to remain high this winter (details supplied); how she is preparing for sustained inflated energy prices; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [32925/23]

130. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of supports provided to Tara Mines workers to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [33168/23]

131. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 95 of 23 May 2023, the status of the promised straw-man proposal for the restructuring of long-term disability payments; the timeline for the public consultation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [32825/23]

132. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans, if any, to review the community employment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [32981/23]

133. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she aware of the CSO's "estimated inflation by household characteristics March 2023" (details supplied) which noted that high energy costs were one of the key drivers of average inflation for households and that households with the lowest income experienced higher inflation; her plans to address; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [32924/23]

134. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which the rent supplement scheme can be used to assist Ukrainian nationals who are living in Ireland under the EU Temporary Protection Directive to avail of private rental accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [33192/23]

135. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what social welfare packages can be made available to people who lost their jobs in Tara Mines, County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [32134/23]

136. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to increase supports available to homeless families and children given the rise in homelessness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [33169/23]

137. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider expanding the criteria of the household benefits package so that all cancer patients become eligible upon diagnosis, until

their treatment is finished; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33039/23]

138. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the work to progress legislation with regard to pension auto-enrolment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [32911/23]

139. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to provide for an ongoing cost of disability payment in Budget 2024, as opposed to a once-off payment, as a way to begin to address the inequality identified in the Cost of Disability in Ireland Report; for details of any analysis carried out by her Department in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [32826/23]

140. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the differentiated rates of jobseeker's allowance for under 25s and consider bringing these in line with the standard rate of €220 a week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [32731/23]

141. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will increase social welfare payments in the next Budget to ensure that everyone in the State has at least a minimum essential standard of living; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [33171/23]

142. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has completed a thorough investigation of bogus self-employment contacts in RTÉ; and if she is satisfied that no staff at RTÉ are still on a bogus self-employment contract. — Joan Collins. [32970/23]

143. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to publish any research undertaken or commissioned by her Department on a cost of disability payment, including costings to the Exchequer. — Sean Sherlock. [32067/23]

144. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the legislation to provide for the flexible pension age and a pension for carer's will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [33092/23]

145. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to expand the free hot meals for schools programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [32984/23]

146. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what studies have been done by her Department of the international experience of individual social welfare payments; whether she intends introducing further individualised social welfare payments here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32073/23]

147. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has undertaken a review of means test in the social welfare code; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [33145/23]

148. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on a State pension solution for long-term family carers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [33194/23]

149. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the review into means testing for the carers allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [32567/23]

150. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her proposals to amend the means limits for carers allowance applicants. — Matt Carthy. [33003/23]

151. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the proposed legislation to bring forward changes to the child maintenance system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32093/23]

152. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients of the Christmas Bonus who do not receive a Spring cost-of-living payment, in tabular form, by county; and if that will be rectified before the Autumn cost-of-living payment. — Sean Sherlock. [32065/23]

153. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline the progress on the expansion of the Hot School Meals Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [33093/23]

154. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the Government is planning to implement the commitment to benchmark pensions in ‘A Roadmap for Pension’s Reform 2018-2023’ or pension benchmarking commitments 22, 23 and 24 in the ‘Roadmap for Social Inclusion 2020-2025’. — Joan Collins. [32978/23]

155. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to confirm whether her Department is investigating the possibility of linking the rate of maternity benefit to a woman’s pay or PRSI contributions; if so, the current status of these plans; when they are likely to be implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [32824/23]

156. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the process under which her Department notifies people of their entitlement to a specific payment to avoid disruptions in payment. — Thomas Gould. [33090/23]

157. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the tender for EmployAbility which was due to be published in April 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [33195/23]

158. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the review of means tests being carried out by her Department; how this review will help inform Budget decisions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [32823/23]