



# DÁIL ÉIREANN

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**CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

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

1. 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]
2. 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]
3. 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]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the social dialogue unit of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32549/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the social dialogue unit of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [32552/23]
6. 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]
7. 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]
8. 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]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social dialogue co-ordination unit of his Department. — Mick Barry. [34044/23]
10. 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]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will list the salaries of the top ten highest paid civil servants. — Paul Murphy. [32553/23]
12. 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]
13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will detail the salaries of the top ten highest paid civil servants in his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [34007/23]
14. 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]

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

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the new State litigation principles announced by the Attorney General on 21 June 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [33724/23]

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

18. 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]

19. To ask the Taoiseach the amount spent on advertising with RTÉ by his Department in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2023. — Mick Barry. [33643/23]

20. To ask the Taoiseach the amount spent on advertising with RTÉ by his Department in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2023. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [34008/23]

21. To ask the Taoiseach the amount spent on advertising with RTÉ by his Department in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2023. — Paul Murphy. [34010/23]

22. 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. — Paul Murphy. [34012/23]

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

24. 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]

25. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the European Council on 29 and 30 June 2023. — Seán Haughey. [33185/23]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the recent European Council meeting. — Mick Barry. [33641/23]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the European Council meeting. — Neasa Hourigan. [33682/23]

28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on this attendance at the recent European Council meeting. — Peadar Tóibín. [33722/23]

29. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the recent European Council meeting. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [33968/23]

30. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the European Council on 29 and 30 June 2023. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [34009/23]

31. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the European Council on 29 and 30 June 2023. — Paul Murphy. [34011/23]

32. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the European Council on 29 and 30 June 2023. — Gino Kenny. [34013/23]

33. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the European Council on 29 and 30 June 2023. — Bríd Smith. [34014/23]

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

35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plan for constitutional amendments. — Cian O’Callaghan. [34035/23]

36. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plan for constitutional amendments. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [34015/23]

37. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plan for constitutional amendments. — Paul Murphy. [34018/23]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plans for constitutional amendments. — Mick Barry. [34045/23]

39. 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]

40. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with culture, arts and the audio-visual sector will next meet. — Mick Barry. [34046/23]

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 when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Public Services will next meet. — Mattie McGrath. [33234/23]

44. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will meet next. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33969/23]

45. 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]

46. To ask the Taoiseach how many new jobs have been created in Cork for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2022. — Mick Barry. [33642/23]

47. To ask the Taoiseach how many new jobs have been created in County Meath in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [33723/23]

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

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

48. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the implementation of the promised reforms related to antisocial behaviour, outlined in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [33988/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Justice the current operational strength of An Garda Síochána; if she will include a breakdown of new recruits, retirements, resignations, gardaí unavailable for duty and any analysis on the projected numbers of gardaí over the next 18 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [34000/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update related to section 67 of the Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022, including an outline of the rationale behind the amendment's inclusion in the Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [33989/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she is taking in conjunction with her Ministerial colleagues to address ongoing public safety deterioration in Dublin city centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [34383/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Justice what plans are in place to address the long waiting-list for people in prison to access psychology services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [33990/23]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

53. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of current applications on hand for international protection; the length of time on average it is taking to process applications; the steps being taken to reduce the time of processing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [33964/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 45 of 18 April 2023, the status of the independent review of Part 4 of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017, which was due for completion by the end of 2022; the reason for the delay; if she has received the final report to date; the expected timeline for the publication of the final report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [33965/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Justice for a status update on the establishment of a statutory domestic, sexual and gender-based violence agency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [33966/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the subgroups established as part of the expert forum on anti-social behaviour; if she will provide an update on the most recent meeting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [33956/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Justice what the new processes are that she introduced in 2022 to designate 'safe countries of origin'; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [34024/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Justice to report on progress on the new Garda station for Dublin 7/Dublin 13. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [34004/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Justice the current ratio of gardaí-to-citizen in each county in the State, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [33729/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Justice when she expects to introduce legislation in the Houses of the Oireachtas to put the Prison Service on a statutory basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [34002/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on work to publish legislation with regard to the use of facial recognition technology by gardaí; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [33474/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Justice to report on implementation progress with regard to the Justice Plan 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [33473/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the Carlow women's refuge. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [33820/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans to establish a dedicated transport police to ensure safety on public transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [33976/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will grant general employment permit holders full access to the labour market after two years rather than five years currently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [34025/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on any progress made on advancing duty-of-care legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [33960/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Justice the efforts currently in hand to ensure an adequate number of gardaí by way of recruitment or delayed retirements to ensure the adequate strength of the force; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33971/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Justice the actions she intends to take in response to the report from a scoping exercise into the death of a person (details supplied). — Matt Carthy. [33958/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Justice when it is expected that the new county registrar for County Louth, based in Dundalk Courthouse, will commence in the position, which has been vacant for 18 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [33959/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of current applications on hand in her Department for citizenship; the average time it is taking to make a decision on an application for citizenship from the time an application is received; the steps being taken to reduce the time of processing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [33963/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware of the recent criticisms by two organisations (details supplied) of the human rights abuses inherent in the Offences Against the State Acts and Special Criminal Court; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [34030/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the increasing civilianisation of Garda staffing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [34028/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will now implement the decision of Dáil Éireann in 2018 to establish an independent public inquiry into the death of a person (details supplied) and the actions of State agencies in respect of this case before, and subsequent to, their death. — Matt Carthy. [33738/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community policing teams and the number of gardaí in each team in counties Galway, Mayo, Roscommon, Leitrim, Sligo and Longford. — Claire Kerrane. [33979/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which she continues to provide adequate resources to enable An Garda Síochána to adequately police organised crime, including drug running, trafficking or other similar activities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33972/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Justice to confirm what action she intends on taking in order to alleviate the number of prisoners who are required to sleep on the floor in their cells; in particular to confirm the date when it is proposed to open the new women's prison in Limerick; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [34037/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Justice in regard to the Communications (Retention of Data) (Amendment) Act 2022, which has recently come into operation, if she can outline in detail her interactions with the National Security Committee chaired by the Secretary General of the Department of an Taoiseach; the instructions and/or guidance she received from it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [33471/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí employed in An Garda Síochána in County Meath; the number of resignations in 2022 and to date in County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [33975/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are specific work permits, processes or procedures for migrant workers in the circus sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [34023/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applicants for international protection who have applied from Ukraine since the Russian invasion; if applicants who were not in Ukraine at the time of the invasion are accepted into the temporary protection to persons fleeing the war in Ukraine programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [25934/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Justice the status on the review of the culture within An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [34001/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the recent report into the death of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [33996/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Justice how long it is taking to process naturalisation applications for citizenships; if she will present data showing the percentage of successful cases processed within six, seven, eight, nine, ten, 12 months, and longer than 12 months, and similar data for decisions where cases are refused or abandoned; and if she is satisfied with the timescales of the process. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [34003/23]



84. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason a former prison officer (details supplied) has not been recognised for their bravery when they intervened in order to prevent the escape of a prisoner from Portlaoise Prison on 18 May 1988; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [33961/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Justice what steps her Department is undertaking to reduce violent crime in the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [33728/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has received a report of the impact of the initiative in crime statistics and in feedback from organisations in the area. — Richard Bruton. [33994/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Justice when additional measures will be introduced to deal with the scourge and damage being inflicted on families and communities throughout this country by persons involved in major drug trafficking and gangland criminality; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [33997/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware that the Irish residence permit costs €300 every year for most non-EU people over the age of 18, but an organisation (details supplied) estimates that the cost to the State of producing and delivering the permit is just €20.44; if she will reduce the cost of these permits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [34022/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Justice the actions she will take in response to the unlawful gender-based killing of an Irish woman in Spain; if, given the worryingly high levels of gender-based homicide in Ireland, she will now direct the resources to ensure we begin to reverse this horrific trend; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [33957/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she intends to take to respond the recruitment crisis in An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [33955/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Justice how many applications to the community-based CCTV grant scheme have been successful to date; and if the scheme will be continued beyond 2023. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [33819/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of designated community gardaí in Ballincollig for 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33992/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress being made in advancing the new policing model for Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33991/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Justice what actions are being taken by her Department to continue to improve the Irish citizenship by naturalisation application process for applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [34036/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Justice in regards to the Communications (Retention of Data) (Amendment) Act 2022 and the fact that the European Commission had previously deemed it potentially “inapplicable and unenforceable” due to the Government’s failure to put it through the Technical Regulation Information System (TRIS), if she can outline what has changed since then;

what further communication she has had with the European Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [33472/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Justice the actions she will take, following the ‘Summary of the Inspection on Education and Work Training April-June 2022’ in our prisons completed by the Inspector of Prisons, to ensure that the key issues on work training highlighted in the summary will be addressed; when she expects that these issues will no longer be highlighted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [33962/23]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*97. To ask the Taoiseach the recidivism rates in all Irish prisons. — Francis Noel Duffy. [33913/23]

\*98. To ask the Taoiseach if a geographic breakdown of the origin of repeat offenders exists and if so, if he will supply this data. — Francis Noel Duffy. [33914/23]

\*99. To ask the Taoiseach to clarify whether at any point over the past ten years the SSL certificates for his Department’s websites expired for a period of time; if so, the reason this occurred; and the duration they remained expired. — Catherine Murphy. [33283/23]

\*100. To ask the Taoiseach the total number of persons currently in receipt of unemployment assistance on a short- or long-term basis, and the fluctuation in this number over the last five years to date. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33377/23]

\*101. To ask the Taoiseach to provide the names and contact information of all special advisers to Ministers and Ministers of State within his Department. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33591/23]

\*102. To ask the Taoiseach if he will ensure that long-Covid is included in the terms of reference for the Covid inquiry; and if he will ensure those advocating on behalf of people suffering with long-Covid are allowed to be core participants. — Paul Murphy. [33598/23]

\*103. To ask the Taoiseach the amount spent by his Department on Covid-19 advertising and public messaging in print, broadcast and online since January 2020 to date; and if he can provide a breakdown of each campaign in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [33681/23]

\*104. To ask the Taoiseach when he will publish his diary for quarter 2 of 2023 on the website of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [33974/23]

\*105. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department or any agency under the aegis of his Department operates a ‘barter account’ for the provision of goods or services; if so, if payments have been directed to be made to a barter account during the period 2011 to date. — Carol Nolan. [34156/23]

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

\*106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [33515/23]

\*107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide the names and contact information of all special advisers to Ministers and Ministers of State within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33583/23]

\*108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [33638/23]

\*109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [33653/23]

\*110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide an update on the status of a passport application (details provided) as the application has passed the target issue date and the applicants travel date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33701/23]

\*111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on an application by a person (details supplied) for citizenship under FBR. — Marian Harkin. [33753/23]

\*112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to allow first-time applications online to be available to Irish passport holders located in Thailand. — Catherine Murphy. [33788/23]

\*113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs how a person (details supplied) can progress their application to renew their passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [33823/23]

\*114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a Northern Ireland electoral ID card is acceptable when applying for a passport when it is accompanied with a birth certificate as well as an expired Irish passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [34131/23]

\*115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department or any agency under the aegis of his Department operates a 'barter account' for the provision of goods or services; if so, if payments have been directed to be made to a barter account during the period 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34148/23]

\*116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [34164/23]

\*117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on the citizenship application through the foreign birth register of a person (details supplied); if all outstanding

documents have been submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [34218/23]

\*118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the respect engagements Government has had with the Australian government or Australian state; the proposals for upcoming engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34238/23]

\*119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the diplomatic presence that Ireland has in Australia; any proposals to expand the Government's presence in Australia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34239/23]

\*120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if progress has been made on establishing an E3 visa agreement between Ireland and the United States; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [34314/23]

\*121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a decision will be made on passport applications for siblings (details supplied) in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [34334/23]

\*122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will ensure that the renewal of a passport for a child (details supplied) will be processed urgently by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [34335/23]

\*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on a foreign birth register application (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [34339/23]

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

\*124. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how the human cremation process is regulated; the statutory reporting responsibilities of crematoria relating to air, water and soil quality in the areas adjacent to the crematorium; to whom crematoria report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [33427/23]

\*125. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a review (details supplied) is ongoing; if it has been completed, whether the findings will be made public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33432/23]

\*126. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of a report which suggests inaccuracies in the Regulatory Impact Assessment of the levy on single-use containers, particularly concerning: the overall size of the market impacted, the existing penetration of reusable cups, the elasticity of demand in response to the levy; and the emission intensity of the production and use of a recycled paper cup compared to that of reusable cups commonly in use when compared over their life cycle; and his views on the claim that this invalidates much of the argument in favour of the levy. — Richard Bruton. [33556/23]

\*127. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason an area (details supplied) is underserved for broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [33566/23]

\*128. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide the names and contact information of all special advisers to Ministers and Ministers of State within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33581/23]

\*129. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of one-stop-shop SEAI energy retrofit providers refusing to undertake initial energy rating assessments for works of less than €30,000 under the guise of being bound to only undertake works that deliver a BER of B2; if this is permitted in law; and if not, the steps he will take to address this matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [33636/23]

\*130. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will ringfence funding to meet the costs for the provision of radon testing kits for householders, radon being the main cause of lung cancer in non-smokers in Ireland; if he will provide a grant for radon extraction fans in high-risk areas (estimated costs per unit of €1,000-2,000); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33644/23]

\*131. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for an update on security of electricity supply and whether there will be sufficient electricity generation capacity to meet expected national demand over the next two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [33732/23]

\*132. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if an Eircode address for a household (details supplied) in County Kerry will be corrected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33859/23]

\*133. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications whether any policy options exist for homes which have no fireplace and cannot heat their home without power in the event of a power cut. — Richard Bruton. [33866/23]

\*134. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the timeframe for the roll-out of at least 30mb broadband speeds to a location (details supplied) in County Donegal as part of the national broadband plan; if such areas with poor or no broadband coverage shall be prioritised during the roll-out phase as part of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [33869/23]

\*135. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will approve the increase for pensions and deferred pensions for members of the An Post superannuation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [33883/23]

\*136. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department or any agency under the aegis of his Department operates a 'barter account' for the provision of goods or services; if so, if payments have been directed to be made to a barter account during the period 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34146/23]

\*137. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current and capital funding budget allocation to National Cyber Security Centre in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [34235/23]

\*138. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if an Eircode address mapping issue for a household in (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [34240/23]

\*139. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the need to support family farm partnerships and small sole traders whose domestic residence has the same meter reference point reference number (MPRN) as the farm enterprise or small business, and where the family home is part of the farm or business, by allowing them to continue to remain on household rates for electricity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [34331/23]

\*140. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a full list of the individual projects/schemes funded under the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund spend of €24 million by his Department; the amount of funding allocated in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [34367/23]

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

\*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide the names and contact information of all special advisers to Ministers and Ministers of State within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33578/23]

\*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he plans to replace EC135 P2 within the Air Corps fleet. — Catherine Murphy. [33778/23]

\*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for a list of all events unrelated to their work duties that have been sponsored by the Defence Forces each year for the past ten years; and the amount of money provided in sponsorship to each event. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [34116/23]

\*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department or any agency under the aegis of his Department operates a 'barter account' for the provision of goods or services; if so, if payments have been directed to be made to a barter account during the period 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34143/23]

\*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide a full list of the individual projects/schemes funded under the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund spend of €2.2 million by his Department; the amount of funding allocated in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [34386/23]

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

\*146. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount that was generated in NCT charges for private vehicles and retests in each of the years 2017 to 2022 and to date in 2023; the amount generated, per age of vehicle; and the number of vehicles in each category, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [33443/23]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will arrange for an additional bus stop to be placed on the R446 at Temple Spa, Horseleap (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [33450/23]



\*148. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the names and contact information of all special advisers to Ministers and Ministers of State within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33593/23]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are any plans in place to reopen a railway track from Tralee to Dingle (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [33610/23]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Transport why a person (details supplied) lost time on a driving licence shelf life because of applying earlier than the expiry date on foot of a letter from a licensing authority; if there are plans to streamline the licensing process to ensure no person loses out on time before expiration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [33685/23]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Transport in relation to the ten-year age limit for taxi vehicles, if he intends to extend the exemption to those with 141 vehicles; if he has engaged with taxi industry stakeholders or the NTA in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [33702/23]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of learner drivers in 2023 to date, per week, that failed to turn up for their scheduled driving test appointment; the number of driving tests lost through these no-shows; if he has his plans to introduce measures to ensure that learner permit holders sit a driving test before they can obtain a subsequent learner permit from the RSA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [33774/23]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Transport the 2022 audited financial statements and 2022 annual reports he has received to date from State agencies under the remit of his Department, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [33775/23]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Transport to confirm current waiting times for all learner drivers waiting for their driving tests for all driving test centres across Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [33789/23]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Transport if the wheelchair-accessible vehicle scheme has been paused; if so, the reason for this; his plans for the scheme in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33807/23]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason an application for a taxi airport permit (details supplied) has not been granted, given that this person has been advised that they meet all criteria required; if he will instruct the DAA to reconsider this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [33845/23]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the spraying of weed-killer along the tracks of the Galway to Dublin rail line; if he will outline the amount spent by Irish Rail on weedkiller in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; the amount, in gallons or litres, sprayed along the nation's rail lines in that period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [33921/23]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Transport when catering services will be restored on the Galway to Dublin train service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [33922/23]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress being made towards the extension/reopening of the Western Rail Corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [33923/23]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people waiting on driving tests in each licence category, in each of Ballincollig, Killarney, Mallow, Cork, Skibbereen and Newcastlewest test centres, in tabular form; the plans to increase test capacity at these centres; if plans to clear backlogs are on target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33928/23]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of vehicles due an NCT in each of the next six months; the number of tests conducted in each of the past six months; the average wait time for motorists currently waiting; if he will provide these details in tabular form; the measures in place in order to reduce wait times; what penalties, if any, have been imposed on the NCT service for delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33929/23]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is satisfied with the number of mechanics recruited for NCTs currently nationwide; if he will provide an update on this number; if there are any plans to increase this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33930/23]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of fatalities and serious injuries caused to road users since 1990 on the N22 road between Farranfore village and the Lissivigeen roundabout on the Cork side of Killarney; if he is aware of these statistics and realises the danger of this road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33949/23]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of fatalities and serious injuries, caused to road users since 1990 on the N86 road between Camp junction and Dingle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33950/23]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Transport if a comparative traffic count and analysis will be conducted between the R561 from Castlemaine to Annascaul and the N86 from Camp Junction to Annascaul; if he realises the huge concern in the Castlemaine, Keel and Inch areas regarding the volume and size of traffic now using the R561; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33951/23]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the light rail system in Cork and the stations that will be on the northside of Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [34074/23]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Transport the proposed timeline for the M20 project. — Thomas Gould. [34086/23]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Transport the spend to date on the M20 project. — Thomas Gould. [34087/23]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost of BusConnects in Cork to date. — Thomas Gould. [34088/23]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of applications received for the electric taxi vehicle grant and the number approved to date in 2023. — Thomas Gould. [34089/23]



\*171. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department or any agency under the aegis of his Department operates a 'barter account' for the provision of goods or services; if so, if payments have been directed to be made to a barter account during the period 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34158/23]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Transport if a formal site transfer from Wicklow County Council to his Department for the Coast Guard station at a location (details supplied) has been finalised; and if not, when it will happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [34189/23]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Transport when the procurement process will begin for a contractor to complete the construction of the Coast Guard station at a location (details supplied); the timeframe for construction to occur; when it is intended that the facility will be available for use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [34190/23]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Transport the full-year cost of establishing a public bike scheme in County Monaghan consisting of ten bike stations and 100 bikes; the full-year cost of establishing a public bike scheme in County Cavan consisting of ten bike stations and 100 bikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [34236/23]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of EV charging points delivered, by county, in 2022 and to date in 2023, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [34253/23]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of EV charging points connected to the ESB grid, by county, in 2022 and to date in 2023, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [34254/23]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people who sat the driving test in each county in the State in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [34257/23]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people who failed the practical driving test in each county in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [34258/23]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will list the various reasons a person can fail the practical driving test; and if he will outline the number of candidates who failed on each of the various grounds, in each county in 2022, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [34259/23]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Transport the total cost to date of the BusConnects project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [34285/23]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Transport the total cost to date of the BusConnects project for Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [34287/23]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Transport the total cost to date of the Metrolink North project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [34289/23]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Transport the total cost to date of the Metrolink Southwest project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [34291/23]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason subsequent tests are not pushed out to reflect the current delays in getting appointments for NCT; if the future due dates for tests cannot be changed, if the fee is reduced pro rata to reflect the compliance period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [34313/23]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a full list of the individual projects/schemes funded under the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund spend of €0.1 million by his Department; the amount of funding allocated in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [34374/23]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide his and/or the NTAs rationale for the discrepancy in funding for active travel office staff costs across the four Dublin local authorities for 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [34376/23]

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

\*187. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider the deferral of the introduction of the concrete levy given the current construction inflation and the additional burden the levy will place on all construction projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [33447/23]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department would consider extending the alcohol products tax relief to small artisan distilleries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33557/23]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department would consider exempting from VAT all new buildings at the Near Zero Energy Buildings (NZEB) Standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33558/23]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department would consider reducing tax charged from the marginal to the standard rate and removing PRSI liability from rental income as an interim measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33559/23]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide the names and contact information of all special advisers to Ministers and Ministers of State within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33582/23]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of bilateral loans Ireland has with the UK; the amount outstanding per loan; the original principal sum per loan; the interest rate per loan; the way in which these loans will be settled in the context of Brexit; the preparedness of the State regarding Brexit in the context of outstanding bilateral financial commitments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [33624/23]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of bilateral loans Ireland has with other states in the EU and non-EU; the amount outstanding per loan; the original principal sum per loan; the interest rate per loan; and the number of loans settled in the past ten years to date. — Catherine Murphy. [33625/23]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will give due consideration to extending “the rent a room relief scheme” to landlords whose total rental income does not exceed the current threshold of €14,000 per annum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33640/23]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will give due consideration for the provision of a VAT rebate on tools, materials and electricity for all Men's Sheds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33657/23]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Finance to detail the oldest complaints the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman has under formal investigation; the average wait time for a customer when their complaint is referred to the formal investigation process to a decision; if the Ombudsman has sought any additional resources if the wait time is greater than 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [33677/23]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Finance if both a timeline and more information can be provided for the new transport scheme for disabled people, which he mentioned in Dáil Éireann on 22 June 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [33834/23]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Finance if he intends increasing the income tax exemption of €36,000 for a married couple over 65 years of age (details supplied) ( €18,000 single person), given the proposed increase in the old age pension will push many retired people over the exemption limit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [33848/23]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Finance whether the Tax Strategy Group is looking at any particular issues in respect of the structure of USC and of income tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [33867/23]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Finance to compare the tax treatment of the following persons: a car salesman who has the use of a car from their employer; a company representative who is supplied with a vehicle to do their work; an employee who receives a 'car allowance' with their salary; a 'brand ambassador' who has a new car supplied for their personal use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33998/23]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide the report and guidance that his Department received from a company (details supplied) on behalf of the National Pension Reserve Fund Commission in 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [34050/23]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to reducing excise duty on hydrotreated vegetable oil as a low emissions alternative to diesel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [34119/23]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will give due consideration to granting tax relief at the higher rate on all non-routine dental care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [34134/23]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department or any agency under the aegis of his Department operates a 'barter account' for the provision of goods or services; if so, if payments have been directed to be made to a barter account during the period 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34147/23]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Finance for an outline of the interest rate profile of Ireland's national debt, indicating the prevailing interest rate on all debt currently outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34161/23]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Finance what lobbying has been documented on the file pertaining to the setup and development and implementation of the residential zoned land tax. — Peadar Tóibín. [34200/23]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Finance what influence, if any, his Department or the Revenue Commissioners have on the adoption of the broad-brush approach used to creating, mapping and implementing the residential zoned land tax. — Peadar Tóibín. [34203/23]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Finance what consideration was given to the impact of residential zoned land tax liabilities on working farm incomes and the impact of this tax on the income of farming families, many of whom are operating on the knife-edge of viability. — Peadar Tóibín. [34208/23]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Finance the input from the Minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in the formation of the residential zoned land tax and the criteria for exclusion, given that there is no exclusion for working farmland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [34209/23]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Finance how many planning authority/local authority officials raised concerns with his Department in relation to the implementation and execution of the residential zoned land tax. — Peadar Tóibín. [34211/23]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has given any consideration to rescinding and reconsidering the residential zoned land tax in its current format until the multitude of problems associated with its scoping and implementation have been resolved. — Peadar Tóibín. [34212/23]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Finance following the rule from 1 July 2023 that non-resident landlords have to use an agent to collect their rent and remit 20% of same to the Revenue Commissioners, or the landlord has to allow the tenant deduct 20% from the rent and remit it directly to Revenue Commissioners on behalf of the landlord, if the tenant pays 80% of the rent to the landlord but fails to remit the 20% to the Revenue Commissioners when the landlord does the return at the end of 2023, if they will be held liable for the tax that was not handed over; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [34268/23]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the number of businesses in each county that have successfully applied for inclusion under the temporary business energy support scheme; the estimated value or worth of the support in each county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [34276/23]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered whether persons cohabiting with a partner for ten years or longer, but who are not married, should be in a position to avail of the more favourable inheritance tax rates currently available to spouses, children or formerly civil partners, particularly now that civil partnership is no longer available. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [34310/23]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will have detailed consideration given to issues outlined by a national representative organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34322/23]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated first-and full-year cost for making research and development payable credits, under the R&D tax credit, payable in one instalment within 12 months for small and micro-companies. — Pearse Doherty. [34392/23]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Finance to clarify the impact of Pillar Two of the OECD Agreement on the operation of the research and development tax credit regime; and in particular, the estimated increase that would be required in the percentage of qualifying expenditure under the tax credit that would be required to neutralise the impact of Pillar Two on its operation, together with the cost/savings of neutralising this impact with respect to SMEs only. — Pearse Doherty. [34397/23]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated first-and full-year cost of increasing the percentage of qualifying expenditure under the research and development tax credit from 25% to 30% for SMEs.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [34403/23]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated first-and full-year cost of extending the entrepreneur relief to angel investors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [34404/23]

*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.*

\*220. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide a full list of the individual projects/schemes funded under the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund spend of €15 million by his Department; the amount of funding allocated in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [34366/23]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide a full list of the individual projects/schemes funded under the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund spend of €2.2 million by his Department; the amount of funding allocated in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [34369/23]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide a full list of the individual projects/schemes funded under the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund spend of €21.5 million by his Department; the amount of funding allocated in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [34371/23]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount that the OPW offered to buy lands immediately adjacent to the State-owned Castletown House and demesne in Celbridge. — Catherine Murphy. [33433/23]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the status of the proposed walking and cycling bridge across the River Liffey from the War Memorial Gardens, Islandbridge; if funding has been assigned to the project; if so, the amount; the proposed timeline for works to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [33521/23]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the status of the proposed renovation of the Magazine Fort in the Phoenix Park; if funding has been assigned to the project; if so, the amount; the proposed timeline for works to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [33522/23]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the plans OPW have to buy lands or lease lands adjacent to Castletown house and demesne. — Catherine Murphy. [33524/23]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide the names and contact information of all special advisers to Ministers and Ministers of State within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33588/23]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether any tenders were issued for the planned works to the National Monument 14-17 Moore Street; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [33622/23]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total funding available for the new PEACE Plus Programme; the level of funding available for each measure under this Programme; the allocations decided to date for government Departments and statutory agencies; when these allocations were decided and notified to such agencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [33684/23]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the methodologies his Department will utilise within this year's budgetary process to ensure equality proofing of budgetary policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [33698/23]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will direct his Department to provide plain English and accessible versions of all Budget 2024 documents on Budget Day this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [33699/23]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform how a report (details supplied) will be reflected in budgetary policies in his Department for Budget 2024; what methodologies will be employed to disability proof budgetary policies within his Department for Budget 2024 and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [33700/23]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether the use of cloud computing services is important in helping the Government digitalise and improve public services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [33733/23]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 363 of 22 June 2023, in which the Minister for Health could not answer for information in relation to medical card entitlements from Departments other than his own, if he will provide a full list of all health and non-health entitlements associated with medical cards, in tabular form; the total cost of each entitlement, by



vote; the average secondary cost of a medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33880/23]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount surrendered back to the Exchequer in each of the years 2013 to 2022 and to date in 2023 from Vote 15, Secret Service; if he will clarify whether any requests were received for additional funds for the Vote over that same time period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [33953/23]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform with regard to the welcome works being carried out by the OPW at Old Abbey Lane in Drogheda, if he can address concerns raised locally that works have been at a standstill for a number of weeks; and if he will provide an update on the project and expected completion dates and so on. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34051/23]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department or any agency under the aegis of his Department operates a 'barter account' for the provision of goods or services; if so, if payments have been directed to be made to a barter account during the period 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34153/23]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will give detailed consideration to the request of a local authority (details supplied). — Brendan Smith. [34186/23]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the current status of the Freedom of Information Act (Amendment) Bill; the timeframe for this bill to move to the next stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [34231/23]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the salary paid to the President for each year from 2012 to date; the details of any amounts waived or returned by him to the Exchequer in those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34249/23]

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

\*241. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the cost of increasing the funding for the Green For Micro Programme by 10%, 20%, and 25%. — Louise O'Reilly. [34326/23]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the cost of increasing the funding for the Green Start Programme by 10%, 20%, and 25%. — Louise O'Reilly. [34327/23]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the cost of increasing the Innovation Voucher Scheme to €10,000. — Louise O'Reilly. [34328/23]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the cost of increasing funding for the innovation voucher scheme by 50%. — Louise O'Reilly. [34329/23]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of meetings his Department, including the current and previous Minister, Ministers of State, and Department officials, have had with food delivery platform companies (details supplied) in the past 24 months; the reason for these meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [33429/23]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of meetings his Department, including the current and previous Minister, Ministers of State, and Department officials, has had with trade unions regarding the EU Platform Workers Directive. — Louise O'Reilly. [33430/23]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will intervene in the ongoing dispute between workers (details supplied); and if he will end the practice of State contracts being given to companies which refuse to recognise trade union membership. — Peadar Tóibín. [33458/23]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department would consider reintroducing the statutory redundancy rebate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33564/23]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide the names and contact information of all special advisers to Ministers and Ministers of State within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33580/23]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment with regard to discrimination cases brought to the Workplace Relations Commission and/or Labour Court under the Equal Status Act, if he can confirm what training the officers of the courts have in relation to understanding how discrimination affects the victim. — Paul Murphy. [33613/23]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment with regard to discrimination cases brought to the Workplace Relations Commission and/or Labour Court under the Equal Status Act, if he will outline the reason there is no mechanism in place to ensure that all hearings under the Equality Acts are fully transparent to guarantee a fair outcome. — Paul Murphy. [33617/23]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on his engagement with a company (details supplied), specifically on representations made in respect of the need for an adequate severance package for workers and on the need for a voluntary first approach to redundancies. — Ivana Bacik. [33634/23]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if working permits will be extended to the profession of monumental stone sculptors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33637/23]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will give due consideration to the funding of pilot schemes to enable young cancer survivors' reintegration to work following cancer treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33649/23]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if any sectoral or regional analysis has been undertaken on the potential benefits to national companies of Ireland's



participation in the Unified Patent Court agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [33772/23]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the 2022 audited financial statements and 2022 annual reports he has received so far from State agencies under the remit of his Department, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [33780/23]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the Revenue online system will be updated to accept applications from businesses which use oil, LPG or kerosene; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [34052/23]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department or any agency under the aegis of his Department operates a ‘barter account’ for the provision of goods or services; if so, if payments have been directed to be made to a barter account during the period 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34145/23]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current status of the proposed EU-Australia trade agreement, the Irish government’s position in this regard, whether he has commissioned an economic evaluation of the impact that the trade agreement will make to the Irish economy and sectors therein; whether it is proposed that the agreement will include an investor-state dispute mechanism and the form that will take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34225/23]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has taken note of Denmark’s referendum result of 25 May 2014 with regard to the country’s membership of the Unified Patent Court; if so, the conclusions he has drawn from the result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [34283/23]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is aware of the case of a campaign by persons (details supplied); and if he will meet with the persons in question and their trade union regarding their alleged unfair dismissal. — Louise O’Reilly. [34323/23]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 143 of 7 March 2023, if a person (details supplied) is still on the Enterprise Digital Advisory Forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [34336/23]

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

\*263. To ask the Minister for Education to provide details on the level of funding and supports which will be made available to current trainee educational psychologists; and if he will ensure that those supports will be equivalent to those in similar programmes such as a named example (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [33875/23]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration has been given to providing greater transport services to rural schools from urban areas, to ease pressure on schools in urban areas and increase numbers in rural schools, given that many schools in urban areas are at maximum capacity, while nearby rural schools are on the verge of losing a teacher due to low student to teacher ratio; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [33538/23]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Education if she will investigate a claim for the revision of school secretary pay scales (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [33542/23]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has received and reviewed urgent correspondence from a school (details supplied) regarding a critical situation it is facing in terms of providing adequate classroom and teaching accommodation for incoming first-year and their current students in September 2023; if, taking into account the urgency of the situation, she will provide the necessary assistance the school and outline what measures and support will be provided to the school to address its current accommodation crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [33569/23]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Education to provide the names and contact information of all special advisers to Ministers and Ministers of State within her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33579/23]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Education if there is funding available for the provision of a bus for primary school students to an after-school facility (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [33620/23]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Education whether the remit to set the secondary schools geographical catchment area for its admissions policy always rests with the board of management of the schools, even in the case of a school (details supplied) which was established as a regional solution for a lack of capacity across two school planning areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [33623/23]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a neurotypical child has the right to access pre-school education at two years and eight months, yet a child with a diagnosis of autism cannot access an autistic preschool until they turn three; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [33688/23]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Education how many preschool autistic classes have been sanctioned nationally in the school years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2023/24; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [33689/23]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Education how many pre-school autism classes will be in operation for the school year 2023-24 in Waterford; their locations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [33690/23]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Education how many autism classes, primary and post-primary, will be in operation for the school year 2023-24 in Waterford; their locations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [33691/23]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she can speed up the provision of the three-school project at Hazelhatch and Celbridge, County Kildare known as Project Liffey (details supplied); if she will ensure the ongoing progress of this vital project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33721/23]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full-year cost if 280 additional special education teacher posts were filled. — Catherine Murphy. [33776/23]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Education when each school within County Kildare that is currently ongoing major refurbishment works or construction of new schools that are currently on-site are scheduled to be completed, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [33777/23]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the NCSE has failed to reply to a representation (details supplied) as indicated by her in correspondence dated 23 February 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [33797/23]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Education if there is funding available for the provision of a bus for primary school students to an after-school facility (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [33812/23]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Education the amounts spent by her Department on capitation in primary schools for the years 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [33813/23]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Education the total amount required to restore capitation to €200 per pupil; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [33814/23]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Education to address concerns regarding a building proposal for a school (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [33828/23]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Education the reason there is such a large discrepancy between the pension entitlement for a primary school teacher and that of an SNA, where both staff pay the same percentage of their salary to their pension and the SNA pension entitlement is two-and-a-half times less than that of teachers; the reason for the discrepancy; if he will urgently review the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [33870/23]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 68 of 28 June 2023, if she can confirm if the two new classes due to open in Dublin 16 are for this coming September 2023; if so, which schools these classes will be in; and specifically in relation to one school (details supplied), if her Department has plans to meet the need for a special class in this school. — Paul Murphy. [33896/23]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Education the number of candidates who sought access to the deferred sitting of this year's Leaving Certificate exams due to medical emergencies; the number of applications that were approved; the reasons for which applications were refused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [33910/23]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Education the number of new SNA posts which have been created in the past five years; how these extra posts have been allocated as between special schools, special classes within mainstream and to mainstream classes to support children with special needs; and if she is satisfied the children in different settings have an equitable chance of having their needs for support met. — Richard Bruton. [33984/23]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will qualify for DEIS status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33993/23]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Education how many students will be availing of the alternative Leaving Certificate papers in July 2023, following the option of this scheme in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [34043/23]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the building plans for schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [34053/23]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children in Cork that are awaiting an appointment with a NEPS psychologist; the number that are waiting less than 6, 6-12 and those that are waiting more than 12 months, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [34068/23]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications received from schools in Cork under the major capital works scheme; and the number granted to date in 2023. — Thomas Gould. [34081/23]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children per county that are receiving additional supports for deafness or hard of hearing. — Sorca Clarke. [34110/23]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Education the full year cost for a primary school teaching post. — Sorca Clarke. [34111/23]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Education when the school transport review will be published. — Sorca Clarke. [34112/23]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Education the funding, in tabular form, for the years 2021, 2022 and 2023 provided to Foróige. — Sorca Clarke. [34113/23]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Education for a county breakdown of the average class size in primary schools for the 2022/2023 school year. — Sorca Clarke. [34114/23]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Education for a county breakdown of the average class size in secondary schools for the 2022/2023 school year. — Sorca Clarke. [34115/23]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the controversy surrounding the Leaving Certificate Maths Paper 1, with one school principal complaining in the “strongest terms” about the difficulty level of the paper; if she will address this issue and if she has a plan for these students going forward (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [34136/23]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department or any agency under the aegis of her Department operates a ‘barter account’ for the provision of goods or services; if so, if payments have been directed to be made to a barter account during the period 2011 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34144/23]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a policy preventing the establishment of ASD units within single-sex girls’ schools and boys’ schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [34162/23]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Education to facilitate the opening of an ASD unit in a school (details supplied) where there is a known demand for this September for an ASD unit and where there is appropriate accommodation available on the grounds of the school. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [34163/23]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Education when the implementation plan of the national action plan against bullying will be published; how much will be allocated to implement it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [34214/23]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Education the total enrolment figures at primary and secondary level in school planning zones of Dublin postal code zones 6, 8, 9, 10 and 12; the future projected figures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [34216/23]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Education if every effort can be made to ensure a secondary school place in Clane, County Kildare can be facilitated in the case of the son of a person (details supplied); if another stream will be added to facilitate the children on their waiting lists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34217/23]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Education how much funding has been provided to schools in counties Cavan and Monaghan by her Department under the emergency works scheme and the additional accommodation scheme for the period of 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [34237/23]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider the matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if she will direct relevant officials within her Department, who was previously engaging with the sender, to re-establish contact in an effort to resolve the matters put forth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [34265/23]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Education if she has issued a memo or circular to boards of management, patrons and/or teachers in respect of a primary teaching resource developed by an organisation (details supplied); if she and/or her officials were consulted on the resource; the persons that signed off on it as a teaching resource; and if her attention or that of her officials has been drawn to a video hosted on Horse Racing Ireland's website related to the resource. — Catherine Murphy. [34299/23]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Education which organisation will be responsible for operating the Leaving Certificate helpline this year; and the estimated cost of same. — Sorca Clarke. [34302/23]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Education what options are available for a person (details supplied) who has applied to schools for a place in an ASD class for their son; the options available to them if they are not accepted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [34307/23]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Education when a letter will issue to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [34333/23]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Education if the possibility of a charity having a designated liaison in her Department (details supplied) has been considered. — Gary Gannon. [34389/23]

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

\*311. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she or her Department have been involved in talks between the National College of Arts and Design and a company (details supplied) in relation to efforts to refurbish and reopen the Rupert Guinness

Theatre on Watling Street in Dublin 8; if she will support these efforts; if she is aware of the online campaign by a person that has gained over 1,000 signatures in support of these efforts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [33449/23]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on a matter concerning Údarás na Gaeltachta (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33509/23]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what supports could be provided to a museum (details supplied) to ensure it can continue to operate considering the bleak financial situation it faces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33519/23]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide the names and contact information of all special advisers to Ministers and Ministers of State within her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33592/23]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the actions being taken by her Department to facilitate female participation in soccer in Ireland, particularly at a young age, given the recent increase in popularity of the female game and the lack of female specific facilities at many clubs around the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [33739/23]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if he will commit to establishing a sports facilities strategy for the State, identifying gaps in provision for certain geographic areas and in areas where multi-code facilities could be established; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [33741/23]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of TV licences sold (excluding social protection free schemes licences) in each of the past six months, in tabular form; the level of compliance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33932/23]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she has taken to obtain a derogation for the island of Ireland from the World Athletics 1934 political boundary rule so as to allow Irish athletes to represent the island of Ireland at European and World Athletics Championships as they do at the Olympic Games; the engagement her Department has had with Athletics Ireland and World Athletics on this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [33978/23]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department or any agency under the aegis of her Department operates a 'barter account' for the provision of goods or services; if so, if payments have been directed to be made to a barter account during the period 2011 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34157/23]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has been alerted to any instances where RTÉ may have been compromised editorially by financial transactions or barter accounts. — Peadar Tóibín. [34262/23]



\*321. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the investigation into matters in RTÉ will seek to determine if RTÉ has been compromised editorially by financial transactions or barter accounts. — Peadar Tóibín. [34263/23]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is aware of any commercial arrangement RTÉ had with any other car manufacturer other than a company (details supplied) which resulted in payments to a barter account, and or an increase in salary for any RTÉ employee or board member. — Peadar Tóibín. [34264/23]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide a full list of the individual projects/schemes funded under the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund spend of €7.75 million by her Department; the amount of funding allocated in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [34368/23]

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

\*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to the scoping maps for the residential zoned land tax, what is the total area of land, in hectares, currently scoped to which the residential zoned land tax may apply; and if a breakdown can be provided by these areas, by planning authority area. — Peadar Tóibín. [34195/23]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what percentage of the lands, nationally the residential zoned land tax ‘scoped lands’ occupies. — Peadar Tóibín. [34196/23]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what percentage of the lands, by local authority/ planning authority area, the residential zoned land tax scoped lands occupies. — Peadar Tóibín. [34197/23]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the ‘Housing Lands Availability Survey (HLAS) was not updated to accommodate the most recent residential lands identified. — Peadar Tóibín. [34202/23]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to what degree it can be demonstrated that the ‘broad-brush’ approach of the residential zoned land tax scoping maps is going to contribute to the provision of additional housing, over and above that which would or could be achieved by a more forensic and detailed approach, (along the lines of the ‘Housing Lands Availability Survey’ HLAS approach), which would identify the actual developable sites, which are currently laying fallow or being hoarded. — Peadar Tóibín. [34204/23]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many submissions have been received from landowners since the publication of the scoping maps in relation to the residential zoned land tax; if a breakdown on this figure can be provided per planning authority area; how many submissions, if any, were deemed invalid, as having been received outside the notified timeframe; and if a breakdown can be provided on this figure, by planning authority area. — Peadar Tóibín. [34205/23]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to explain the reason the scoping of the residential zoned land tax extended to the smallest towns and villages, where demand for housing is not prevalent, nor likely to exist in the near future, unlike the housing

requirements necessitated by the spatial strategy utilised in the National Planning Framework that promotes the concentration of growth in the five major cities (Dublin, Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford) and five of the larger towns (Letterkenny, Sligo, Athlone, Dundalk and Drogheda), wherein the greatest need for housing, both exists and is likely to continue. — Peadar Tóibín. [34206/23]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what percentage of lands ‘scoped-in’ on the residential zoned land tax-draft map are currently in active use by farmers, for farming, and not lying fallow. — Peadar Tóibín. [34207/23]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will make a statement on the short-term tourist letting register. — Ivana Bacik. [33441/23]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost of tenant in situ purchases in each local authority. — Ivana Bacik. [33442/23]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authorities that have a full-time vacant homes officer. — Ivana Bacik. [33445/23]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will make a statement on the effect of inflation on local authorities and approved housing bodies in the context of construction. — Ivana Bacik. [33446/23]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the cull of seagulls which was permitted on a pilot basis in Balbriggan proved a success; whether an extension into other areas where over-invasion of residential areas is occurring, could be considered where these birds are clearly moving out of their natural habitat; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [33448/23]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline what progress has been made in relation to the proposed replacement of board members of An Bord Pleanála; to provide an update on the recruitment of additional overall staff resources at An Bord Pleanála given the huge delays in determining cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [33456/23]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the procedures for a tenant on the Drogheda housing list who is moving to a HAP tenancy in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown; which local authority is responsible for making the HAP payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [33464/23]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of concerns that Waterways Ireland may have failed to register any properties such as marinas over the course of the last 23 years; if he will have this matter investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33479/23]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will investigate concerns is that approximately 20 marinas are operating without permission or authorisation from Waterways Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33480/23]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify whether the date range for being liable for the development contribution fee will be amended



to include those who have submitted commencement notices in January of this year (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [33499/23]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how he intends to ensure the delivery of affordable homes in the Poolbeg SDZ following the sale of NAMAs stake in the site to the developer. — Chris Andrews. [33503/23]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress on expanding postal votes in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [33507/23]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will introduce measures to allow Irish citizens who are working overseas in the private sector to vote in national, local and European elections while they are away; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [33517/23]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the subject matter of departmental reports which are pending publication; and the timeline for publication of each of these reports. — Ivana Bacik. [33525/23]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applicants for social housing in each county, and in Dublin City Council; and the number of social housing units which came on stream in the same areas in 2022. — Ivana Bacik. [33526/23]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding Part V tenants’ use of communal areas in apartments; and his plans to review this policy. — Ivana Bacik. [33527/23]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the adequacy of the vacant sites register. — Ivana Bacik. [33528/23]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department records the reasons for refusal of access to homeless accommodation; and, if so, the incidence of such reasons being given in to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [33529/23]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to several Parliamentary Questions of 13 June 2023, in particular where he provided additional information not actually sought in the questions viz that “Matters relating to prohibiting the feeding of wild birds; correctly disposing of rubbish on our streets to make them less attractive and to discourage them from congregating in particular areas; any warning signage or publicity campaigns in relation to same is a matter for the local authority concerned.”, if he is aware of and if he accepts or rejects the expert advice on urban gull ecology as provided to his predecessor’s Consultative Committee on Urban Gulls, which stated the primary reasons for which gulls are colonising towns and cities (details supplied). — Duncan Smith. [33550/23]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a specific matter (details supplied). — Duncan Smith. [33551/23]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason his Department/National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is applying a decision threshold in relation to the control of urban gull species (herring gulls) whereby they must pose a threat to

public health and safety in densely populated urban areas in order to be included in the Annual derogation Declarations; if he will set out the specific evidential criteria being applied by his Department/NPWS when deciding whether or not such a threat exists; and the reason that when such a threat has been recognised by his Department/NPWS, for example, in Balbriggan, that the only action it has taken is to declare the threat in the Annual Declarations, when it is in fact a duty of the State to act proactively to protect citizens and public health and safety. — Duncan Smith. [33552/23]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a series of queries (details supplied). — Duncan Smith. [33553/23]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department would consider reforming the zoning and planning process to improve the timelines for delivery of housing and infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33560/23]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department would consider simplifying and shortening the planning process to hasten building of housing and energy infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33561/23]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what action his Department will take with local authorities where planning permission was issued for commercial units on the ground floor subject to the construction of residential units on floors one and two, and where the property developers are now refusing to make residential units available for occupation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33571/23]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the names and contact information of all special advisers to Ministers and Ministers of State within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33586/23]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to increase the maximum grant available under the housing aid for older people scheme for roof repairs/replacement in view of the increased construction costs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33597/23]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to review the decision to lift the temporary moratorium on no-fault evictions; and his plans to reinstate a winter eviction ban on an annual basis. — Ivana Bacik. [33630/23]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on progress in respect of negotiations in respect of the proposed development at the former Irish Glass bottle site, Poolbeg. — Ivana Bacik. [33631/23]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing commencements and completions by each local authority to date in 2023. — Ivana Bacik. [33632/23]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the regeneration of social housing flat complexes in Dublin 2. — Ivana Bacik. [33633/23]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify if an older couple with medical issues (details supplied) who have rented a three-bedroomed property for the past ten years which the landlord has offered to Dublin City Council to purchase under the tenant-in-situ scheme, can be approved for this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [33661/23]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he agrees that when a Government Department confirms a recurring threat to public health and safety for the first time there should be a clear and distinct public administration response from said Department and from relevant executive agencies, and as the Minister - on the advice of his Department/NPWS legally declared in July 2022, and again in April 2023, that high density urban gull colonies are a threat to the health and safety of the people of Balbriggan, a town of c. 25,000 citizens, if he will assure the Department/National Parks and Wildlife Service's (NPWS) over-arching role and responsibilities include policy, direction of appropriate executive agencies actions, and review of implementation, especially where public health and safety is threatened, and that the Department/NPWS also retains a proactive role and procedural and reporting mechanisms for ensuring that effective reduction of the threat is being achieved by the executive agencies, and that all of these activities are encompassed in accurate and timely advice to the Minister from his Department/NPWS. — Louise O'Reilly. [33662/23]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he agrees that when a Government Department confirms a recurring threat to public health and safety for the first time there should be a clear and distinct public administration response from said Department and from relevant executive agencies, and as the Minister - on the advice of his Department/NPWS legally declared in July 2022, and again in April 2023, that high density urban gull colonies are a threat to the health and safety of the people of Balbriggan, a town of c. 25,000 citizens, if he will provide copies of the formal correspondence between his Department/National Parks and Wildlife Service and Fingal County Council regarding the above threat since he made the legal declaration in July 2022. — Louise O'Reilly. [33663/23]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Questions (details supplied), in particular where he advised, in respect of the Public Consultation on the Wild Bird Declarations that closed on 24 February 2023, that "The results will be made available on the National Parks and Wildlife's (NPWS) website when analysis of the results has been completed," if he will provide details of the number of submissions received; and if he will outline his Department/NPWS's current scheduled date for completion of the analysis of submissions. — Louise O'Reilly. [33665/23]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Questions (details supplied), in particular where he provided additional information not actually sought in the questions viz that "Matters relating to prohibiting the feeding of wild birds; correctly disposing of rubbish on our streets to make them less attractive and to discourage them from congregating in particular areas; any warning signage or publicity campaigns in relation to same is a matter for the local authority concerned.", will he advise as to relative extent to which his Department believes feeding of gulls in urban areas is responsible for the rapid proliferation of high density breeding (i.e. not just "congregating" per his reply) colonies as evidenced in his Department/NPWS's National Urban Gull Survey 2021, compared to i) the lack of predators compared to natural sea habitats, ii) ideal breeding conditions compared to natural sea habitats, iii) almost blanket legal protection for decades, iv) no resistance from humans compared to other wild bird species, and v) limitless food opportunities in the species typical 50k daily foraging range (seaward, rural and urban) as advised by the UK expert on urban

gull ecology that was consulted by his predecessor's Consultative Committee on Urban gulls in 2019. — Louise O'Reilly. [33666/23]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Questions (details supplied) particularly the part of his reply where he provided "Details of key elements of the evidence base that were available to NPWS to inform the Wild Birds Declarations 2023-2024", can he note that none of the evidence sources that he quoted address the question asked, viz. will he provide the evidence considered, accepted and rejected by his Department in respect of the species listed for control for reasons of public health and safety, and the sources and dates thereof, and will he instruct his Department to provide the information requested, such that will allow an objective and transparent analysis and comparison of the decision criteria used across all species/evidence. — Louise O'Reilly. [33667/23]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage will he explain why his Department/National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is applying a decision threshold in relation to the control of urban gull species (herring gulls) whereby they must pose a threat to public health and safety in densely populated urban areas in order to be included in the annual derogation declarations, and will he set out the specific evidential criteria being applied by his Department/NPWS when it is deciding whether or not such a threat exists, and will he explain why - when such a threat has been recognised by his Department/NPWS e.g. in Balbriggan, that the only action it has taken is to declare the threat in the annual declarations, when it is in fact a duty of the State to act proactively to protect citizens and public health and safety. — Louise O'Reilly. [33668/23]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is he aware that the coastal city of Malaga, Spain (EU Member State, population 569,005 (2016)), which has a surveyed population of 3,200 gulls (i.e. a ratio of 1 gull to 177 people), provides a service to its residents as part of an "Environmental Health Service" (details supplied) via a phone-based App or a Free-Fone service, to have gull nests and eggs or injured gulls removed in order to protect its citizens from aggressive attack and or injury by gulls, and will he compare that basic 'public health and safety' service in another EU Member State, under the same legislation as applies in Ireland, to the complete lack of a response to urban gulls issues here in Ireland (e.g. Balbriggan, population 23,000 people, gull population 3,000 per NPWS's Survey 2021 - ratio 1 gull to 8 people); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [33669/23]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is he aware that Natural England (NE), the public body responsible for nature protection in England, implemented in 2022 a joint initiative with the UK's Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) that was commenced in 2000, whereby Local Authorities across England which have public health and safety issues with urban gull colonies are granted, subject to submission of an acceptable gull management plan to NE, 'Organisational Licences' which empower them to control urban gulls in order to preserve public health and safety under the UK Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 - legislation which the UK implemented in order to comply with the 1979 EU Birds Directive, and will he inform the Deputy whether his Department intends to protect public health and safety in our cities and towns that are being negatively impacted by high density urban gull colonies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [33670/23]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Questions (details supplied) particularly the part of his reply where he provided "Details of key elements of the evidence base that were available to NPWS to inform the Wild Birds Declarations 2023-2024", in particular the evidence provided via his Department's National

Urban Gull Survey Keogh, N. T. & Lauder, A. W. (2021) 2021, is he aware of the serious public concerns now widespread in area with regard serious urban gull issues, and given the warnings about the risk of such concerns with regard to said area in his Department's 2021 survey, i.e. two years ago, will he explain to the Deputy why the people of Drogheda have still not been afforded protection of public health and safety in the Annual Declarations. — Louise O'Reilly. [33671/23]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify whether the tenant-in-situ scheme includes properties in which tenants are considered 'overaccommodated' (details supplied); if not, if he will provide details of the number of properties that local authorities have refused to purchase on this basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [33674/23]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the budget allocated to the National Parks and Wildlife Service for each of the past five years, in tabular form; and the proportion of that budget allocated to supporting work related to the development of renewable energy projects. — Ivana Bacik. [33679/23]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 236 of 5 July 2022, the number of staff and their specific roles sanctioned by his Department for An Bord Pleanála's new Marine and Climate Unit; the number of those sanctioned roles which have been recruited and are in place; the number of those roles which have been advertised but not yet filled and to name those posts; the number of those roles which have not yet been advertised; and whether he plans to provide funding to An Bord Pleanála, and in what amount, to facilitate the recruitment of additional posts for this unit. — Ivana Bacik. [33680/23]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider issuing and updated circular that provides greater flexibility to Uisce Éireann to deal with outstanding debt during the taking-in-charge a group water scheme that exists under circular WSP01/16; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [33683/23]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider the centralisation of the defective concrete blocks grant scheme, the pyrite remediation scheme, the defective apartments and duplexes remediation scheme and any other relevant scheme to expedite and simplify the roll-out of these schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [33730/23]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of times either he, his Junior Ministers or Departmental officials have met with representatives of an organisation (details supplied) in 2021, 2022 and 2023; the purpose of each meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [33767/23]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of experts' and consultants' reports his Department commissioned in 2021, 2022 and 2023; the cost of each report; to whom each consultancy was awarded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [33768/23]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many biologists are employed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service; what areas they specialise in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [33769/23]



\*381. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 388 of 27 June 2023, the details of the agreement reached with the Banking Federation of Ireland regarding the imposition of a second charge on properties in respect of the vacant homes grant; his plans to ensure that banks are compliant with the terms of the agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [33799/23]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown, in tabular form, of tenant-in-situ purchases that have been completed in each local authority since the scheme was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [33806/23]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he and his Department will provide grants of €50,000 to first-time buyers who build their own houses for permanent occupancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [33815/23]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that many apartments built to high insulation standards seem to be without any method for achieving reasonable temperatures during a very hot spell; and whether the regulatory standards have considered how this matter might be addressed, without recourse to very energy intensive air conditioning. — Richard Bruton. [33847/23]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications and total funding sought from individual local authorities under the land acquisition fund; how much funding has been approved and drawn down to date by local authorities; and if there are plans for future land acquisition funding for local authorities. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33849/23]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications and total funding sought from approved housing bodies under the land acquisition fund; how much funding has been approved and drawn down to date by AHBs; and if there are plans for future land acquisition funding for AHBs. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33850/23]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the required amendments to the section 25 (2) (b) (II) of the Housing (Regulation of Approved Housing Bodies) Act 2019 (details supplied) will be introduced; and to detail any assessment that has taken place in terms of the impact of the new amending legislation on registrations. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33851/23]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many AHBs are currently affected by the existing wording of section 25 (2) (b) (II) of the Housing (Regulation of Approved Housing Bodies) Act 2019 in terms of their ability to register. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33852/23]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline a timeline for the roll-out of a scheme for approved housing bodies affected by defective concrete block. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33853/23]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how much funding from the state’s EU National Recovery and Resilience Plan has been earmarked and drawn down to date for the delivery of social and affordable housing; how this EU funding is being

administered; and if this funding is additional to existing State funding provided through Housing For All. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33854/23]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how much funding from the state's EU National Recovery and Resilience Plan has been earmarked and drawn down to date for the retrofitting of social housing. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33855/23]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current status of the revolving fund established under Rebuilding Ireland and administered by the Housing Agency. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33856/23]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 267 of 15 November 2022, for an update on rural water frameworks; when money will be released to Donegal County Council, as promised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [33857/23]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the approach which is being taken in aligning the operational approaches of those working in local authorities that have great expertise in managing water infrastructure, as Uisce Éireann takes over more direct responsibility for these operations and the workforce involved; and whether the Workplace Relations Commission or other such bodies have been engaged to evaluate issues which may cause challenges. — Richard Bruton. [33865/23]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of correspondence his office has received on behalf of an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the upcoming decision on whether to grant licences for hare coursing or not for the 2023/2024 season; if he will agree to the organisation's request for a meeting to discuss concerns before he reaches a decision, including a representative from two further entities at this proposed meeting, if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [33898/23]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will list the occasions he has corresponded with the Director of the Residential Tenancies Board since he took office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [33927/23]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an updated figure for the number of houses that have been completed (either demolished and reconstructed and/or outer leaf remediation works) in County Donegal; how many households have been approved for demolition and outer leaf under the old enhanced defective concrete blocks scheme; how many applications are currently in the system under the old 90/10 scheme; and if he will provide the figures, in tabular form, for the years 2020 (from June), 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023. — Joe McHugh. [34038/23]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how long householders will have to wait to get an assessment from the Housing Agency following their application to the local authority under the building condition assessment under the enhanced defective concrete blocks scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [34040/23]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on a housing allocation for 42 social houses in Carrigart, County Donegal, where money was approved in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [34041/23]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 664 of 13 June 2023, if he will outline his plans to update the legislation pertaining to quarries, in cooperation with other Ministers, considering the catastrophic failings in State oversight that has led to devastation for thousands of homeowners and tenants and a cost of billions of euro in taxpayers' money. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [34055/23]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of affordable homes that have been built in Cork city in each of the past five years; the total amount planned for 2023; the total funding allocated each year to the local authority to supply affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [34069/23]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has engaged with Cork County Council given its announcement that it would not meet social housing targets for 2023; whether there is a plan to resolve this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [34070/23]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average length of time spent on the social housing list in Cork city; the plans to reduce these times; the total number on the social housing list for each of the past 12 months and each month of 2023 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [34071/23]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of applicants for Rebuilding Ireland home loans/local authority home loans from Cork; the total number that have been successful; the total number that have been refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [34072/23]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has invited Cork City Council to make an application for the vacant properties (voids) programme; if such an application has been submitted; the total amount of funding his Department proposes to allocate to the authority; the expected timeframe for release of the funding, the number of units this funding will cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [34073/23]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of mortgage to rent applications to date in 2023 through AHBs, local authorities and Home for Life, respectively. — Thomas Gould. [34075/23]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount collected, by local authority, by year in vacant sites levy since the levy was established, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [34098/23]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department or any agency under the aegis of his Department operates a 'barter account' for the provision of goods or services; if so, if payments have been directed to be made to a barter account during the period 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34151/23]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the number of pregnant females released on a club-by-club basis for the coursing seasons 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [34172/23]



\*410. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will suspend the issuing of licences for the purpose of hare coursing until he conducts an examination of whether it is possible for a hare coursing club to adhere to conditions within its licence which specifies that no pregnant hares may be taken, with specific reference to the practicalities of determining pregnancy in the absence of specialist veterinary equipment and expertise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [34173/23]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of hares captured on an annual basis in each of the past ten years; the number of those that were identified as female; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [34174/23]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications for licences under section 34 that have been received by his Department for the upcoming coursing season; when he expects a decision will be made on the issue of those licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [34175/23]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider creating a statutory oversight body for the construction sector that will investigate claims of negligent practices and/or defective buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [34183/23]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider creating a construction defects insurance fund operated by the State, funded by the construction sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [34184/23]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of families living in social housing, either directly with councils or with approved housing bodies, but excluding HAP, RAS and similar schemes, over the past twenty years; the percentages of families living in social housing, either directly with councils or with approved housing bodies, but excluding HAP, RAS and similar schemes over the past twenty years. — Paul Murphy. [34185/23]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of park wardens employed across the State, broken down by county council. — Paul Murphy. [34187/23]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the Departmental Review of the effectiveness of the Derelict Sites Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [34241/23]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority housing units in the State at present in respect of which local authorities are receiving rent from the occupier; the total rent received in 2022 in respect of these properties; the total amount of rent arrears; the average rent charged per unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34250/23]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of the 12,441 people in emergency accommodation who are Irish nationals, nationals of other EU member states, UK nationals and nationals of other countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34252/23]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of retained firefighters who have departed the service annually from 2010 to date; the number of retained firefighters that have been recruited on an annual basis in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [34255/23]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of any local authorities that refuse to employ staff who also work as retained firefighters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [34256/23]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeframe for the publication of the draft revised wind energy development guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [34270/23]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the draft revised wind energy guidelines on the significant work that has been undertaken on the noise elements on the discussions his Department has had with the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications on new developments in this regard, including consideration of the impact of the revised 2030 target to generate up to 80% of Ireland electricity from renewable sources and the need to ensure that proposals regarding the measurement and assessment of noise from wind turbines are fit for purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [34271/23]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the discussions his Department has had with the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications on new developments on the noise elements, have included any multidisciplinary consultations with health professionals or noise experts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [34272/23]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding compulsory purchase order powers of local authorities for the provision of housing; how this is being facilitated by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [34305/23]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of completed cost rental tenant-in-situ scheme offers; the number in progress, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34311/23]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will actively engage with local authorities to ensure that where commercial rates are already in place for a building, a waiver may be sought if such building is now used as a men's shed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [34315/23]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to increase funding for housing adaptation grants for older persons and persons with a disability, in view of local authorities' reports that they cannot meet demand; and when the report on the review of Housing Adaptation Grants will be published. — Ivana Bacik. [34342/23]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the new framework to continue the joint co-operative policy making and implementation between his Department and the Department of Health, developed to address the outstanding actions in

the Joint Policy Statement on Housing Options for Ageing Population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [34343/23]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the major discrepancies in the time it takes for different local authorities to reimburse applicants for work done under the housing adaption grant scheme; if he will consider circulating a memorandum of understanding among local authorities to ensure all local authorities are processing payments in the same timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [34375/23]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline his Department's strategy in regard to modular housing building projects; and the number of units projected to be delivered, by county, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [34394/23]

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

\*432. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an appeal for an invalidity pension in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33570/23]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person has been receiving jobseekers' allowance for 18 months then applies for disability allowance, whether their jobseekers' allowance payment cease immediately; if not, if it continues until a decision regarding the disability allowance is issued; if there is a requirement for the person to apply for supplementary welfare allowance in the interim; if the disability allowance application is unsuccessful, the payment that the person reverts back to; if a person is awarded disability allowance and transitions from jobseekers' allowance, if this changes their eligibility for the Christmas bonus associated with long-term social welfare payments; if a person receiving disability allowance is permitted to participate in a part-time Springboard course or other ETB training options; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [33575/23]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide the names and contact information of all special advisers to Ministers and Ministers of State within her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33590/23]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason older persons are required to fill out an eight-page application form when renewing their free travel pass. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [33612/23]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a UK social insurance record has been received to complete the review of an invalidity pension application in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33635/23]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will give due consideration to extending the treatment benefit scheme (currently available to dependent spouses, civil partners or cohabitants of qualified persons subject to certain conditions), to dependent children up to the age of 18 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33639/23]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application 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. [33703/23]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the Social Welfare appeals office will accept and register an appeal from a person (details supplied) in County Kerry who was waiting for further medical evidence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33750/23]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people on partial capacity benefit who have had their living alone allowance terminated in the past six months, broken down by month, in tabular form; and the savings accrued by her Department as a result of same. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [33764/23]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a review of eligibility for domiciliary care allowance can be undertaken in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33795/23]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline the total funding provided by her Department to all support groups/organisations/advocacy groups that support the disability sector in 2022 and planned for 2023, in tabular form, by name, location, budget and number of staff employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33802/23]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will support the establishment of a national council on advocacy to assist in developing common quality standards across providers of independent advocacy services, minimum datasets for reporting, validated measures of outcome and continuous professional development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33804/23]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will issue on an overpayment appeal in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry registered in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33821/23]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if additional resources will be provided to the social welfare appeals office to address the five-week delay in responding to email representations from Oireachtas members; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33822/23]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date on introducing a total contributions approach with respect to the State pension (contributory) applications; when he expects this to be in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33824/23]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing the jobseeker's transitional payment scheme age cut-off by one year to 15 years of age. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [33825/23]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision can be expected to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33840/23]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people in receipt of the guardian payment for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and its current level of remuneration. — Kathleen Funchion. [33882/23]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of TV licences issued via her Department's free schemes in each of the past six months, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33933/23]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people in each of the past six months who were claiming illness benefit while living outside the State, in tabular form; if they were claiming a child payment, if the children were living outside the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33934/23]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of a €1 increase in each of the social insurance schemes, social assistance schemes, other weekly schemes and other schemes' payments, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [33940/23]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether it is possible to claim retrospection on the fuel allowance where it can be established that an applicant met the means guidelines but had not applied; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [33983/23]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the funding provided to MABS in each of the years 2019 to 2023, respectively. — Thomas Gould. [34076/23]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average wait time for an additional need's payment in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [34082/23]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average wait time for a supplementary welfare allowance in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [34083/23]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for an additional need's payment in Cork, by reason, in 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 to date, respectively, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [34084/23]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of community welfare officers employed in Cork in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [34085/23]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide clarity in relation to the operational guidelines for jobseeker's allowance and disability allowance as outlined on the gov. ie website, specifically the section titled entitlement pending disability allowance decision (details supplied); which of these scenarios applies if a person, while receiving jobseeker's allowance, has their disability allowance application refused and then decides to appeal the decision; if their jobseeker's allowance is stopped during the appeal process, necessitating an application for supplementary welfare allowance. — Paul Murphy. [34120/23]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department or any agency under the aegis of her Department operates a 'barter account' for the provision of goods or services; if so, if payments have been directed to be made to a barter account during the period 2011 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34155/23]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to explain how the procurement process for the supply of equipment for the ‘school meals programme’ works; how companies can tender to supply equipment such as ovens, fridges, and so on, for schools which have successfully applied for this programme; if her Department operates a central tendering programme for the supply of such equipment; if so, when such tenders will be open for public tendering again; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [34160/23]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for basic supplementary welfare allowance in the case of a person (details supplied) who has supplied all information as requested; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34223/23]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision is likely to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34224/23]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost in 2024 if the fuel allowance increased to €40 per week, based on the 2022-2023 figures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [34228/23]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the long-awaited report regarding the proposals by an organisation (details supplied) to improve access to the free travel scheme for people with epilepsy; the reason for the delay in finalising this report given it has been expected since Q4 of 2022; if she intends to meet with the organisation when the report is available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [34260/23]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has held any budgetary talks with the Department of Finance and the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform regarding proposals by an organisation (details supplied) to improve access to the free travel scheme for people with epilepsy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [34261/23]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for the carer’s support grant by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [34280/23]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of additional needs payment applications made in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023; the corresponding number of requests associated with heating/energy bills; the number granted in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [34308/23]

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

\*469. To ask the Minister for Justice when regulations will be made to ensure that owner management companies (OMCs) are financially sustainable; to ensure that OMCs provide for expenditure of a non-recurring nature as per the Housing for All plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [33858/23]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Justice when the review of the Multi-Unit Developments (MUD) Act 2011 will commence and be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [33879/23]



\*471. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will detail her plans with respect to bringing forward legislation to allow for the use of facial recognition technology by gardaí; if she will indicate a timeline for the publication of a draft heads of Bill for same; if she will commit to allowing a draft Bill on the use of FRT be subject to pre-legislative scrutiny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [33985/23]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to concerns (details supplied) regarding an amendment to the Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [33431/23]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of available Tusla-funded domestic violence refuge beds in each county; and number of occupied Tusla-funded domestic violence refuge beds in each county. — Ivana Bacik. [33444/23]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Justice when an applicant (details supplied) will receive a decision on their application for naturalisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [33497/23]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the current cost of the Irish residence permit card; her plans to change this fee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [33540/23]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department will reduce the Irish residence permit card fee of €300 for nearly every non-EU person over the age of 18 years, to a more appropriate rate (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [33541/23]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision will be made regarding an application for a student visa (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [33568/23]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide the names and contact information of all special advisers to Ministers and Ministers of State within her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33587/23]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Justice if an update will be provided on the outcome of a review request of application for the regularisation of undocumented persons scheme by a person (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [33595/23]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update in relation to the proposed online portal allowing the public to upload images and video footage of driving offenses to be reviewed by gardaí; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [33611/23]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 433 of 20 June 2023, if the information can now be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [33678/23]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide clarification regarding her awareness of the concerns expressed by an organisation (details supplied) regarding the forthcoming the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022; if she will provide details on what actions she intends to undertake in order



to address the concerns put forth by this registered charity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [33734/23]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the role that An Garda Síochána play in vetting applicants for local authority housing; if there are guidelines in place for the flow and or exchange of information; if she can provide further information on the process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [33742/23]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider reducing the cost of the Irish residence permit card from the arbitrary fee of €300 to a fee aligned with the cost of production and administration in Budget 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [33754/23]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Justice when an application (details supplied) will be finalised and permission granted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [33765/23]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of fixed penalty notices that gardaí issued for parking in a bus lane and cycle path and on the footpath in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [33786/23]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of international protection applicants who sought protection in Ireland from eight countries (details supplied) in each of the past 24 months, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [33790/23]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will review and significantly reduce the cost of the Irish residence card, in view of the cost-of-living crisis, high accommodation costs and the reliance of key sections of the Irish economy on workers who need to carry the card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [33791/23]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will engage with two entities (details supplied) to understand the impact of the €300 fee for the Irish residence permit. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [33792/23]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 160 of 17 May 2023, what has been the impact of all of those actions in terms of the ultimate Troika request of reducing legal costs. — Robert Troy. [33829/23]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Justice what measures are in place to track legal costs in order to measure the effectiveness of the actions; and what are those measures saying about the effectiveness of the actions. — Robert Troy. [33830/23]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Justice what other measurements of legal costs in Ireland are available. — Robert Troy. [33831/23]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Justice with regard to the research by a company (details supplied) on models to control legal costs, commissioned by her Department when this report will be submitted to her Department; and the reason is it a year late. — Robert Troy. [33832/23]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will commit to publishing a report (details supplied) report on receipt. — Robert Troy. [33833/23]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Justice whether she has considered extending greater residency rights to the spouse of an Irish citizen where the family has been living abroad, so that it would be easier for them to come and go with their children and spouse who are all Irish citizens; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [33868/23]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department would consider the reduction of the fees for the Irish residence permit card for migrants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [33876/23]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of staff assigned to the regularisation scheme for undocumented people from the scheme's inception to date, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [33877/23]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide a timeline for when the regularisation scheme for undocumented people will complete its work; and the number of applications within the scheme that have not yet been completed. — Holly Cairns. [33878/23]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Justice for a geographic breakdown of all inmates in Irish prisons, i.e. the wider area they resided in before incarceration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [33911/23]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is a geographic breakdown or "heat map" of arrests made by An Garda Síochána in each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [33912/23]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Justice for a geographic breakdown of Garda diversion programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [33915/23]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Justice the expected timeline for her substantive response to the Independent Review of the Offences Against the State Acts; the details of the Departments, Government agencies and other bodies her Department is engaging with in the development of the response; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [33952/23]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the rules and penalties which apply for unauthorised and unlicensed entry to a person's land in connection with hare coursing or fox hunting. — Robert Troy. [33973/23]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Justice if she received submissions (details supplied); if so, the number of submissions received; and the steps she took on foot of those. — Catherine Murphy. [33981/23]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has received a report from the Garda Commissioner on the new initiatives that have been put in place to make Dublin city centre safer; if it shows the impact on criminal or anti-social behaviour on arrests, on detection rates, and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [33982/23]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department requested members of the Firearms Expert Committee to fill out a declaration of interests; if any conflicts of interest were identified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [34033/23]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will extend the remit of the Drogheda Implementation Board and Plan past its current timeline to ensure that the excellent work that continues to be carried out is secured going forward and the remaining implementation recommendations be undertaken; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34039/23]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Justice what action is being taken by her Department to improve upon the timeframe for the processing of appeals on decisions of visa applications whereby the application was refused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [34049/23]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Justice the youth diversion projects in place in counties Cavan and Monaghan at present; the proposals she has to approve additional projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34057/23]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí currently working in each of the Garda stations in Cork, by rank, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [34099/23]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the work carried out to date by the CEO of the Gambling Regulatory Authority. — Thomas Gould. [34100/23]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the Adult Diversion Programme; the number who have availed of it in 2023; and the plans to improve the programme. — Thomas Gould. [34104/23]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which a report was made available at the European Council meeting which he attended with regard to the refugee situation in Europe involving loss of life at sea. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32745/23]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Justice if fleeing Russia to avoid military conscription will be grounds for granting asylum in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [32473/23]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and/or expected position in regard to naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34121/23]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and/or expected position in regard to naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34122/23]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34123/23]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in granting residency approval in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34125/23]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); when the application is expected to be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34126/23]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34127/23]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Justice what her Department is doing to increase safety and security measures in rural communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [34132/23]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the increase in the number of gardaí this year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [34133/23]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Justice if, in relation to obligations on licensees of in-person gambling licences as outlined in the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022, chapter 6, she envisages that the ban on enabling cash withdrawals on premises will extend to horse and greyhound racing tracks that provide ATMs on premises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34137/23]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware that the UK Gambling Commission has not introduced a ban on enabling cash withdrawals at venues with in-person gambling licences and has instead instigated guidance that customers must cease gambling in order to be able to use them, as well as ensuring that information on responsible gambling must be available adjacent to ATMs; if she will consider introducing a similar regime here in the new Gambling Regulation Bill 2022; if she is satisfied that sufficient protection against gambling by vulnerable people is incorporated in the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34138/23]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the types of venues which will be impacted by the proposed ban on allowing cash withdrawals on premises with in-person gambling licences; if she is aware of how many such venues currently have ATMs on site; if she has considered the impact this may have on customers who gamble responsibly and for entertainment-purposes only; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34139/23]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department or any agency under the aegis of her Department operates a 'barter account' for the provision of goods or services; if so, if payments have been directed to be made to a barter account during the period 2011 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34152/23]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Justice when she anticipates bringing forward legislation for first stage of the Domestic Violence (Amendment) Bill 2023. — Pa Daly. [34219/23]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the Study on Familicide and Domestic and Family Violence Death Reviews to Government, especially plans around implementation of its recommendations and further steps arising from the reviews; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [34220/23]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of a visitor visa application in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision on the application will issue

and if she will make a statement on the matter.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34221/23]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Justice to address concerns that the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022 will adversely impact the ability of registered charities to fundraise through such events as raffles; if she will consider excluding registered charities from the scope of the Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34222/23]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount of revenue still owed to An Garda Síochána as of 3 July 2023 in respect of non-public duty events that occurred in 2022 and were policed by An Garda Síochána. — Pauline Tully. [34233/23]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of van-personnel carrier courses that were held for gardaí within the Cavan-Monaghan Division in the years of 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [34234/23]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí, by rank assigned to DMR west; the breakdown of the vehicle fleet for the DMR; the number of civilian staff assigned to the DMR, by station in the DMR. — Catherine Murphy. [34267/23]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to reduce the cost of Irish residency permit cards; to outline the reason for charging €300 on an annual basis for such cards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [34292/23]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community gardaí across the service in 2023; how many were in place in each year from 2016 to date; the breakdown for 2023 of where these are located, by division and Garda station; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [34293/23]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has considered reducing the cost associated with the registration for, and the renewal of, an Irish residence permit card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [34296/23]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 443 of 9 May 2023, the reason for the delay in publishing the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2022 due at the end of Q2 as set out in the Justice Plan 2023. — Mary Lou McDonald. [34330/23]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider reducing the cost of an Irish residence permit card which costs €300 for virtually all non-EU persons over the age of 18 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [34340/23]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which drug rehabilitation and educational classes are available throughout the prison service, with particular reference to first-time offenders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34344/23]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which an adequate number of prison spaces are being made available, having regard to population demands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34346/23]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons currently in drug rehabilitation programmes in prison; the number of prisoners awaiting access to such programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34347/23]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons, if any, currently released on bail and awaiting trial in respect of serious offences; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34348/23]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Justice the degree to which she and her Department continue to combat the various levels of organised crime operating in this jurisdiction or internationally; the extent to which she continues to ensure that An Garda Síochána has sufficient resources to deal with the situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34349/23]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Justice the current strength of An Garda Síochána, with particular reference to the number of gardaí available for duty on any particular day; if an augmentation of numbers in the force is considered imperative; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34350/23]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which the CAB continues to have adequate resources available to ensure its continued effectiveness against organised crime; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34353/23]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which it is expected that deployments of gardaí throughout the country are likely to be enhanced in the coming year in such a way as to ensure that those locations under threat from crime are adequately policed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34354/23]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which body cameras are likely to be made available throughout An Garda Síochána; the circumstances under which this will happen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34355/23]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Justice the average processing time for applications for citizenship/naturalisation; the extent to which plans are in hand to improve processing times for such applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34356/23]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of extra gardaí likely to become available throughout the regions, including community gardaí, arising from recent graduations from the Garda college; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34359/23]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of women currently serving in An Garda Síochána; the extent to which these numbers have fluctuated in the past ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34360/23]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans for any review of the criminal legal aid programme, with particular reference to its application to repeat offenders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34361/23]



\*552. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which adequate judges are being appointed to the various courts in order to minimise delays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34362/23]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of refugees/asylum seekers/undocumented persons currently in this jurisdiction for more than ten years who have, for one reason or another, been refused long-term residency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34363/23]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on the €312 million generated from IRP cards over the past ten years; and where this is reinvested. — Gary Gannon. [34390/23]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Justice the expected processing times for remaining undocumented scheme applications; and the staffing numbers in the scheme unit from the start of the scheme to date. — Gary Gannon. [34391/23]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 637 of 11 May 2021, the number of speeding fines issued on foot of evidence obtained from speed camera vans, in each county in the State, in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [34398/23]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of fatal road traffic accidents in each county in the State in each of the past five years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [34399/23]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of fatal road traffic accidents in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, where the deceased person or persons were not wearing seatbelts. — Peadar Tóibín. [34400/23]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of fatal road traffic accidents in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, where the deceased person or persons were under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of the accident. — Peadar Tóibín. [34401/23]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Justice what steps her Department has taken to implement the recommendations of the report the Working Group on medical negligence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [34402/23]

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

\*561. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has engaged with the European Commission on allowing Coillte to avail of Government grants or premiums within the proposed forestry programme; if he will confirm whether these discussions have delayed the application being ratified by the European Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [33454/23]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Coillte will be allowed to claim either grants or premiums in the Forestry Programme 2023-2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [33459/23]



\*563. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will take action in a case (details supplied) where a registered fishing company has been refused storage at Howth Harbour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [33508/23]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 497 of 27 June 2023, the number of applications to the protein aid scheme in 2023; the number of applications to the protein aid scheme in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [33510/23]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of horses seized and/or impounded for trespass and for non-compliance with chipping law and regulation, by county, for the years 2011 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [33554/23]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide the names and contact information of all special advisers to Ministers and Ministers of State within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33576/23]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what entitlements are in place for farmers who wish to opt into the exit dairy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33664/23]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how many soil testing labs are approved by his Department, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [33672/23]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the tonnage of beef produced in Ireland per month; the corresponding tonnage of beef produced from feed lots; the tonnage of beef exported and imported each month; the corresponding tonnage of beef imported broken down, by each country; the tonnage of beef imported broken down by type that is, steer, cow, heifer and Y. bull and so on; the tonnage of beef imported from Bord Bia-approved factories outside of Ireland each month; the figures for 2023 and in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [33760/23]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has engaged with farmer representative bodies with respect to the issue of deer causing animal worrying and damage to farm land; the steps he has taken to support farmers who experience these problems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33766/23]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a new recruitment campaign for technical agricultural officers will be launched in quarter 4 this year. — Catherine Murphy. [33787/23]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he or his officials plan to attend the UN Food Systems Summit in July 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [33871/23]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he can provide any historical evidence or documentation from the period 1906 to 1923 that confirms the completion of a purchase agreement by the Congested Districts Board for a parcel of land (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [33935/23]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he can address the issue of turbary rights and the ownership of a parcel of land (details supplied) of bog/land; if the Irish Land Commission has the responsibility to deal with this area; if he has the right, as Minister, to hold the title given that the land has been paid for by the tenant purchasers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [33936/23]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if, given that a parcel of land (details supplied) was subject to dual ownership, he can clarify whether there was any evidence of tenants surrendering their interests, either through formal agreement, purchase, or court order; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [33937/23]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to confirm if the Congested Districts Board authorised, under any Land Act, regulations at the time to seize lands occupied by tenants without formal agreement or purchase; if so, under which specific provisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [33938/23]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to explain the detailed system that the Congested Districts Board used to purchase land from tenants and the terms of repayment that were agreed upon; if it can be confirmed that the tenants repaid the full cost of the purchase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [33939/23]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding provided to Cork City Council for the control of horses in 2023 to date. — Thomas Gould. [34077/23]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of horses seized under the Control of Horses Act 1996 in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [34097/23]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 505 of 9 May 2023, if he will detail the value in euro by animal category, in addition to the quantity in number of head of live sheep exported from the State, by the country that it was exported to over the past five calendar years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [34129/23]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 506 of 9 May 2023, if he will detail the value in euro, in addition to the quantity in head, by animal category, (details supplied) of live sheep imported into the State, by the country that it was imported from over the past five calendar years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [34130/23]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department or any agency under the aegis of his Department operates a 'barter account' for the provision of goods or services; if so, if payments have been directed to be made to a barter account during the period 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34141/23]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is grant aid available for drainage works on farm land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [34159/23]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a schedule of persons used by Horse Racing Ireland to promote a primary teaching resource (details supplied)

since its introduction; and the fees paid to influencers in respect of same. — Catherine Murphy. [34300/23]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 507 of 27 June 2023, if he will provide specific scoring deadlines across all ACRES streams; if he will clarify if within the co-operation project stream there are different scoring deadlines for Department-hired advisors and privately hired advisors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34306/23]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of dairy farms in each county; to outline, in tabular form, the number of dairy farms with the following: less than 100 dairy cows, 101 to 150 dairy cows, 151 to 200 dairy cows, 201 to 250 dairy cows, 251 to 300 dairy cows, 301 to 350 dairy cows, 351-400 dairy cows, and farms with more than 400 dairy cows; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [34332/23]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the progress in applying for PGI status for boxty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [34341/23]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a full list of the individual projects/schemes funded under the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund spend of €271 million by his Department; the amount of funding allocated in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [34373/23]

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

\*589. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will take action to ensure that a service provider (details supplied) has the required funding to accommodate people with disabilities in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [33457/23]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of men under the age of 65 years living in nursing homes; the number of women under the age of 65 years living in nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [33673/23]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will respond to calls from an organisation (details supplied) to provide sustainable funding in Budget 2024 for national physiotherapy services for people with multiple sclerosis, and other neurological conditions totalling €880,000 per annum across all nine CHOs, and an increase of €627,000 in annual investment in the National MS Respite Centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [33827/23]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to confirm when the positions (details supplied) within the primary healthcare system in north Donegal will be filled; and if he is aware of the huge impact this is having on children with the full spectrum of disabilities and their families. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [34034/23]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of respite hours provided to families in Cork over each of the past 12 months; the total number that has been provided each month since March 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [34065/23]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what consultation has there been with those affected by the Brandon Report into sexual abuse at Ard Greine Court in Stranorlar, County Donegal; what measures could be taken to alleviate concerns of those who so far not been contacted but have loved ones living in the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [34266/23]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the proposed referendum on gender equality will take place in November 2023; if not, the reasons for delaying the referendum; if all three proposed constitutional amendments on gender equality and care in respect of Articles 40.1, 41.2 and 41.3 will be brought forward simultaneously; and when the Interdepartmental Group will publish its proposed wording for the referendum in relation to these amendments. — Ivana Bacik. [33440/23]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will urgently review the transport links provided to the residents of an accommodation centre (details supplied) in County Westmeath; his views on whether this level of transport is insufficient and blocking residents from taking up employment; and if he will ensure additional services are put in place and that a bus stop is put in place outside the facility. — Robert Troy. [33455/23]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to confirm that CORE funding will be increased to support childcare services and parents, particularly in light of rising costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33469/23]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagement his Department has had with the HSE regarding the unmet needs of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [33504/23]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of a shortage of childcare and particularly afterschool places in the Dublin 5 area; and the services in Dublin 5 for afterschool care that a person (details supplied) could contact or avail of. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [33523/23]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will look at a specific case (details supplied) where a young person finishing school cannot get a placement for adult day services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [33530/23]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the proposed referendum on Article 40.1 of the Constitution will specifically include a reference to disabled people, as per commitments under the UNCRPD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [33572/23]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the proposed referendum on Article 41.2 of the Constitution will remove references to the term ‘care’ given the extremely problematic nature of the term for disabled people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [33573/23]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide the names and contact information of all special advisers to Ministers and Ministers of State within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33577/23]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current number of children on the waiting list for assessment and intervention services through the CDNT in New Ross, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [33626/23]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the average wait times for children to access CDNT services in New Ross, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [33627/23]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of children on the waiting list for CDNT services in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [33628/23]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of a child’s (details supplied) assessment appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33687/23]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many children have a diagnosis of Autism that the HSE is aware of in CHO5, broken down by the age groups of 0-4, 5-12, and 13-17 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [33692/23]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many children waiting or attending the Waterford south city CDNT have a diagnosis of autism, broken down by the age groups of 0-4, 5-12, and 13-17 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [33693/23]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many children waiting or attending the Waterford north city CDNT have a diagnosis of autism, broken down by the age groups of 0-4, 5-12, and 13-17 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [33694/23]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many children waiting or attending the Dungarvan CDNT have a diagnosis of autism broken, down by the age groups of 0-4, 5-12, and 13-17 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [33695/23]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if applicants for international protection or refugees from Ukraine, are being housed in social housing in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [33771/23]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason St. Michael's House is unable to provide a placement for a person (details supplied) in adult services; the reason the family was only informed of the decision recently, despite making a detailed submission months ago; what alternative arrangements are being made to secure an alternative placement to allow this young person achieve their full potential; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [33793/23]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what funding is proposed for adult disability placements in north Dublin, with particular reference to the number of placements in each service over the past five years and the number seeking placements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [33794/23]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will arrange a meeting with senior officials from his Department and an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [33816/23]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of inadequate adult day service places available for those who have finished their schooling at a location (details supplied) due to staff shortages, the lack of suitable facilities and a significant existing waiting list for such adult day services; if he is aware that these young adults have been left without alternative services; if he will intervene with the HSE to resolve this problem; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [33860/23]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when his Department started to write to people with status/leave to remain in Direct Provision centres giving them dates by which they would have to leave the direct provision centre or be moved to another centre; the number of such letters issued to date; the criteria for issuing such letters; the rationale for this policy; the number of people who have been moved on foot of these letters; and a breakdown of these moves, including information on from where and to where people have been moved. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33884/23]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount paid by the State to a company (details supplied) in each of the past twenty-four months; the number of children placed in the care of the company during the same period; if the Child and Family Agency has received any concerns regarding the quality of care provided to the children, or the validity of vetting documents, or qualifications relating to employees of the company, or the practice by the company of block-booking specific accommodation for the purposes of residential placements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [33885/23]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children who spent time in hotels or hostels while awaiting residential or foster placement, in each of the past twelve months; the average length of time these children spent in such locations; and if such hotels or hostels were open or closed to the public during the period while children were residing there. — Peadar Tóibín. [33886/23]



\*620. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount of money paid to companies (details supplied) to provide residential care to children, in each of the past five years, in tabular form; the number of children who have come under the care of each company; and if the Child and Family Agency can confirm that all staff employed by these companies, involved in the care of these children, have been Garda vetted and are fully qualified. — Peadar Tóibín. [33887/23]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive a place in a residential care home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [33897/23]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to confirm that some student accommodation facilities (details supplied) are not taking students for the 2023/2024 academic year because the units are to be used to accommodate international protection applicants or BTOP applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33926/23]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline in detail the recommended staff-to-patient ratio for CDNTs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [33941/23]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to detail the current staffing levels for the CDNTs in New Ross, Enniscorthy, Gorey, Wexford, and all in County Wexford; the current vacancies in each of the CDNTs listed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [33942/23]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what current measures his Department has undertaken to address staffing shortages across the CDNTs in order to meet recommended staffing levels; the initiatives currently in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [33943/23]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current number of children on the waiting list for assessment and intervention services through the CDNT in New Ross, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [33944/23]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the average wait times for children to access CDNT services in New Ross, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [33945/23]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of children on the waiting list for CDNT services in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [33946/23]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children referred to Tusla in 2022 and to date in 2023; and if details or a breakdown can be provided on the occupations of the people or professionals who made the referrals, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [34054/23]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the plans to advance paediatric neurology services in Cork and across CH04; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [34056/23]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of people awaiting an occupational therapy appointment in each of the CDNTs in Cork; the number who have been waiting less than 3, 3- 6, 6-12 and the number that have been waiting more than 12 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [34061/23]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of people awaiting a speech and language therapy appointment in each of the CDNTs in Cork the number who have been waiting less than 3, 3- 6, 6-12 and the number that have been waiting more than 12 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [34062/23]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline the number of people awaiting a psychology appointment in each of the CDNTs in Cork the number who have been waiting less than 3, 3- 6, 6-12 and the number that have been waiting more than 12 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [34063/23]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of people awaiting a first appointment in each of the CDNTs in Cork; the number who have been waiting less than 3, 3- 6, 6-12 and the number that have been waiting more than 12 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [34064/23]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of people in Cork, that are currently waiting an appointment for early intervention, broken down by therapy; the number that are waiting less than 6, 6-12 and those that are waiting more than 12 months in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [34067/23]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department or any agency under the aegis of his Department operates a 'barter account' for the provision of goods or services; if so, if payments have been directed to be made to a barter account during the period 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34142/23]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether an announcement will be made in relation to the proposed wording for the family, care and equality referendum before Dáil Éireann breaks for the summer recess, given the proposed deadline of the end of June 2023 has passed; if not, if the referendum will go ahead as planned in November 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [34166/23]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated full year cost if the foster care allowance increased to €345 per week for children aged under 12 and increased to €380 per week for children aged over 12; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [34227/23]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether a non-EU national with leave to remain in the UK and resident in Northern Ireland is permitted to work in the republic, and/or apply for residency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [34243/23]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the remaining provisions of the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2022 will be commenced; if she is aware of the difficulties that this is causing for workers across rural Ireland, who are now being forced to make long and unnecessary commutes to large urban centres to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [34269/23]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on a matter (details supplied). — Seán Canney. [34273/23]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will support a matter (details supplied). — Seán Canney. [34274/23]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on a matter (details supplied). — Seán Canney. [34275/23]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of clinical placements that have been provided for students within children's disability network teams, by discipline each year since their formation, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [34277/23]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of clinical settings that facilitate student placements within children's disability network teams each year since its formation, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [34281/23]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is considering legislation to restrict the use of non-disclosure agreements in the case of sexual harassment and discrimination, along the lines considered in Seanad Éireann. — Richard Bruton. [34298/23]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure that the necessary funding and resources are provided to an organisation (details supplied) so that it can continue to provide the care needed in respect of a person to live independently within the home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [34301/23]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on his plans to bring forward legislation prohibiting conversion therapy; when he plans to publish a general scheme of the proposed bill; if he will address concerns that the proposals may not safeguard the rights of medical professionals and therapists and their capacity to engage effectively with clients or patients who may be experiencing gender dysphoria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34312/23]

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

\*649. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide update on the last meeting of the SIG under the National Drugs Strategy chaired by his Department. — Thomas Gould. [34091/23]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the excess mortality rate in Ireland has been spiking so high in recent months; the reason there were 25.4% more deaths in Ireland in December 2022 than the average for the same month from 2016 to 2019; the reason that the excess mortality rate in Ireland has been higher than the EU average for the past 12 months apart from July 2022; and if there is a formal investigation being carried out by any State organisation into the reasons for these excess deaths. — Peadar Tóibín. [33438/23]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Health what funding has been allocated to the ICGP to provide training and certification to health care professionals on long-acting reversible contraception insertion in 2022 and 2023; the number of health care professionals who have availed of training and certification in the same time period; the resultant increase in capacity of LARC-trained health care professionals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [33451/23]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Health the type of data being compiled to inform further development of the free contraception service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [33452/23]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the planned revision of the model of care for long-Covid following the publication of the report by HIQA; when the model of care was last reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [33461/23]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 289 of 15 June 2023, if he will provide the spend out-turn for the first six months of 2023 and the corresponding activity data and numbers awaiting appointment at the end of June 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [33462/23]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm how €750,000 provided in Budget 2023 to support counselling psychology training places has been allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33466/23]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm that education and additional financial support will be made available to those undertaking counselling psychology courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33467/23]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm that financial supports such as the ones given to first-year students in the educational psychology doctorate programme (details supplied) will be made available to those in counselling psychology courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33468/23]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is acceptable that ten years since the major flood at Letterkenny University Hospital, the onsite outpatient clinic has not been reinstated at the hospital; and if he will ensure that this important clinic is reinstated as soon as possible. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [33470/23]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive the €1,000 pandemic payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [33478/23]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) has been approved for the €1,000 pandemic payment; when they will receive same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [33481/23]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Health the number of concerns HIQA has received relating to a facility (details supplied) for the years 2020-2023, with a breakdown into specific themes of concern type; and if any of these concerns have been forwarded to An Garda Síochána or to the safeguarding and protection teams. — Paul Murphy. [33482/23]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a copy of the audit report that took place into the TAPs funding. — Paul Murphy. [33483/23]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Health the number of concerns that HIQA has received relating to a facility (details supplied) for the years 2020-2023, with a breakdown into specific themes of concern type; and if any of these concerns have been forwarded to An Garda Síochána or to the safeguarding and protection teams. — Paul Murphy. [33484/23]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Health how many nursing homes have not received a HIQA inspection in the past 12 months. — Paul Murphy. [33485/23]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of concerns to Your Service Your Say HSE for the years 2020-2023, a breakdown of themes of concerns and of these concerns; and how many were forwarded to An Garda Síochána or safeguarding and protection teams. — Paul Murphy. [33486/23]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Health how many meetings the Government has had with an organisation (details supplied) and or private care companies since March 2020 to date in relation to Covid, Covid harm/deaths or otherwise; and if minutes of these meetings will be provided. — Paul Murphy. [33487/23]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Health how many concerns HIQA has received relating to a facility (details supplied) for the years 2020-2023, with a breakdown into specific themes of concern type; and if any of these concerns have been forwarded to An Garda Síochána or to the safeguarding and protection teams. — Paul Murphy. [33488/23]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Health when the Adult Safeguarding Bill 2017 will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [33489/23]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Health how many legal actions have been lodged against the State in regard to nursing homes and hospitals; and the breakdown of what type of cases are being taken. — Paul Murphy. [33490/23]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Health how many concerns since 2020 have been raised with him in relation to alleged sexual abuse of vulnerable adults in care. — Paul Murphy. [33491/23]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider including testosterone cypionate in the drug payment scheme in view of the financial hardships being endured by patients (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [33492/23]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to reduce orthodontic treatment waiting times for children, with particular reference to those whose current estimated treatment referral date is beyond school-going age; if he will ensure that a child (details supplied) is referred for orthodontic treatment before they complete second-level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [33493/23]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the status of funding allocated in Budget 2023 part of a €100 million fund to support community-based service providers in the provision of health services across country for a service in County Carlow (details supplied). — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [33511/23]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Health if any meetings have taken place between him and representatives from private nursing homes in relation to the current challenges that private nursing homes are facing with regards to increased costs and trying to remain viable and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33513/23]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Health if he acknowledges the current crisis in the private nursing home sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33516/23]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Health if he will directly engage with a person (details supplied) in relation to accessing rehabilitation care. — Cathal Crowe. [33520/23]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Health whether the National Access Policy is being followed by CAMHS in each CHO; which CHOs are implementing it fully, partially and/or not-at-all; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [33531/23]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Health whether the National Access Policy is being followed by primary care in each CHO; which CHOs are implementing it fully, partially and not-at-all; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [33532/23]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Health the actions his Department is taking to improve breastfeeding supports and postpartum care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [33534/23]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) can expect to have an MRI conducted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33535/23]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline in what way the removal of the locked status of unit 3, St. Stephen's Hospital, as reported by the Mental Health Commission in November 2022, can compensate alone for the broader loss of other quality-of-life benefits incurred by a resident who was moved to that ward in July 2022 from another approved centre in breach of a condition of its registration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [33536/23]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline how the Mental Health Commission can reconcile concerns it raised in its annual report from June 2022 regarding 2,000 people living in congregated settings with their approval in court in November 2022 of HSE proposals to build



a 50-bed continuing care and rehabilitation service on the isolated grounds of St. Stephen's Hospital, Glanmire; under which mental health policy the Mental Health Commission made this approval; in what way this can be said to offset any of the disadvantages incurred by a resident who was moved to unit 3, St. Stephen's Hospital from another approved centre in breach of a condition on the registration of unit 3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [33537/23]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive an appointment from CAMHS, given that their situation is deteriorating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [33543/23]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Health given the low approval rates for certain medicines subject to managed access protocols, if he believes that the criteria is currently too restrictive; his views on whether the current criteria could deter eligible patients from applying to access such medicines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33544/23]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Health given the long wait times that patients experience for medicines subject to managed access protocols, if he can provide further details, in tabular form, on the timelines, from EMA approval to reimbursement, for all medicines subject to managed access protocols for the period May 2021 to April 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33545/23]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether managed access protocols for certain medicines should be amended if they are found not to be accommodating to clinicians and patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33546/23]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Health the specific drugs that have been considered to date by the rare diseases technology review committee of the HSE, in tabular form; the outcomes of these decisions; the timelines for each from EMA licence to availability to Irish patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33547/23]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department would consider increasing the income level for medical card qualification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33565/23]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be provided for occupational therapy for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [33567/23]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Health when the income limit for the GP visit card will be increased to include people on a median household income of €46,000 or less, as announced in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [33574/23]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the names and contact information of all special advisers to Ministers and Ministers of State within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33585/23]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who left the accident and emergency department at University Hospital Limerick without being seen, in the years 2019 to 2022 and to date in 2023, by month, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33594/23]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) was refused a long-term illness card when an ADHD assessment was submitted with the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [33596/23]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Health to provide specific details in relation to the rate of recovery for those attending long-Covid clinics, including length of time attending the clinic and how recovery has been defined. — Paul Murphy. [33599/23]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Health how many patients have been seen through long-Covid clinics, with a breakdown per clinic. — Paul Murphy. [33600/23]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Health for details in relation to how many people are currently waiting to be seen by a long-Covid clinic, with a breakdown per clinic. — Paul Murphy. [33601/23]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm what training GPs have received in relation to long-Covid; who provided this training; and if it is not included in the training of new GPs. — Paul Murphy. [33602/23]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Health whether a pandemic response register exists in his Department; if so, to outline what assumptions, restrictions and response plans are contained within it; and how closely these were followed during the pandemic. — Paul Murphy. [33603/23]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Health whether long-Covid clinics are prescribing medications; and if so, what medications they have been recommended to prescribe by the HSE. — Paul Murphy. [33604/23]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the medical basis for the decision to recommend that children return to school three days after they have had a positive Covid test; and the reasoning that this recommendation was put forward by the HSE. — Paul Murphy. [33605/23]

\*701. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the reason behind the decision to remove mandatory masks in lexical settings; and the evidence used to make this decision. — Paul Murphy. [33606/23]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Health what actions the HSE is taking to prevent the spread of Covid in hospital settings, including details of all precautions taken.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [33607/23]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Health if, given the issues with long-Covid diagnosis and the lack of services and supports made available to those who are diagnosed, he can advise what mental health services are in place to support patients who have had to battle for their illness to be recognised; if he can describe the services for adult patients, children suffering with long-Covid and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [33608/23]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the shortage of GPs in the west Cork area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [33609/23]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons for a lack of awareness of the complaints management system as referenced in the June 2023 HIQA Report of an Inspection Against the National Standards for Safer Better Healthcare concerning UHL; the measures that will be taken to address this; his views on how this affects accuracy of complaints received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [33618/23]

\*706. To ask the Minister for Health when the membership and the review of the terms of reference of the Deteriorating Patient Steering Committee at UHL will be concluded; the progress made to date; the measures taken to ensure appropriate implementation of the Irish National Early Warning System, the Irish Maternity Early Warning System and sepsis management; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [33619/23]

\*707. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a capital and revenue cost for an intermediate care bed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33621/23]

\*708. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give due consideration to the granting of life long medical cards for survivors of child, adolescent, and young adult (CAYA) cancers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33646/23]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give due consideration to the provision of dedicated funding for a children's, adolescents and young adults (CAYA) specific psycho-oncology service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33647/23]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ringfence dedicated funding for sustained, regular investment in clinical trials, research, and infrastructure to offer cancer patients the best chance of survival; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33648/23]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position with regard to the recruitment and funding of all outstanding psycho-oncology service posts in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33650/23]

\*712. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to ensure the roll-out of the National Cancer Information System (NCIS) to remaining designated cancer centres nationwide; if he will ringfence funding to ensure that this be designated a priority and resourced in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33651/23]

\*713. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give due consideration to the inclusion of nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) and other smoking cessation supports in the drug payment scheme, in light of the costs of smoking on the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33652/23]

\*714. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the cost of the average medical card, including the direct cost to the general practitioner; a breakdown of the indirect cost, to include the cost of drugs and other schemes which the medical card permits exemption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [33675/23]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there was a delay in sending an ambulance to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33686/23]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently review a cessation of service contract (details supplied) in respect of the distribution of incontinence wear in Drogheda and surrounds; if he will urgently seek transparency on the reasons for this cessation and seek assurances that service users will not be affected by any change of service provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33697/23]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE vacancies by job title in the Accident and Emergency Department of Portlaoise Regional Hospital; when will these vacancies be filled in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [33704/23]

\*718. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of revenue generated through parking charges at the public car-park within the Mater Hospital in the years of 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and of the money generated how was it spent. — Duncan Smith. [33705/23]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric ENT surgeons based at Sligo University Hospital in the years of 2022 and to -date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [33706/23]

\*720. To ask the Minister for Health the number of mental health services that are available in each primary care centre in the area of County Roscommon covered by CHO2; and if there are plans to expand the mental health services available at these centres. — Duncan Smith. [33707/23]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently on the waiting list for hearing examinations in County Kerry by length of time waiting, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [33708/23]

\*722. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set up a national ambition to reduce the number of neo-natal deaths. — Duncan Smith. [33709/23]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Health if the budget for medical aids and equipment for children is ring-fenced within CHO9; if he will provide figures on the breakdown of difference types of aids/equipment, for example wheelchairs and walkers provided in CHO9 between 1 January 2022 and 30 June 2023. — Duncan Smith. [33710/23]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Health the current funding that would be required to extend the opening hours until 9pm, seven days a week at the Mater Smithfield Rapid Injury Unit. — Duncan Smith. [33711/23]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Health the capital works projects that were carried out at Croom Orthopaedic Hospital in the years of 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the nature of these works; and the costs of each capital works projects in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [33712/23]

\*726. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE physiotherapists working in Monaghan General Hospital in the years of 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [33713/23]

\*727. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE advanced nurse practitioners in older persons services in CHO9 in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [33714/23]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Health the number of palliative care teams and staff members in CHO2 at present. — Duncan Smith. [33715/23]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE radiographers working in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda in the years of 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [33716/23]

\*730. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant orthopaedic surgeons working in Portiuncula University Hospital in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [33717/23]

\*731. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of staff vacancies across all Departments and details of each vacant at Tipperary University Hospital. — Duncan Smith. [33718/23]

\*732. To ask the Minister for Health the number of births at Mayo University Hospital Maternity Ward in each of the past three years and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and the staffing level breakdown in this Department for each of these years. — Duncan Smith. [33719/23]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Health for an update regarding the recruitment of the outstanding nurses promised as part of the 2018 Valproate Response Project, for which funding was confirmed in 2022; if advertising of the positions and interviews have taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [33720/23]

\*734. To ask the Minister for Health whether the medical school which the Secretary General of his Department suggested will be established by TU Dublin will be located on the Tallaght campus; when the first intake of students is expected; and if the TU Dublin governing body had approved the proposal for a medical school prior to the Secretary General's comments at the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [33749/23]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Health when Letterkenny University Hospital will have an onsite outpatient clinic to replace the one damaged in the flood ten years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [33752/23]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Health who decided to go ahead with reconfiguration of the mid-west region despite the 600 beds required by the Hanly Report to offer safe patient safety not being in place; if he will launch an investigation into this decision, given that it has caused untold suffering on patients and staff in the mid-west region for 14 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [33755/23]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish the figures he relied on when speaking on a radio station (details supplied) when he stated that trolley numbers were down at UHL while comparing trolley numbers at the same period in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [33756/23]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Health following his comments that reconfiguration was not working (details supplied), if he will put an urgent plan in place to reopen Nenagh, Ennis and St. Johns accident and emergency departments, given the new 96-block bed unit will only actually realise 48-beds meaning that the mid-west region will still not be at the 600-beds needed to provide patient safety according to the Hanly Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [33757/23]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish the evidence he relied upon when he stated that reopening an accident and emergency department in Ennis Hospital was inadvisable on safety grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [33758/23]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Health if he will commit to meeting with TDs and Health Forum members from the mid-west as requested by the HSE Mid-West Forums meeting recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [33759/23]

\*741. To ask the Minister for Health the status of each recommendation of the nursing home expert panel review, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [33761/23]

\*742. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive payment under the Cross-Border Directive scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [33770/23]

\*743. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have attended the specialist menopause clinic at the National Maternity Hospital in 2022 and to-date in 2023, and the backlog for same, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [33781/23]

\*744. To ask the Minister for Health the number of optical coherence tomography machines currently in use in the ophthalmology department of St. Vincent's University Hospital. — Catherine Murphy. [33782/23]

\*745. To ask the Minister for Health the number of selective dorsal rhizotomy surgeries carried out in public hospitals here in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and the public hospitals in which this surgery is carried out. — Catherine Murphy. [33783/23]

\*746. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE mental health midwives; the training they receive; and the role of mental health midwives within the perinatal mental health integrated care pathway. — Catherine Murphy. [33784/23]

\*747. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline how each individual CHO funds interpreting services in general practices; if he plans to improve access to interpreters in general practice by establishing a central service for use across all CHOs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [33798/23]

\*748. To ask the Minister for Health when the report (details supplied) will be completed by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [33800/23]

\*749. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the total funding provided by the HSE/his Department to all older persons' support groups/organisations/advocacy services in 2022 and planned for 2023, in tabular form, by name, location, budget and number of staff employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33801/23]

\*750. To ask the Minister for Health if he or his Department will address serious concerns with the ongoing crisis in the funding of nursing homes under the fair deal scheme, given that a number of nursing homes (details supplied) in County Clare have been dealing with severe sustained financial pressures in the provision of care for residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [33808/23]



\*751. To ask the Minister for Health the responses he is planning to make to the report into the death of a person (details supplied) a former resident of a nursing home who died in 2020; if he will ensure the extension of HSE safeguarding and protection teams and clinical governance systems across all private nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33809/23]

\*752. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff currently allocated to working on Older Persons issues in his Department; the number of people working at national level in Older Person Services in the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33810/23]

\*753. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request HIQA and the decision support service to jointly develop a code of practice to protect the rights and interests of people entering nursing homes whose capacity to review, understand and make an informed decision to sign a contract for care is at issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33811/23]

\*754. To ask the Minister for Health if he could outline the extent of his Department and agencies under the remit of his Department have engaged with stakeholders regarding the implementation of the EU HTA regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [33835/23]

\*755. To ask the Minister for Health the level of drawdown on the €30 million announced for new medicines as part of Budget 2022, inclusive of acute spending and described on an in-year basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [33836/23]

\*756. To ask the Minister for Health if he could outline to what extent the work of the NCPE is subject to audit and review; how many audits have been carried out on the work of the NCPE; whether or not any third party has reviewed any NCPE output; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [33837/23]

\*757. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the EU HTA regulation, his views on the value of the regulation; if he could outline the likelihood that efficiencies will arise from its implementation that may improve the assessment and reimbursement timelines in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [33838/23]

\*758. To ask the Minister for Health whether his Department is preparing any amendments to the Health Act (Supply of Medical Goods) 2013 on foot of the EU HTA regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [33839/23]

\*759. To ask the Minister for Health the number of intensive homecare packages delivered in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, by CHO, in tabular form; the number of hours sought; the number of hours funded; and the funding allocated and spent in each year. — David Cullinane. [33841/23]

\*760. To ask the Minister for Health the number of homecare packages delivered in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, by CHO, in tabular form; the number of hours sought; the number of hours funded; and the funding allocated and spent in each year. — David Cullinane. [33842/23]

\*761. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people currently in receipt of the maximum hours of intensive homecare; the number of people in receipt of their full allocation; and the number of people not in receipt of their full allocation. — David Cullinane. [33843/23]

\*762. To ask the Minister for Health the manner by which a person may apply for an intensive homecare package; and the maximum number of hours that may be allocated to a single individual. — David Cullinane. [33844/23]

\*763. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33846/23]

\*764. To ask the Minister for Health when he will publish the review of cardiac services in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33861/23]

\*765. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm that he will work towards publishing a new cardiovascular strategy, which Ireland has been without since 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33862/23]

\*766. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm that he will work towards the establishment of an early detection programme for people at risk of structural heart disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33863/23]

\*767. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that funding from the EU4Health Joint Action on diabetes and cardiovascular disease will be utilised to establish a pilot early detection programme for structural heart disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33864/23]

\*768. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the financial and staffing difficulties currently experienced by private and voluntary nursing homes, including at a location (details supplied), under the fair deal scheme; and the measures his Department is taking to prevent further closures of private and voluntary nursing homes. — Holly Cairns. [33872/23]

\*769. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the measures his Department is taking to increase capacity in the GP service; and to ensure GPs can avail of cover when needed. — Holly Cairns. [33873/23]

\*770. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GPs practicing in each county, from 2019 to date, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [33874/23]

\*771. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for extension of the free contraception scheme to girls aged 16; the timeframe for further extensions; what consultation his Department has undertaken to progress this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33881/23]

\*772. To ask the Minister for Health the full details of the GP visit card expansion agreement announced on 4 July 2023, in tabular form; the categories and timelines for implementation; the first- and full-year cost of measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33889/23]

\*773. To ask the Minister for Health the full details of additional supports agreed for GPs, in tabular form; the timeframe for implementation by measure; the first- and full-year cost of measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33890/23]

\*774. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases taken against the HSE/letters of claims issued, regarding or alleging the misreading of smear tests in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [33891/23]

\*775. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CervicalCheck smear test samples sent abroad to foreign laboratories for testing in each of the past five years and to date in 2023; and if he can provide this figure as a percentage, in each year, of the number of smear tests carried out by CervicalCheck during that time. — Peadar Tóibín. [33892/23]

\*776. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who took cases to the CervicalCheck Tribunal; the number of cases which were settled in the tribunal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [33893/23]

\*777. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the terms of reference provided by his Department for the Expert Panel Review of Cervical Screening (details supplied) only sought an examination of slides of women who developed invasive cervical cancer, rather than seeking to determine if there had been missed opportunities to identify abnormal cells in the slides of women who had not at the time of the review developed cancer, but may still have had their slides misread; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [33894/23]

\*778. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid, per year, to a company (details supplied) by the HSE and his Department; the details of the cases being handled by year, by the company; the cases still to be resolved by the company; and a timeline for when these cases are expected to be resolved. — Peadar Tóibín. [33895/23]

\*779. To ask the Minister for Health to outline, in tabular form, the cost of increasing the medical card income threshold by €5,000, €10,000, €15,000 and €20,000; to further breakdown the cost by income thresholds and the number of additional people covered by increasing each threshold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33899/23]

\*780. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of cutting private activity in public hospitals by 10%, 20% and 30%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33900/23]

\*781. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of reducing external professional fees in public healthcare by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33901/23]

\*782. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of reducing external consultancy fees or spend in the healthcare system by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33902/23]

\*783. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of reducing agency spend in the public healthcare system by 5%, 10% and 20%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33903/23]

\*784. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated weekly, monthly and annual cost of contracting a bed in a private nursing home for short-stay use by public hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33904/23]

\*785. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of delivering the use of electronic patient records across the public healthcare system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33905/23]

\*786. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing capital spend on the National Ambulance Service by 10% above the 2022 and 2023 spend or allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33906/23]

\*787. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of capping public hospital car parking charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33907/23]

\*788. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of reducing car parking charges in public hospitals by 10% and 20%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33908/23]

\*789. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of delivering a living wage to all staff in non-HSE organisations delivering care to public patients on behalf of the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33909/23]

\*790. To ask the Minister for Health the cost to run the north inner city multidisciplinary team each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [33916/23]

\*791. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who are currently accessing cannabis-based products via the medical cannabis access programme; the conditions for which they are accessing these products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [33917/23]

\*792. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the number of people who are currently accessing cannabis-based treatments via the Ministerial-licensing access route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [33918/23]

\*793. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on his Department's discussion around a Statutory Instrument to allow for the import of cannabis-based products from the UK for potential inclusion under the medical cannabis access programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [33919/23]

\*794. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the review of the medical cannabis access programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [33920/23]

\*795. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people availing of the temporary scheme of paid leave for public health service employees unfit for work post-Covid-19 infection; the ongoing cost of the scheme; the cost of the scheme to date; the total number of people who have availed of it; if he will put in place a permanent solution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33924/23]

\*796. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the maximum rebate under the Cross-Border scheme for a cataract operation has been reduced from €1,872 to €1,700; if he can explain the

basis for this considering that medical costs have been increasing across the public health sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [33947/23]

\*797. To ask the Minister for Health if he will seek responses from each individual CHO HSE areas on the policies, administration and distribution relating to a question (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [33948/23]

\*798. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 272 of 25 May 2023, if he will explain why three arborist companies (details supplied) carried out assessments of trees outside Cork University Hospital; the reason these assessments incurred no financial cost to the HSE; if he will provide these assessment reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [33999/23]

\*799. To ask the Minister for Health if he will bring the repeated failure on the part of Cork HSE mental health management to provide clarity in responses to numerous Parliamentary Questions on the alleged offering of first-dose Covid vaccines to non-patient-facing corporate staff, including management HSE staff, based in the Model Business Park, Cork in early January 2021, prior to the scheduling of vaccines for some of the most at-risk client and staff cohorts in congregated mental health settings, to the attention of the recently appointed HSE CEO; if the sequencing of vaccines by HSE managers to service-users and staff according to the agreed protocols will form part of the State's inquiry into its handling of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [34032/23]

\*800. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of people on the waiting list for ophthalmology in Cork, the average waiting time, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [34066/23]

\*801. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the provision of funding to the north inner city DATF. — Thomas Gould. [34090/23]

\*802. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the provision of nurse prescribing of opioids. — Thomas Gould. [34092/23]

\*803. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated in each of the past five years to address addiction issues for ethnic minorities, by year, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [34093/23]

\*804. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated in each of the past five years to address addiction issues for members of the LGBTQIA community, by year, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [34094/23]

\*805. To ask the Minister for Health whether a funding stream is available for relevant organisations to celebrate Recovery Month. — Thomas Gould. [34095/23]

\*806. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people availing of a community detox programme, by year for the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [34096/23]

\*807. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the full commencement of all of the sections of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018. — Thomas Gould. [34101/23]

\*808. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the new Action Plan under the National Drugs Strategy. — Thomas Gould. [34102/23]

\*809. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who have used Keltoi, by month in 2023. — Thomas Gould. [34103/23]

\*810. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that Irish physiotherapists who achieved qualifications in EU countries such as the Netherlands are unable to register with CORU; if he is aware that in order to register with CORU such qualified persons require 210 hours in cardiorespiratory physiotherapy completed in an acute hospital setting in the Republic of Ireland; if he will acknowledge that attaining such placements is increasingly impossible for such persons; if he will outline any changes in policy that his Department is pursuing in an effort to rectify this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [34106/23]

\*811. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for the fair deal application processing in Cork currently. — Thomas Gould. [34107/23]

\*812. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff currently employed in the fair deal section of Cork Kerry Community Healthcare by role, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [34108/23]

\*813. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications received in Cork for the fair deal scheme by month to date in 2023. — Thomas Gould. [34109/23]

\*814. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the implementation of the recommendations of the jury in the inquest into the deaths of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [34117/23]

\*815. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the current number of epilepsy nurse specialists, neurologists and associated team members currently attached to epilepsy adult and paediatric services across the country; the hospitals/hospital group to which they are attached; the number of vacancies currently within each of these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [34118/23]

\*816. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in the determination of an application for a discretionary medical card in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34128/23]

\*817. To ask the Minister for Health if and when an appointment with a specialist doctor can be urgently facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34135/23]

\*818. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department or any agency under the aegis of his Department operates a 'barter account' for the provision of goods or services; if so, if payments have been directed to be made to a barter account during the period 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34150/23]

\*819. To ask the Minister for Health whether the internal and external reviews into spinal surgeries in Temple Street Hospital will be published; and if so, when they will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [34165/23]



\*820. To ask the Minister for Health when his Department will approve additional funding to increase the current 0.6 WTE orthodontic specialists appointed to orthodontic services in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [34177/23]

\*821. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the current vacant full-time orthodontic consultant post in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [34178/23]

\*822. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of current vacancies within the HSE orthodontic services in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [34179/23]

\*823. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients under 18 years of age awaiting orthodontal treatment in County Wexford; the number of persons waiting 24, 36 and 48 months and longer; respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [34180/23]

\*824. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients over 18 years of age awaiting orthodontal treatment in County Wexford who were identified as requiring treatment before 18 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [34181/23]

\*825. To ask the Minister for Health if the vacant senior dietitian post for Waterford/Wexford CAMHS has been filled; when his Department will approve funding for a whole-time paediatric dietitian solely for the Wexford CAMHS team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [34182/23]

\*826. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the terms of reference for the HSE review of access to cariban under the drug payment scheme for sufferers of hyperemesis; who is leading the review and what stakeholders have been consulted for the purposes for the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [34188/23]

\*827. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive the urgent services they require; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [34213/23]

\*828. To ask the Minister for Health the emergency out-of-hours dental services that are currently available in the Cavan-Monaghan region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [34229/23]

\*829. To ask the Minister for Health how far below optimum levels of staffing of medical scientists in HSE laboratories nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [34230/23]

\*830. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made by CORU on a physiotherapy registration appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [34242/23]

\*831. To ask the Minister for Health if, on foot of his Department's preparation for the introduction of the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023, he will state the total number of GP practices, obstetrical practices, and hospitals providing acute

in-patient services to which the Bill will apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34246/23]

\*832. To ask the Minister for Health if, on foot of his Department's preparation for the introduction of the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023, he will state how many places of religious worship, and/or grounds or other land associated with the building, will fall within the so-called "safe access zones" which will be established by the Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34247/23]

\*833. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons it took five years for his Department to draft the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023, a Bill containing just seven sections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34248/23]

\*834. To ask the Minister for Health when a number of measures (details supplied) to ease burdens on student nurses will come into play; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [34278/23]

\*835. To ask the Minister for Health if measures announced to assist final year nursing students (details supplied) will be extended to those undertaking placements in other years of their studies. — Cathal Crowe. [34279/23]

\*836. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1242 of 13 June 2023, if he can report on the progress of the further engagement that was due to take place at the WRC on the issue of Section 39 workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [34282/23]

\*837. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting for an appointment in the Mater Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [34294/23]

\*838. To ask the Minister for Health the visiting hours policies for Roscommon University Hospital psychiatry services; how this compares to other hospital psychiatry visiting policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [34295/23]

\*839. To ask the Minister for Health when dental surgeries in the Cork University Dental School and Hospital will have access to a theatre to allow them to perform dental surgery; the waiting list for dental surgery at the Cork University Dental School and Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [34297/23]

\*840. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a lack of theatre beds and resources and long waiting lists for scoliosis procedures in Tallaght Hospital (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [34309/23]

\*841. To ask the Minister for Health if clinical posts are vacant in the cancer genetics department of St. James's Hospital; the length of time that these posts have been vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [34316/23]

\*842. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to fund and recruit more permanent genetic counsellor posts to the cancer genetics department in St. James's Hospital, in line with international standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [34317/23]

\*843. To ask the Minister for Health if clinical posts are vacant in the cancer genetics department of CHI at Crumlin; the length of time that these posts have been vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [34318/23]

\*844. To ask the Minister for Health the budget that has been allocated to the cancer genetics department in CHI at Crumlin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [34319/23]

\*845. To ask the Minister for Health the budget that has been allocated to the cancer genetics department in St. James's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [34320/23]

\*846. 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. — Ivana Bacik. [34321/23]

\*847. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1161 of 13 June 2023, if karotype tests will be available to males referred to regional fertility hubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34324/23]

\*848. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm what action he, his Department and the HSE will take to improve the efficiency of the high-tech medication scheme as there are delays in the supply of medication as pharmacies cannot request stock until prescriptions have been received from consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [34337/23]

\*849. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently expedite an appointment for surgery for a person (details supplied) or alternatively refer this patient through the National Treatment Purchase Fund. — Robert Troy. [34338/23]

\*850. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people, other than those in prison, currently involved in drug rehabilitation programmes; the extent of the programmes, whether first-time involvement or not in such programme; the number of persons who have been involved in such programmes more than once or more than five programmes in the past twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34352/23]

\*851. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a full list of the individual projects/schemes funded under the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund spend of €5.5 million by his Department; the amount of funding allocated in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [34372/23]

\*852. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no person has had access to the Orthodontic Dental School and Hospital at Cork University since March 2023; the reason patients are being told that this practice will continue indefinitely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [34381/23]

\*853. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the dental treatment services scheme is available to medical card holders in Cork but the Cork University Dental School does not participate in the scheme and charges patients private fees for dental treatment; the reason for same (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [34382/23]

\*854. To ask the Minister for Health what systems are in place to ensure appropriate and swift reporting of adverse incidents to the State Claims Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [34387/23]

\*855. To ask the Minister for Health what systems are in place within the HSE to ensure staff re-training takes place following adverse medical incidents where a patient suffered harm during their care. — Peadar Tóibín. [34388/23]

\*856. To ask the Minister for Health the measures his Department is taking to improve the awareness and treatment of Lyme disease in Ireland. — Holly Cairns. [34393/23]

\*857. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that an employee of an organisation (details supplied) who worked on the frontline during the pandemic will receive the pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [34395/23]

\*858. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for the pandemic special recognition payment which remain to be processed. — Holly Cairns. [34396/23]

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

\*859. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of purpose-built student accommodation units available in Cork city in September 2023. — Thomas Gould. [34080/23]

\*860. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the cost of increasing the funding for the MentorsWork Programme by 10%, 20% and 25%. — Louise O'Reilly. [34325/23]

\*861. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a person can apply with a late application after the closing dates for CAO if at the time to apply they were unable to, due to medical complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [33434/23]

\*862. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that the Irish student grant scheme does not include funding for tuition fees for students that are living in the Republic of Ireland who are studying in Northern Ireland; if he has plans to include funding for tuition fees for students that are living in the Republic of Ireland who are studying in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [33533/23]

\*863. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to explain the rationale for the three-year break in studies required for a person to apply for a SUSI grant as an independent mature student for postgraduate studies; if there are any plans to change or reduce the three-year break in studies requirement rule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33555/23]

\*864. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department would consider revising supports for post-2016 apprenticeships to assist small

business employers to take on apprentices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33563/23]

\*865. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide the names and contact information of all special advisers to Ministers and Ministers of State within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33584/23]

\*866. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will permit automatic eligibility for young cancer survivors into the disability access route to education (DARE) scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33645/23]

\*867. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the Deputy President and Chief Operating Officer at TU Dublin received a pay increase outside routine pay awards; if so, if these payments were backdated to the date of their appointment; and if this pay increase to two individuals will be applied across the technological university sector. — Paul Murphy. [33743/23]

\*868. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to list the technological universities which have a foundation to raise philanthropic donations for the university. — Paul Murphy. [33745/23]

\*869. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline for technological universities with a foundation, how much money from the technological university funds has been spent on covering salary costs, operating costs, training or other costs of the associated TU Foundation for each of the past five years. — Paul Murphy. [33746/23]

\*870. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason separate technological university foundations exist, given that technological universities are themselves registered charities. — Paul Murphy. [33747/23]

\*871. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if any donations or portions thereof received by technological university foundations were returned to donors for any reason over the past five years; in cases where donations were returned, how much money was returned; the reason the money was returned; and who the donor was. — Paul Murphy. [33748/23]

\*872. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the chairperson of each HEA funded Irish higher education institutions; the terms of office of each; the number of terms served by each; the method of appointment, annual remuneration and expenses for each in each of the past three years, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [33785/23]

\*873. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he can make provision for school leavers with a stamp 4 Visa to get access to third-level education at an affordable price, in order that they will not be treated in the same way as students travelling from outside the EU to study in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [33826/23]

\*874. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to address concerns that some student accommodation facilities (details supplied) are not taking students for the 2023/2024 academic year, leaving hundreds of other students with no accommodation for the forthcoming academic year because the units are to be used to accommodate international protection applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33925/23]

\*875. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has considered the introduction of virtual reality/augmented reality headsets in colleges throughout Ireland, in a similar fashion to Poland which is planning to introduce the technology in order to create a more personalised learning environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33931/23]

\*876. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on his Departmental proposal to the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform in regard to researchers at technological universities having access to the single pension scheme; what cross departmental discussions have taken place on the matter since April 2023; what further timeframe is expected on a resolution to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [34042/23]

\*877. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science is it intended to continue with the William C. Campbell bursary (details supplied) following its introduction in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [34047/23]

\*878. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students expected to enrol in Cork universities in September 2023. — Thomas Gould. [34078/23]

\*879. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of purpose-built student accommodation units available in Cork city in September 2023. — Thomas Gould. [34079/23]

\*880. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department or any agency under the aegis of his Department operates a 'barter account' for the provision of goods or services; if so, if payments have been directed to be made to a barter account during the period 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34149/23]

\*881. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students enrolled in Level 5 pre-nursing courses in the 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [34226/23]

\*882. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason a course (details supplied) is deemed suitable for a grant under SUSI but not the free fees scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [34304/23]

\*883. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a full list of the projects/schemes a full list of the individual projects funded under the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund spend of €37.3 million by his Department; the amount of



funding allocated in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [34370/23]

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

\*884. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the CLÁR measure 1 funding for community facilities and amenities will be announced. — Holly Cairns. [33460/23]

\*885. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if support will be provided to an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33514/23]

\*886. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to provide the names and contact information of all special advisers to Ministers and Ministers of State within her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33589/23]

\*887. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will ringfence dedicated funding for the establishment of an annual Men's Shed sustainability grant, in light of the essential role such sheds play in promoting health and providing social support within our communities (estimated cost €3,000 per shed); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33654/23]

\*888. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will give due consideration to the provision of a grant directly payable to the Men's Sheds Association to enable them to best target individual sheds which are in danger of closure (estimated cost €250,000 per annum); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33655/23]

\*889. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will set aside dedicated funding for the provision of a 'once off grant' for each newly established Men's Shed, in light of the essential role such groups play in promoting health and providing social support within our communities (€10,000 per shed), such a grant would ensure that sheds would have the funds to 'get off the ground'; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33656/23]

\*890. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will engage with the relevant authorities for the purposes of conducting an audit of all unused properties in their ownership which may be suitable for use as a Men's Shed, considering the essential role such sheds play in promoting health and providing social support within our communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33659/23]

\*891. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will sponsor a national awareness campaign for the purpose of increasing social inclusion for younger men and refugees, considering the essential role such groups play in promoting health and providing social support within our communities, such a campaign would further ensure sustainability and succession planning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33660/23]

\*892. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total amount of funding allocated to respective local authorities for all rural schemes provided by her Department, including town and village renewal scheme, CLÁR, LEADER, LIS, outdoor recreation and rural

regeneration since the formation of this Government by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [33696/23]

\*893. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the next round of Clár funding is expected to be announced; how much funding will be made available in the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [33762/23]

\*894. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of WTE senior case managers at the grade of higher executive officer employed in the Charities Regulator in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [33779/23]

\*895. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department or any agency under the aegis of her Department operates a 'barter account' for the provision of goods or services; if so, if payments have been directed to be made to a barter account during the period 2011 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34154/23]

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

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the National Statistics Board under his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [33727/23]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Alan Dillon. [34060/23]