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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach how much his Department has spent on public relations in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [32080/23]
2. To ask the Taoiseach 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]
3. 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]
4. 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]
5. 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]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on this attendance at the recent European Council Meeting. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32445/23]
7. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the European Council on 29 and 30 June 2023. — Seán Haughey. [33185/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the recent European Council meeting. — Mick Barry. [33641/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the European Council meeting. — Neasa Hourigan. [33682/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on this attendance at the recent European Council meeting. — Peadar Tóibín. [33722/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the recent European Council meeting. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [33968/23]
12. 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]
13. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the European Council on 29 and 30 June 2023. — Paul Murphy. [34011/23]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

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

25. To ask the Taoiseach if the Cabinet Committee on the Economy and Investment has held an emergency meeting to discuss the undeclared, concealed, and deceptive payments scandal at RTÉ, considering the potential defrauding of taxpayers by a State taxpayer-funded public service broadcaster. — Mattie McGrath. [33234/23]

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

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Alan Dillon. [34060/23]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*31. To ask the Taoiseach the amount paid by his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023 on outside/third-party reports of a technical nature or qualitative and quantitative nature, by payee, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [34478/23]

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

*32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to detail the precise programme, heading, subheading, vote and year of Estimate under which costs for the expenditure on the conference, Global Island: Ireland's Foreign Policy for a Changing World, which was held in Dublin Castle on 12-14 January 2015, is accounted for and/or reflected in; the breakdown, in tabular form, of the expenditure under the relevant subheading in the relevant year; the figure for the total cost of the conference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34411/23]

*33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for a breakdown, in tabular form, of the training and development and incidental expenses incurred by his Department under Vote 28 in each of the years 2013 to 2022. — Catherine Connolly. [34412/23]

*34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for a breakdown, in tabular form, of the training and development and incidental expenses incurred by his Department under Vote 27 in each of the years 2013 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34413/23]

*35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide a breakdown, in tabular form, of the training and development and incidental expenses estimated to be incurred by his Department under Vote 28 in 2023. — Catherine Connolly. [34414/23]

*36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide a breakdown, in tabular form, of the training and development and incidental expenses estimated to be incurred by his Department under Vote 27 in 2023. — Catherine Connolly. [34415/23]

*37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount paid by his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023 on outside/third-party reports of a technical nature or qualitative and quantitative nature, by payee, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [34470/23]

*38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department referred the proposed funding for the Consultative Forum on International Security under the “training and development and incidental expenses” category within Vote 28, to the Department of Finance to determine whether the funding amounted to a new service or not, per the public financial procedure guidelines (PFP); if such a referral did occur, the outcome of same; if no referral

occurred, the reasons for not referring the question to the Department of Finance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34518/23]

*39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs whether he has given any consideration to implementing or has undertaken any review, report or research into the feasibility of sending notice of expiration of passports to all passport holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [34549/23]

*40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the estimated additional costs that would be accrued for the implementation of a renewal notice system (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [34551/23]

*41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to the latest Israeli incursion in Jenin; the action Ireland is taking in relation to this; what engagement he has had with other EU foreign ministers on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [34568/23]

*42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will set out the number of officers at the Embassy of the Russian Federation who have been notified to his Department under Article 10 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic relations, and any changes in the number notified in the past six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [34626/23]

*43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of Irish diplomatic and support staff assigned to the Irish Embassy in Moscow; if there have been any changes in this number in the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [34628/23]

*44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the budget for overseas development assistance in 2022, and the expected amount in 2023; the proportion of GNI that has been committed; if he will provide a breakdown of the various programmes under which ODA is spent; the amount assigned to each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [34642/23]

*45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the current status of Actions 25.1-25.4 and 26.4 of the National LGBTI Inclusion Strategy (for which his Department is responsible), regarding the promotion of LGBTI rights internationally and providing information to Irish LGBTI travellers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [34702/23]

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

*46. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 346 of 27 June 2023, when people in rural areas will be able to access brown bins as per the Waste Action Plan; the reason for the extreme delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [34428/23]

*47. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount paid by his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023 on outside/third-party reports of a technical nature or qualitative and quantitative nature, by payee, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [34468/23]

*48. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider an adjustment to the tax exemption limit of €200 per annum for domestic solar microgeneration to further incentivise their installation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [34482/23]

*49. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the progress made to-date on reducing single-use plastics; the details of plans to ban single-use plastics; the timelines for same; the details of any public awareness campaigns undertaken by his Department to raise awareness of obligations to reduce single-use plastics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34525/23]

*50. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of sustainable energy communities that gained access to a grid connection in 2022, Q1 2023 and Q2 2023, per local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [34592/23]

*51. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of sustainable energy communities that were on a waiting list to gain access to a grid connection in 2022, Q1 2023 and Q2 2023, per local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [34593/23]

*52. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown by year of the number of postal workers who have resigned from An Post between 2017-2023, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [34660/23]

*53. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown by year of staffing levels within An Post between 2017-2023, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [34661/23]

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

*54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide a breakdown, in tabular form, of the miscellaneous expenses (subhead A.22) estimated to be incurred by his Department to-date in 2023. — Catherine Connolly. [34416/23]

*55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the amount paid by his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023 on outside/third-party reports of a technical nature or qualitative and quantitative nature, by payee, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [34465/23]

*56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will ensure a broader terms of reference for an inquiry to investigate whether there have been serious systemic failures in the complaints system in the Defence Forces in relation to interpersonal issues, including, but not limited to, sexual misconduct; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [34515/23]

*57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department referred the proposed funding for the Consultative Forum on International Security under the miscellaneous expenses category within Vote 36, to the Department of Finance to determine whether the funding amounted to a new service or not, per the Public Financial Procedure Guidelines; if such a referral did occur, the outcome of same; if no referral occurred, the reasons for not referring

the question to the Department of Finance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34519/23]

*58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to outline in tabular form, the number of commissioned officers promoted in the Army Reserve and Naval Reserve, by rank, from 01 January 2022 to 30 June 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [34610/23]

*59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current annual training capacity for the Defence Forces; how many new entrants were trained in each year since 2016, broken down by service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [34635/23]

*60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current establishment strength of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [34636/23]

*61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how many personnel left the Defence Forces in each year since 2016, in tabular form, broken down by officers and other ranks; how many have left in 2023 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [34637/23]

*62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of housing units available within the Defence Forces; the capacity of the existing housing quarters; how many are unoccupied; how many are deemed unsuitable; how many will be renovated in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [34638/23]

*63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current allowances for security and other Defence duties; the value of each; when those were last increased; the value of the increase; the number of recipients of each, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [34639/23]

*64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what plans for procurement of new equipment and capabilities are in place for 2023; if he will outline the plan for the purchase of new ships over the coming years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [34640/23]

*65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if work has commenced on the procurement of primary and coastal radar; if he will outline his plans for same; the projected budget for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [34641/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*66. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on prospective funding streams available to continue supporting the Leitrim community car scheme, which has been used to support vulnerable or isolated people to attend hospital appointments in recent times. — Martin Kenny. [34658/23]

*67. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on prospective funding streams available to continue supporting the Leitrim community car scheme, which has been operated by the Leitrim volunteer centre to support vulnerable or isolated people to attend hospital appointments in recent times. — Martin Kenny. [34659/23]

*68. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the proposed improvements to Tralee train station, especially any funding due under urban renewal schemes and proposed timelines for the completion of any works. — Pa Daly. [34429/23]

*69. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount paid by his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023 on outside/third-party reports of a technical nature or qualitative and quantitative nature, by payee, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [34480/23]

*70. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department can use powers under section 10 of the Roads Act 1993 as amended to reclassify the R624 N25 to Cobh road in east Cork to a national primary or national secondary route, in order that State funding can be used for the upgrade of construction of a new bridge at Belvelly Bridge, Cobh and also carry out improvement works on the R624 in conjunction with the relevant local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [34509/23]

*71. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether motor tax discs, and other motor discs, should go paperless; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [34539/23]

*72. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on changes to a grant system (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [34540/23]

*73. To ask the Minister for Transport when he was informed of the delay for the public consultation of a project (details supplied); and the issue that is halting this project going to public consultation. — Sean Sherlock. [34547/23]

*74. To ask the Minister for Transport to examine the possibility of increasing weekend services on the Adamstown train line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [34556/23]

*75. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a report on the NTAs demand need assessment along the 68 and 69 bus routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [34557/23]

*76. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on proposals to increase public transport capacity along the C Spines in Lucan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [34558/23]

*77. To ask the Minister for Transport whether there are plans to progress train stations in Grenagh or Rathduff. — Thomas Gould. [34565/23]

*78. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Iompair cén fáth nach féidir cur isteach ar cheadúnas tiomána ar líne trí Ghaeilge, an bhfuil sé i gceist aige é sin a athrú, agus an bhfuil aiféal air nár luaigh siad nach bhfuil seirbhís ar líne ar fáil i nGaeilge chun a éileamh nuair a dúirt a Roinn leis an Comhchoiste Oireachtais Gaeilge, Gaeltachta agus Phobail Labhartha Gaeilge ar an 5ú Iúil 2023 go bhfuil an t-éileamh ar sheirbhísí i nGaeilge ‘an íseal ar fad’. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [34581/23]

*79. To ask the Minister for Transport what his Department is doing to tackle the issue of e-scooters being dangerously parked on footpaths. — Brendan Smith. [34603/23]

*80. To ask the Minister for Transport when the Road Traffic and Roads Act 2023 will come into force. — Brendan Smith. [34604/23]

*81. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown of those resigning from Dublin Bus per year between 2017-2023, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [34662/23]

*82. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown of staffing levels within Dublin Bus per year between 2017-2023, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [34663/23]

*83. To ask the Minister for Transport what engagement he and his Department had prior to the introduction of Statutory Instrument - European Union (International Labour Organisation Work in Fishing Convention) (safe manning) regulations 2023 (S.I. No. 315 of 2023) and its impact on the Irish fishing industry; what plans he has for further engagement to discuss the impact; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [34740/23]

*84. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of a report received by Meath County Council recommending the progression of the Julianstown bypass; if so the details of same; if he can seek a full update on the status on the draft appraisal of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34743/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*85. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated first and full-year saving associated with restricting the employer's PRSI exemption for share-based remuneration for all companies other than small, micro and SME companies. — Pearse Doherty. [34405/23]

*86. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will detail in tabular form on a county basis how many homebuyers in each county that have availed of the enhanced help-to-buy scheme since 23 July 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [34457/23]

*87. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will detail in tabular by county how many taxpayers are currently claiming the rent tax credit. — Jim O'Callaghan. [34458/23]

*88. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount paid by his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023 on outside/third-party reports of a technical nature or qualitative and quantitative nature, by payee, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [34469/23]

*89. To ask the Minister for Finance when arrears of pay due under Building Momentum 2022-2023 will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [34552/23]

*90. To ask the Minister for Finance whether a person (details supplied) can apply for tax relief for health expenses for a procedure that is undertaken overseas and without a referral from a GP or service in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [34561/23]

*91. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider an adjustment to the tax exemption limit of €200 per annum for domestic solar microgeneration to further incentivise their installation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [34577/23]

*92. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding supports for the non-scripted television sector (details supplied) in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [33494/23]

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.

*93. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the public bodies that currently operate a barter account, and the amount processed through these accounts in the past 12 months, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [34456/23]

*94. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount paid by his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023 on outside/third-party reports of a technical nature or qualitative and quantitative nature, by payee, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [34475/23]

*95. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the breakdown of the €750 million in non-core expenditure listed as other, in the Summer Economic Statement (details supplied); and the monetary value of funding from that non-core expenditure which will be set aside for the temporary business energy support scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [34510/23]

*96. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 394 of 13 June 2023, when a retired person (details supplied) will receive their FEMPI restoration of pay given that the target deadline has been missed; the reason such a delay is being experienced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34576/23]

*97. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total cost, broken down by category, including advertising and social media advertising, for an event titled “The Elizabethan Conquest of Ireland” in Doneraile on 16 July; the number of additional staff broken down by grade above the usual staff complement; whether speaker fees will be paid; if so, the amount; whether travel and accommodation will be covered; whether the event was initiated by the OPW or the proposed speaker; the number of tickets for sale; and the number that are available or have been offered complimentary for the event. — Thomas Gould. [34608/23]

*98. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the current status of Action 2.1 of the National LGBTI Inclusion Strategy (for which his Department is responsible), to implement LGBTI+ inclusive recruitment practices across the public sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [34695/23]

*99. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the current status of Actions 2.3 and 3.1 of the National LGBTI Inclusion Strategy (for which his Department is responsible), specifically regarding the inclusion of diversity and inclusion perspectives in Civil Service training courses since the start of this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [34696/23]

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

*100. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide, in tabular form for each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, the number of arms export licences granted; the value of licensed arms exports; a breakdown of the type of arms exported; the destinations of those exports from Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34421/23]

*101. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount paid by his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023 on outside/third-party reports of a technical nature or qualitative and quantitative nature, by payee, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [34467/23]

*102. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is concerned about the series of proposed collective redundancies at a company (details supplied); if he will confirm the date on which he was formally notified by the company; if the IDA is working with the company to minimise the number of potential redundancies and identify cost-savings as an alternative to redundancies at the plant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [34502/23]

*103. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will encourage a company (details supplied) management to engage with pickers and drivers and their trade union regarding the imposition of a new work schedule without dialogue or agreement. — Louise O'Reilly. [34538/23]

*104. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if it is possible for a company to become an Enterprise Ireland client, thus allowing for the company to employ graduates in its respective sector with wage payment assistance from Enterprise Ireland, without Enterprise Ireland taking a percentage ownership stake in the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [34616/23]

*105. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the progress made to date in relation to the expansion of the Covid-19 temporary framework in relation to state aid rules; the current view of the European Commission on state aid rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [34629/23]

*106. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current status of Action 2.1 of the National LGBTI Inclusion Strategy (for which his Department is responsible) to build LGBTI awareness and inclusive practices amongst SMEs and micro enterprises, especially since October of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [34698/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*107. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the works at a school (details supplied), which were approved on 17 November 2022 and approval for further works given on 10 March 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [34431/23]

*108. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the progress and timelines for delivery of a new school accommodation for post-primary schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [34433/23]

*109. To ask the Minister for Education the status of progress and the timelines for the delivery of new school accommodation for schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [34434/23]

*110. To ask the Minister for Education why many EPV (Extra Personal Vacation) course providers, who provide high-quality continuous professional development courses, have had their permits to run courses reduced from three years to one year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [34450/23]

*111. To ask the Minister for Education the amount paid by her Department in 2022 and to date in 2023 on outside/third-party reports of a technical nature or qualitative and quantitative nature, by payee, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [34466/23]

*112. To ask the Minister for Education if primary school bus escorts will be provided with a pay increase under the recent pay agreement; if not, when they will receive a pay increase; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [34493/23]

*113. To ask the Minister for Education how many primary school bus escorts are currently paid for under grant funding. — Holly Cairns. [34494/23]

*114. To ask the Minister for Education if school cleaners will receive a pay increase under the recent pay agreement; if not, when they will receive a pay increase; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [34495/23]

*115. To ask the Minister for Education the average number of buses in the Bus Éireann school transport fleet for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [34520/23]

*116. To ask the Minister for Education the average number of buses in the Bus Éireann school transport fleet for Kildare, specifically, for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [34521/23]

*117. To ask the Minister for Education for an update from her Department on the state of plans for the recruitment and/or deployment of sufficient drivers for school-bus transport and the guaranteed provision of sufficient vehicles for same, State-wide and in Kildare in particular; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [34522/23]

*118. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the status of a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [34544/23]

*119. To ask the Minister for Education if a child (details supplied) will receive a place in a school in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34554/23]

*120. To ask the Minister for Education if a bus decanting service will be provided for sixty-six students in County Mayo (details supplied) whose school has had to transfer locations for the first two terms of the school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [34569/23]

*121. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 243 of 29 June 2023, the reason schools that planned and budgeted around the ICT grant to schools as listed

for payment in the FSSU schedule of grants in the 2022/2023 school year have been told that the next tranche of funding for ICT will not arrive until the 2023/2024 school year; if she aware that this effectively leaves schools without any ICT funding for the 2022/2023 school year, despite their having been led to believe otherwise and having budgeted for its arrival; if there are plans to rectify this situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [34596/23]

*122. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais ag éirí as freagra ar Cheist Pharlaiminteach Uimh. 125 ar an 29 Meitheamh 2023, cé mhéad den 25 iar-bhunscoil ina múintear roinnt ábhar trí Ghaeilge a bhfuil aonad neamhspleách faoi leith acu ina múintear gach ábhar trí Ghaeilge; líon na scoileanna a bhfuil sruth lán-Ghaeilge acu taobh istigh den scoil; agus líon na scoileanna ina múintear roinnt ábhar trí Ghaeilge ar bhonn roghnach do scoláirí; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [34624/23]

*123. To ask the Minister for Education to consider the request by a school (details supplied) in County Meath for a new school bus route to be put in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [34671/23]

*124. To ask the Minister for Education if a person (details supplied) can be facilitated to repeat modules as part of her teacher training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [34677/23]

*125. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on an application (details supplied). — Niall Collins. [34679/23]

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

*126. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount paid by her Department in 2022 and to date in 2023 on outside/third-party reports of a technical nature or qualitative and quantitative nature, by payee, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [34479/23]

*127. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when applications will open on the 2023 Sports Capital Funding Programme; when the applications will close; and when the allocations for 2023 will be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [34523/23]

*128. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the timeline for the completion of the two independent reviews into governance and culture in RTÉ and into contractor fees, HR and other matters; the reason no time limitation is set out in the terms of reference; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34644/23]

*129. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the timeline for the completion of the report by the forensic accountant into RTÉ's accounts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34645/23]

*130. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 6 of 18 May 2023, the details of any reporting relationship between her Department and Galway Culture Company with regard to the implementation of the Galway

2020 legacy programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34646/23]

*131. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what engagement her Department has had with an organisation (details supplied) in each of the years 2014 to-date in 2023; for details of any funding provided by her Department to this organisation in each of the years from 2014 to to-date in 2023 and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34647/23]

*132. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the current status of Action 7.1 of the National LGBTI Inclusion Strategy (for which her Department is responsible), regarding the engagement of cultural institutions with LGBTI culture and history; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [34699/23]

*133. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the current status of Action 7.2 of the National LGBTI Inclusion Strategy (for which her Department is responsible), regarding the creation of an LGBTI+ history and culture research think tank; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [34700/23]

*134. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the current status of Action 7.3 of the National LGBTI Inclusion Strategy (for which her Department is responsible), regarding the Business to Arts programme funding LGBTI+ artists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [34701/23]

*135. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil a Roinn tar éis aon iarrachtaí a dhéanamh dul i dteagmháil le Siamsa Tíre chun a chinntiú nach bhfuil deireadh curtha le taispeántais agus léirithe nach dtuillann brabús, go háirithe iad siúd a bhaineann leis an nGaeilge; an aithníonn sí go bhfuil géarchéim sna daonthaibhealaíne; agus cén dáta faoina bhfoilséoidh sí an Straitéis do na hEalaíne Teangabhunaithe. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [34780/23]

*136. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán liosta de cruinnithe an Coiste Chomhairleach a bunaíodh é faoi Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) 2021 agus cén dul chun chinn atá maidir leis an Plean Náisiúnta agus na Caighdeáin bheith foilsithe; agus an feidir léi na dréacht-caighdeáin a bhí geallta trí bhliain ó shin sular ritheadh an Acht a fhoilsiú. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [34781/23]

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

*137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide additional details on the independent appeals process as part of the new regulations for the defective concrete blocks scheme, including who will administer the appeals process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34419/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount paid by his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023 on outside/third-party reports of a technical nature or qualitative and quantitative nature, by payee, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [34473/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason only grade 1 conservation architects are considered eligible under the required qualifications of the

national built heritage conservation officer under the Planning and Development (Built Heritage Protection) Bill 2022; the reason building conservation accredited surveyors, which is equivalent to a grade 1 architect, are not considered eligible for the role of the national built heritage conservation officer; if he will review this matter and amend the Bill accordingly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [34497/23]

*140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the outcome of the Public Consultation on the Review of Part B (Fire Safety) of the Building Regulations; what the aim of the review was; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [34534/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will examine the delays in receiving timely responses from Uisce Éireann; if he can address the difficulties of public representatives to meet with/speak to Uisce Éireann representatives other than the call centre, which can only advise that the matter is being investigated; if he will provide all members with contact details of Uisce Éireann local management teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [34536/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in terms of Planning and Development Regulations, specifically, schedule 9, Fees for Planning Applications, section 2, Scale of Fees for Planning Applications, Class of Development; 12. the use of land as a burial ground; if consideration will be given to maintaining the need for a planning application, but waiving the fee for applications under this class of development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [34543/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average waiting time and average response times for Section 35 and 42 NWPS licences (details supplied); how many applications for same have been received; and how many have been responded to. — Cathal Crowe. [34579/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the funding requested from Louth County Council for an additional €570,000 for housing adaptation grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34751/23]

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

*145. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons currently in possession of a free travel pass per year from 2017-2023; and the cost to his Department per year, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [34657/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a jobseeker's benefit application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [34435/23]

*147. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many people are in receipt of the household benefits package in 2023; how many of these people also receive the fuel allowance; the estimated cost to increase the household benefits package by €4 per month; by €8 per month; and by €12 per month. — Paul McAuliffe. [34436/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many people are in receipt of the domiciliary care allowance for 2022 and 2023 respectively; how many applications were made

for the domiciliary care allowance in 2022 and 2023 respectively; and how many applications were refused in 2022 and 2023 respectively. — Paul McAuliffe. [34437/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many people are in receipt of the carer's allowance for 2022 and 2023 respectively; how many applications were made for the carer's allowance in 2022 and 2023 respectively; how many applications were refused in 2022 and 2023 respectively. — Paul McAuliffe. [34438/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to increase the carer's allowance by €4 per month; by €8 per month; and by €12 per month. — Paul McAuliffe. [34439/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many people are in receipt of the illness benefit for 2022 and 2023 respectively; how many applications were made for the illness benefit in 2022 and 2023 respectively; and how many applications were refused in 2022 and 2023 respectively. — Paul McAuliffe. [34440/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many people are in receipt of the disability allowance for 2022 and 2022 respectively; how many applications were made for the disability allowance in 2022 and 2023 respectively; how many applications were refused in 2022 and 2023 respectively. — Paul McAuliffe. [34441/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many people are in receipt of the half-rate carer's allowance for 2022 and 2023 respectively; how many applications were made for the half-rate carer's allowance in 2022 and 2023 respectively; how many applications were refused in 2022 and 2023 respectively. — Paul McAuliffe. [34442/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many people are in receipt of the parent's benefit for 2022 and 2023 respectively; how many applications were made for the parent's benefit in 2022 and 2023 respectively; how many applications were refused in 2022 and 2023 respectively. — Paul McAuliffe. [34443/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many families are in receipt of the working family payment for 2022 and 2023 respectively; how many applications were made for the working family payment in 2022 and 2023 respectively; how many applications were refused in 2022 and 2023 respectively. — Paul McAuliffe. [34444/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many people are in receipt of the adoptive benefit for 2022 and 2023 respectively; how many applications were made for adoptive benefit in 2022 and 2023 respectively; how many applications were refused in 2022 and 2023 respectively. — Paul McAuliffe. [34445/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many people are in receipt of the supplementary Welfare allowance for 2022 and 2023 respectively; how many applications were made for the supplementary welfare allowance in 2022 and 2023 respectively; how many applications were refused in 2022 and 2023 respectively. — Paul McAuliffe. [34446/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many people are in receipt of the additional needs payment for 2022 and 2023 respectively; how many applications were made for the additional needs payment in 2022 and 2023 respectively; how many applications were refused in 2022 and 2023 respectively. — Paul McAuliffe. [34447/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will detail the number of recipients, by county, of the living alone allowance for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 respectively. — Paul McAuliffe. [34448/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports available and if consideration is being given to help pensioners who will not qualify for a full State pension (contributory) on account of having a mixed insurance record with contributions paid in Ireland and abroad; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [34452/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount paid by her Department in 2022 and to date in 2023 on outside/third-party reports of a technical nature or qualitative and quantitative nature, by payee, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [34477/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if civil and public servants who take early retirement and are under 65 years of age and were paying full rate PRSI as they were employed post 1995 will have to be actively seeking work to be eligible for a social welfare payment and notify the Department when they are going on holidays; whether their entitlement to Jobseeker's benefit will be limited to nine months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [34649/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on review of the rate of disability allowance being paid to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [34703/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 391 of 13 December 2022, concerning payment of carers allowance to a person (details supplied); if she will explain why this person has not been in receipt of carers allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [34721/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 51 of 7 March 2023, her plans to extend the free travel scheme to persons with an epilepsy diagnosis; if she has received the report from officials in her Department on the issues raised by (details supplied) in relation to the free travel scheme, and if not, when she expects to receive it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34725/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a reply will issue to a person (details supplied) regarding a care support grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [34728/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware of the extreme difficulties often presented for many workers in the early years sector and other sections of the broader education system in making claims for jobseeker's payments at the end of school terms; if she will commit to streamlining this system in order to make it more efficient and effective for claimants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [34746/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a living alone allowance payment for a widow (details supplied) in County Kerry will be backdated to the date they were awarded widow's contributory pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [34750/23]

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

*169. To ask the Minister for Justice if cases for naturalisation of a minor are quicker in the event that both parents have become Irish citizens; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [35504/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will clarify if there are plans to amend Section 19(a) of the Criminal Evidence Act 1992 as amended by Section 39 of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017 so that a sexually abused child or adult will not have their private counselling/therapy records made available to the accused abuser; if she will clarify the rationale for this section of the Act and outline the implications for victims; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [34453/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount paid by her Department in 2022 and to date in 2023 on outside/third-party reports of a technical nature or qualitative and quantitative nature, by payee, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [34474/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a citizenship application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34511/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Justice the terms of the pension of a person (details supplied); and whether continuing payments are due to their surviving spouse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [34512/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the recording and reporting of sentencing data, with a particular focus on sexual offences; and what changes or reforms she intends to make in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [34514/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the strategic review of Abhaile/Dedicated Mortgage Arrears Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [34532/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision on the future of the Abhaile/Dedicated Mortgage Arrears Service can be expected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [34533/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1053 of 21 March 2023, the reason some groups have not yet received their rebate from Muintir na Tire; the groups that have not received a rebate, by-county under the headings (details supplied) together with her explanation re the non-payment. — Mattie McGrath. [34535/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Justice to confirm the current timeframe for the processing of citizenship applications, given, it is almost six years since an application (details supplied) was lodged; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [34560/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on an application for citizenship for a person (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [34563/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of failed refugee applicants currently held in Cloverhill Prison in Dublin or other prisons across the country awaiting deportation. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [34598/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Justice the international protection recognition rates for all countries of origin at first instance and appeal stages, in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34617/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cultural mediators currently employed at the International Protection Office; the languages they are employed to interpret; the number of cultural mediators present in the IPO on a daily basis; if they are subject to an interpreter's code of conduct; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34618/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of approvals and negative decisions made to date under the Afghan Admission Programme; the number of visas which have been issued to beneficiaries of the programme; if the final number of beneficiaries is expected to be greater than 500; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34619/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will expedite the application process for persons seeking a visa to enter this country for work purposes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [34682/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is satisfied with the number of gardaí in the force presently; the number of gardaí who will be retiring over the next 12 months; the number of gardaí who will be recruited in the same time; the number of gardaí who have retired early in each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [34683/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Justice the current timeline in relation to the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service for the processing of applications in respect of minors; the number of minor applications currently pending; and a breakdown of the length of time since pending applications were received in the following bands: less than 12 months, one to two years, and three years or more, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [34742/23]

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

*187. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a detailed timeline of correspondence between his Department and the European Commission concerning the proposed forestry programme and its compatibility with EU state aid rules in 2023. — Martin Browne. [34407/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will engage with the Minister for Public Expenditure; National Development Plan Delivery and Reform and ask officials from his Department and the Office of Public Works to re-engage with a person (details supplied) to discuss a safe and fair management system for the water courses that run through his farm land from all the hills in the surrounding townlands into the sea at the adjoining public beach. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [34417/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration is being given to requests previously made by the Irish Beef and Lamb Association (IBLA) at both the Beef Market Taskforce and the Suckler Brand Proposition forum that his Department create a national herd DNA profile database in order to enhance the traceability options available for Irish beef is being included and rolled out as part of the new national herd genotyping programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [34424/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department, through An Bord Bia, intends to use this unique position that Ireland is in with regard to genotyping to allow origin confirmatory testing of beef labelled as Irish beef or variants to this claim to ensure that there is the highest possible standards of traceability for Irish beef; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [34425/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he does not intend to establish enhanced origin testing for Irish beef using Genomic or DNA technology, the reason for this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [34426/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount paid by his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023 on outside/third-party reports of a technical nature or qualitative and quantitative nature, by payee, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [34463/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the Government funding received by the National Dairy Council; and if they are required to submit accounts to his, or any Department. — Thomas Gould. [34524/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a person (details supplied) did not receive their 2021 Glas payment. — Michael Creed. [34559/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the proposed trial on micro biodigesters has commenced; what supports are in place for micro biodigesters in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [34562/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the Chief Executive of Horse Racing Ireland was the one to choose who would conduct the independent review of IHRBs financial issue (details supplied); if he will review this decision and appoint an independent auditor with no connection to the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [34594/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cattle herds in the State with livestock units (LSU) of 350 or higher; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34599/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of pig farms in the State with livestock units (LSU) of 350 or higher; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34600/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of poultry farms in the State with livestock units (LSU) of 350 or higher; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34601/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 447 of 4 July 2023, if he is aware of shipments of Ukrainian grain being imported into the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34602/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied that the funding of €50,000.00 approx. allocated by Horse Sport Ireland for the purchase of sand for the Greenogue facility was spent in accordance with all procurement requirements and represented value for money. — John McGuinness. [34607/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 52 of 25 May 2023, the status of the National Strategic Plan for Sustainable Aquaculture Development for the period 2021 - 2030, which was due for publication in Q2 2023; when the plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34643/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for details of any engagement his Department has had with farming, forestry and fisheries representative groups to-date in 2023 with regard to the EU Nature Restoration Law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34674/23]

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

*204. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department is considering providing funding to deal with the non-payment of increments to staff working within the disability sector including an organisation (details supplied) who despite numerous meetings and appeals to date have no indication that the said increments will be retrospectively paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [34423/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of persons in direct provision who have leave to remain getting eviction notices when they cannot find a place to live, and persons are being forcibly removed from direct provision centres (details supplied). — Gino Kenny. [34545/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can outline the IPAS policy on forcing persons out of direct provision centres if they cannot find accommodation within HAP limits, especially if this results with them having to leave employment or study if the centre they are told to move to is not in travel distance of employment or college. — Gino Kenny. [34546/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of respite beds available people with a disability respectively, by CHO in 2019 and in 2023; when respite beds withdrawn during Covid will be reinstated in light of the hardship being caused to carers and their families. — Denis Naughten. [34572/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an updated on the recruitment of speech and language therapist positions at a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [34745/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child (details supplied) will receive an appointment for speech and language therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [34747/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 529 of 20 June 2023, his views on the fact that when healthcare professionals refers a child to a children's disability network team, this does not automatically result in the child being added to the assessment of need waiting list, thus denying that child a legal right to an assessment within the statutory timeframe; his views on whether this is morally and ethically correct, given that in many cases parents do not understand that the list they are

on does not have the same legal protections as the assessment of need list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34748/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 325 of 1 June 2023, if he will provide a progress update regarding the new primary care area assessment team (PCAAT) in Wexford; if it will be in a position to inform children when they will receive their diagnostic assessment of need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [34753/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the schemes available to provide financial assistance for families who have to engage private providers for psychology assessments for children who are waiting more than three months to be assessed; the application process involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [34408/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a person (details supplied), who has been on the list for residential care since 2010, can expect to be offered a residential care place. — Louise O'Reilly. [34430/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a formal application has been made to his Department for the use of the (details supplied) for the accommodation for International Protection Applicants; if an informal approach has been made to his Department with regards to the future use of this property for the accommodation for international protection applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [34432/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of children who have been in the disability services since birth who now find themselves without any prospective placement as they complete their school attendance, as in a particular case (details supplied); and if there are any policy options through which he could assist. — Richard Bruton. [34461/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount paid by his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023 on outside/third-party reports of a technical nature or qualitative and quantitative nature, by payee, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [34464/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address issues raised by the residents of a facility (details supplied) who have highlighted that some conditions of their accommodation have been violated; and if he will allow them to self-cater as requested and will he address the other questions raised in correspondence. — Paul Murphy. [34513/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to ensure appropriate provision of childcare services for babies aged 6 to 12 months in the Dublin 1, 3, 7, 9 and 11 areas, respectively; if he will outline the most up-to-date research conducted by his Department into the capacity of existing childcare provision in the same areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [34537/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the progress made since 2020 to expand childcare provision for children under one year

old; the steps he will take in Budget 2024 to address availability and affordability for the same group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [34542/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether there are any negotiations ongoing between his Department and accommodation providers in Galway city in relation to providing further accommodation for Ukrainian refugees and other asylum seekers; if so, the number of premises involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [34548/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if IPAS will engage with an accommodation provider (details supplied) in County Kerry regarding a commercial offer of accommodation for Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [34567/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of times the postponement part of the Maternity Protection (Amendment) Act 2004 has been accessed. — Jim O'Callaghan. [34580/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of programmes, and their purpose, operated by his Department with ESF support in place during 2023; the prospects of additional programmes in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [34595/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 591 of 16 May 2023, if the information can now be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34620/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to childcare and early learning providers petition to notify service users of the potential for them to withdrawn from core funding and increase fees; and the steps he is taking in this regard. — Catherine Murphy. [34669/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of service providers that have opted into the core funding model since its introduction; the number that did not opt in; and the number that have since withdrawn. — Catherine Murphy. [34670/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current status of Action 2.4 of the National LGBTI Inclusion Strategy, concerning the development of an LGBT+ Employee and Ally network, specifically regarding progress since March of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [34697/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can offer an explanation for the 75% failure to meet set targets for movement of those with disabilities in congregated residential care settings to community-based settings; what measures Government will take to bring Ireland into line with the UN convention on the rights of people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [34719/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if consideration will be given to accommodating an individual (details supplied) in a certain accommodation centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [34739/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [34744/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his view on a recent HIQA report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [34764/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*232. To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech and language therapists in Wexford; the number of unfilled positions for speech and language therapists in Wexford; the steps his Department is taking to improve this situation and to increase the number of speech and language therapists in Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [34409/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the specific services being considered for ‘upstream’ interventions in the area of youth mental health services in the community and voluntary sector; the specific ways in which it is intended to enhance services for children and young people with mild to moderate mental health difficulties who do not need access to specialist mental health services; the level of investment concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [34406/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the outcome of discussions with the European Commission following the latter’s contact with the Irish authorities regarding Ireland’s implementation of the Cross-Border Directive in light of the recent review by the Irish Ombudsman of the administration of the Cross-Border Healthcare Scheme established in Ireland under Directive 2011/24/EU, and the Treatment Abroad Scheme established under Council Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 and operated under Council Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 which found numerous barriers to access for Irish patients to both schemes, as well as problems with their administration by the Irish Health Service Executive (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34410/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Health in terms of the procurement process for the HSE what efforts are being made to ensure best value for money where potential suppliers can demonstrate that alternative products can meet the technical requirements; the process for examining alternative solutions which can demonstrate adherence to the technical requirements; how is product specification determined; who creates the technical product data requirements for the HSE; where a company was rejected on technical points which were contradictory or hold no technical credibility, what avenue is available to have the technical requirements examined to ensure that best value for money is being met and that the technical requirements hold weight; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [34422/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE’s plans to conduct research on the prevalence and use of cannabinoids in vapes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [34427/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting period for any genetic test in the public health system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [34449/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Health when a support worker (details supplied) who worked in a healthcare facility during the pandemic can expect their pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [34451/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail the health infrastructure projects currently underway in CHO1; the projects completed since June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34454/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail the health infrastructure projects currently underway in CHO7; the projects completed since June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [34455/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no dental surgeries have taken place in Cork since March; and to identify the numbers of surgeries delayed for dental work and the age profile of those impacted. — Sean Sherlock. [34459/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Health when he will publish the north inner-city drug and alcohol task force consultation report; the reasons for not providing the task force members with a copy of the completed report; and when he will re-establish the taskforce. — Mary Lou McDonald. [34462/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid by his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023 on outside/third-party reports of a technical nature or qualitative and quantitative nature, by payee, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [34472/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Health if he has been made aware of proposed changes to SouthDoc out-of-hours GP services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [34481/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ENT consultants in Dublin; how many patients these consultants currently cover; are their plans to hire additional ENT consultants for Dublin; if so, if a timeframe is in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [34499/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ENT consultants in Cork and Kerry; how many patients these consultants currently cover; are their plans to hire additional ENT consultants for Cork and Kerry; if so, if a timeframe is in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [34500/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has considered the introduction of a text messaging reminder service for HSE appointments; if he will agree that the degree of missed appointments is posing a strain to HSE services and resources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [34503/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Health if rehabilitation will be expedited for a person (details supplied) in the National Rehabilitation Centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34506/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and when they can expect an appointment in the Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [34507/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Health if the specialist referral of a child (details supplied) can be arranged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [34508/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase capacity in HSE audiology clinics; if consideration is being given to offering adult medical card holders the option to be assessed and treated by community audiologists under the Department of Social Protection's treatment benefit scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [34516/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no specific service (details supplied) is being provided in an area; what plans are there to address this situation; if an advertisement has been placed to recruit the position; if so, the outcome of the recruitment campaign; how many children are currently waiting for this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [34517/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Health is he aware that there has been no processing of medical card authorisations by the optical department in Kilkenny (details supplied) for approximately four weeks; which is leading to a huge leap in the waiting lists in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [34531/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE is not progressing the sale of a property (details supplied) in County Leitrim to provide for a new health resource for the town in question; and if he will intervene in the matter with the HSE. — Frankie Feighan. [34555/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Health whether a person (details supplied) can apply for the cross-Border treatment scheme if they travel overseas for a procedure without a referral when the waiting list for a referral is several years long; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [34564/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Health the reason emergency respite funding was withdrawn from an organisation (details supplied) overnight recently; if he will reverse this decision in light on the hardship being caused due to the lack of respite availability since Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [34571/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite beds available for older people by CHO in 2019 and in 2023; when respite beds withdrawn during Covid will be reinstated in light of the hardship being caused to carers and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [34572/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide specific financial assistance to patients with home dialysis machines in light of the additional cost of their operation due to rising electricity prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [34573/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Health the median income figure being used in relation to the expansion of GP visit card income limits; the reason the thresholds provided in his statement on 4 July 2023 are significantly less than the median income (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34574/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to the recently announced expansion of income limits for GP visit cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34575/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Health if, with regard to lymphoedema, there are plans to address deficiencies in funding for Ennis General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [34584/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Health the total budget allocation to section 38 organisation in 2023; the share of allocation used for pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34585/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Health the total budget allocation to section 39 organisation in 2023; the share of allocation used for pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34586/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that funding is provided by the HSE to a young person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34597/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Health if he will advise on visiting times at Roscommon Psychiatric Hospital; if he will provide an update on average waiting times at the hospital; if he will advise on staffing levels in the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34605/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on the funding he has provided specifically to support patients with a diagnosis of multiple system atrophy in the midlands region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34606/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Health the number of requests for medical records from CUMH in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [34609/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Health whether an application for planning permission has been lodged with Galway County Council by the HSE for the conversion of the disused health centre in recess into an ambulance base; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [34621/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive an ultrasound appointment at UL Hospitals Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [34625/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Health given the lack of hospital consultants in the Midland region what safety research has been done by the HSE on the ambulance and patient bypass of Navan accident and emergency towards Mullingar hospital. — Peadar Tóibín. [34650/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the 100 highest salaries within the HSE; how many management staff in the HSE have salaries above €400,000; how many management staff in the HSE have salaries above €300,000; how many management staff in the HSE have salaries above €200,000; and how many management staff in the HSE have salaries above €100,000. — Peadar Tóibín. [34651/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Health how many medical staff in the HSE have salaries above €400,000; how many medical staff in the HSE have salaries above €300,000; how many medical staff in the HSE have salaries above €200,000; and how many medical staff in the HSE have salaries above €100,000. — Peadar Tóibín. [34652/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Health how many contract staff in the HSE have salaries above €400,000; how many contract staff in the HSE have salaries above €300,000; how many contract staff in the HSE have salaries above €200,000; and how many contract staff in the HSE have salaries above €100,000. — Peadar Tóibín. [34653/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Health if there are Barter accounts in the HSE; if there are accounts from which there is spending on non-money remuneration; if so, if he will detail how many and the value of expenditure from these accounts over the past ten years; and how many HSE staff, management and separately medical staff have a car or a car allowance as part of their remuneration package. — Peadar Tóibín. [34654/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Health what action is being taken to ensure that dental surgeries can take place at Cork University dental school and hospital, as patients are being told that surgeries are on hold as there has been no access to a theatre since March; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [34678/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Health if, with regard to the Public Sector Performance Report and figures showing that only 80 of a targeted 235 intensive homecare packages were delivered, he can explain the reason for the 66% shortfall; what measures he and his Department will put in place to ensure that all intensive homecare packages are delivered in future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [34715/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Health if he can explain the 66% shortfall where only 80 of 235 targeted homecare packages were delivered (Public Sector Performance Report 2022); what measures the Government intends to take to ensure targets are met in future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [34716/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Health if, with reference to the Public Sector Performance Report 2022 and figures showing approximately 40% of target home support house undelivered, what measures the Government will take to ensure targets are met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [34717/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Health what measures he would consider to address the extreme shortage of GP services in Kildare, in circumstances where a person (details supplied) has been unable to find a GP willing to take them on as a patient, and where their partner (now expecting their first child) was, after considerable effort on their own and their partner's behalf, only able to find a GP willing to accept them as a patient outside their catchment area, so that they and their child could receive vital maternity care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [34720/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to undertake a review of the fair deal scheme; if he will detail the precise terms of reference that would underwrite such a review; if he intends either within the context of such a review or independently of such a review to establish the level of charges that nursing home residents are incurring from their disposable income for daily service charges, medical services, transport to medical appointments, prescription fees and other daily incidentals; if he agrees that the depletion of the 20% of the assessable income retained by nursing homes residents after paying 80% of their assessable income for their nursing home care in this manner is placing an insupportable financial burden on nursing home residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [34729/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 118 and 119 of 19 April 2023, for an update on the acquisition of the site for the primary care centre in Collinstown, Clondalkin, Dublin 22; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [34749/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the case of a child (details supplied); if he will ask his officials to review the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [34752/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene in a situation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [34765/23]

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

*284. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount paid by his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023 on outside/third-party reports of a technical nature or qualitative and quantitative nature, by payee, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [34471/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider a revision of third-level fees or similar measure to assist families where more than one child is attending college (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [34498/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will ensure that an invitation is extended to an organisation (details supplied) to the Research and Innovation Policy Advisory Forum; whether there are defined criteria within his Department for the selection of representatives at the Advisory Forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [34570/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the allocation of State funding to each technological university in each year since 2019, in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [34578/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will urgently intervene to ensure an apprentice (details supplied) is offered a placement in September to complete stage 6 of his course. — Robert Troy. [34722/23]

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

*289. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development whether there are plans to run the community centres investment fund, launched in 2023, again in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [34460/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount paid by her Department in 2022 and to date in 2023 on outside/third-party reports of a technical nature or qualitative and quantitative nature, by payee, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [34476/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34501/23]

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I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 13 IÚIL, 2023
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,
FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 13 JULY, 2023**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he will revert to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine to advise when the Island Fisheries (Heritage Licence) Bill 2017 can be progressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [34612/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason all farmers in the SCEP must also be in the Bord Bia scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [34529/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide clarification in relation to the recent increase in the UK albacore tuna quota (details supplied) which includes access to EU fishing grounds while the Irish quota for the same species remains unchanged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [34710/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers with less than ten suckler cows in the SCEP scheme; the percentage of such farmers estimated to be in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [34528/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 67 of 25 May 2023, for an update on the work of the Wool Council; if the €30,000 in departmental funding promised to support the Wool Council has been drawn down to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34655/23]

6. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what welfare measures have been taken in the greyhound sector in the past twelve months to satisfy the Programme for Government commitment that State funding of the sector will be contingent on a guarantee of welfare standards being upheld on an annual basis. — Brian Leddin. [34755/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on banning or restriction the use of glyphosate. — Holly Cairns. [28551/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on social farming in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [34763/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether Bord Bia should be funding climate disinformation about the supposed ‘sustainability’ of Irish milk, given

the state of the climate and biodiversity crises (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [34761/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 268 of 1 June 2023, if consideration will be given to allocating additional money to animal rescue charities in Budget 2024, given the unprecedented amount of surrenders they are dealing with at present and in the aftermath of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [34485/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether he will support a ban on coursing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [34760/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what steps have been taken to establish an interdepartmental and industry working group on timber in construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [34756/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to detail what efforts his Department is taking to ensure consistent Irish food production into future in the context of more extreme weather conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [33501/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he intends to expand on the marketing strategy of organic meats; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [34483/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action is being taken by his Department to improve farmers’ knowledge and awareness of the prevention of injury and ill-health on farms, in particular the use of targeted media campaigns, and how awareness is raised in rural communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [34492/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the proposals, if any, to have further discussions at the Council of Agriculture and Fisheries Ministers in relation to the need to protect food production in the EU and ensure food security; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34705/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the actions he is taking to deliver transparency in the food supply chain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34771/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action is being taken by Government to reduce emissions and prevent even further biodiversity loss in the context of extreme sea temperatures that have been seen this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [34758/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what engagement his Department has had with the Minister and Department of Transport prior and present to the introduction of Statutory Instrument - European Union (International Labour Organisation Work in Fishing Convention) (Safe Manning) Regulations 2023 (S.I. No. 315 of 2023) and its effect on the Irish fishing industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [34754/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the further measures his Department will take to address delays in payments; what outstanding challenges there are to ensuring that BISS and ANC payments can be made on time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34615/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action is being taken by Government to tackle the continued extreme deterioration of our water quality driven by increased nitrates and our industrial agriculture model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [34757/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if flexibility will be offered to advisors responsible for scoring land under the ACRES scheme, considering the twelve-day delay in the scoring app being launched and ongoing reports of advisors being under significant pressure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34614/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has had any engagement with the fishing community regarding the statutory instrument which came into effect on 1 July 2023, requiring fishing vessels longer than 15 metres to have a fully qualified second skipper on board at all times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [33817/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has had discussions with the EPA regarding reported anomalies in its water quality report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [34724/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will devise a scheme to help farmers with particularly old tractors, which are in constant use but in a poor state of repair, to upgrade to newer and safer tractors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [34484/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the target for afforestation in 2023; the number of hectares of new afforestation to date; and if he intends to revise this target. — Matt Carthy. [34735/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps his Department is taking to encourage young people into the agricultural sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [34769/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the level of advertising by public bodies funded by his Department. — Thomas Gould. [34714/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied that agri-food imports into this country from whatever source are only allowed from countries adhering to similar carbon reduction measures that apply in this jurisdiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34623/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the interaction there has been with his Department and other Government Departments about the schemes currently underway and in the pipeline for renewable electricity production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [34672/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline the details and payments associated with the suckler carbon efficiency programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [34768/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update in relation to the nitrates derogation and recent discussions regarding the proposed changes to the current levels which are in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [34491/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied that productive agricultural land currently contributing to food production in this country is not decommissioned in favour of climate change objectives and that all possible scientific and dietary means are used to ensure carbon reduction without affecting the food-productive capacity of this country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34622/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline the progress being made in his Department's engagement with the European Commission pertaining to the forestry programme 2023 – 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [34530/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures that will be implemented to ensure that adequate supports are in place to continue to assist in the production of safe, high-quality and sustainably produced food due to this sector's importance in providing food supply at home and in export earnings which are critical to the national economy and employment throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34706/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether a land use strategy is being developed within which aspirations for forestry, for the protection of biodiversity, for climate, for renewables and for the bioeconomy could be evolved in a coherent manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [34169/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration has been given to establishing a dedicated forestry agency within his Department given the significant challenges in forestry and ongoing delays to the forestry programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34613/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 87 of 25 May 2023, for an update on plans for the introduction of measures to protect the sprat fishery, which is concentrated inside the six-nautical-mile zone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34656/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the targeted number of forestry licences to be issued in 2023; the number of licences issued to date, by type; and if he intends to revise this target. — Matt Carthy. [34736/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has monitored the percentage increase in the cost of fertiliser in each month for the past three years; if so, if he will provide this data, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Kirby. [33818/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the anticipated steps needed in order to implement carbon farming as a reliable source of income for farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [34170/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his Department's response to the Citizen's Assembly on Biodiversity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [34713/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the progress of the independent review of the ash dieback scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [34723/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of prosecutions in respect of owners failing to chip their horses; the number of horses impounded for non-compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [33477/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is considering how there can be better interaction and co-operation between officials and agencies of his Department and other State agencies which are involved in inspections on farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [34673/23]

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

46. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán sí buartha mar an tAire atá freagrach as cur i bhfeidhm Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2003 go bhfuil ag teipeadh ar alt 7, sa chomhthéacs nach bhfuil leagan Gaeilge foilsithe seachas i gcás 21% den 511 Acht a bhí le cur ar fáil i nGaeilge faoi 2024 de réir chinneadh na hArdChúirte i 2019, agus an bhfuil sé i gceist aici dul i mbun comhrá leis an Roinn Dlí agus Cirt, Rannóg an Aistriúcháin, nó Seirbhís Thithe an Oireachtais chun a chinntiú go gcuirfear i bhfeidhm an alt seo go luath. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [34777/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to detail what further supports her Department is considering with regard to supporting the development of new festivals in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [33506/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has confidence in the RTÉ board, considering the board directly withheld information in relation to requesting the resignation of a person (details supplied) and the subsequent drip-feeding of information in previous weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [34690/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the review of public service broadcasting will examine the role of advertising and programme sponsorship on influencing public opinion with respect to climate action; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [34707/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has assessed the future patterns of media consumption and the implications this has for public policy. — Richard Bruton. [34167/23]

51. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán chun fiafrí ar an aire cean plean atá aici chun muinín an phobal in RTÉ a aththógaint; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [34726/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she became aware of RTÉ's secret payments to a person (details supplied); and what actions she took upon finding out about it. — Gary Gannon. [32524/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the engagements she has had with her Cabinet colleagues regarding tourism in County Monaghan. — Matt Carthy. [34731/23]

54. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén cur chuige atá idir í féin agus Údarás na Gaeltachta chun cinntiú go mbeidh leas á bhaint as na 60 foirgnimh folamh atá ag Údarás na Gaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [34776/23]

55. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimh. 29 ar an 18 Bealtaine 2023, soiléiriú a thabhairt ar stádas an fheachtais earcaíochta maidir le Coimisinéir Teanga nua a cheapadh; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [34666/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she believes systemic issues such as advertising commercial pressures and the funding model have negatively impacted on the public service remit of RTÉ and contributed to the controversy that has now emerged in the broadcaster; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [34687/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has engaged with the hotel sector in Dublin in order to discourage high price-increases during busy tourist periods; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [34737/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 681 of 18 April 2023, the details of the review underway by Údarás na Gaeltachta into its property portfolio; the status of the preparation of development and refurbishment plans; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34665/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media whether, in the aftermath of the RTÉ controversy, she intends to introduce salary caps to rein in the excessive remuneration of a minority of staff and contractors at the top of the organisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [34685/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has plans to end the commercialisation of RTÉ and replace the licence fee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [34708/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she can confirm if the 345,000 in additional payments were included in the aggregate pay bill reported in

the financial statements as stipulated by the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34770/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to initiate reviews of all the boards or executive boards of every State or semi-State company under her Department's remit to ensure the mismanagement displayed at RTÉ is not replicated in other State or semi-State companies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [34583/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media whether she will engage with Cork City Council to progress a museum or commemorative facility recognising the impact of the docks and dockers in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [34712/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if an investigation into the Irish film industry to is planned in view of the issues raised by representatives of actors, performers and crew during the recent hearings at the Budget Scrutiny Committee on Section 481 Film Credit about systemic breaches of employment rights, copyright legislation and suggestions of creative accounting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [34686/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will clarify when the €500,000 earmarked for grassroots girls' programmes, adult women recreational football and women in football leadership programmes will be accessible; the application process to secure funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [34693/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to clarify when the independent, root and branch examination into RTÉ will commence; how long the process will take; when it is envisaged that the findings of the report will be made available to her Department in order that she can address the recommendations proposed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [34489/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of individuals who have been prosecuted for failure to pay their TV licence fee; the average length of sentence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [34589/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what efforts her Department is making to tackle to reduce costs in the tourism sector in an effort to keep Ireland competitive as a destination; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [33505/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason a former member of the RTÉ board (details supplied) has been appointed as one of the persons to investigate the work culture at RTÉ, considering there is a perceived conflict of interest; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [34689/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a breakdown of her engagement with a person (details supplied) in relation to the actions being considered by RTÉ's new director general in dealing with those who were complicit or aware of the controversial payments and his intentions on regaining staff and public trust via accountability and transparency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [34691/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will convene a stakeholder forum as a matter of priority in line with Recommendation No. 14 of the Report of the Oireachtas Committee on Budgetary Oversight on the Section 481 tax credit for film; the dates and times of meetings between her officials and the Department of Finance on the matter until now; and to make a statement on the recommendation. — Mairéad Farrell. [34627/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media whether the review of sports capital grants indicates the desirability of introducing changes or new elements to the application and selection process. — Richard Bruton. [34168/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what steps her Department is taking to increase tourism in the Boyne Valley. — Peadar Tóibín. [33735/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the national swimming strategy will be published; and if she intends to open a capital grant process for the development of public swimming pools in towns such as Carrickmacross. — Matt Carthy. [34730/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide an update on the night-time economy and the taskforce to unlock the potential this sector will bring to city, town and village centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [34767/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to outline the extent of her knowledge regarding RTÉ's secret payments to a host (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [32523/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if and when she intends to convene a stakeholder forum for the Irish film industry as recommended in the recent report on section 481 produced by the Budget Scrutiny Committee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [34688/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if and when she intends to meet representatives of the RTÉ staff to ascertain their views on the payments controversy, the changes in culture and governance needed and to address the employment issues affecting ordinary staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [34684/23]

79. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimh. 4 ar an 18 Bealtaine 2023, cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir leis an obair athbhreithniúcháin atá idir lámha ag Údarás na Gaeltachta i ndáil leis na córais agus an cur chuige atá i ngníomh ag an Údarás faoi láthair chun tacú le cur chun cinn na Gaeilge sna cliantchuideachtaí agus i ndáil leis na bealaí ina ndéantar an t-ábhar a bhaineann leo a riar; cathain a fhoilseofar toradh na hanailíse; soiléiriú a thabhairt ar an scéim phíolótach; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [34667/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if, in light of recent statements by the Football Association of Ireland regarding the lack of funding for League of Ireland clubs, he will provide the total amount of funding allocated to soccer clubs and soccer

organisations in County Louth through the sports capital funding programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [34692/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to elaborate on the measures her Department, in conjunction with Fáilte Ireland, is implementing to address escalating hotel prices, which is causing significant distress to customers and tourists seeking accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [34766/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will devise a strategy to maximise the benefit of coach-tour tourism along the Wild Atlantic Way; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [34488/23]

83. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil sí buartha faoin titim leanúnach ar líon na gcainteoir laethúil Gaeilge sa Ghaeltacht atá léirithe i nDaonáirimh 2016 agus 2022; agus an aithníonn sí go léiríonn seo go bhfuil géarchéim teangeolaíoch sa Ghaeltacht; agus ráiteas a thabhairt faoi conas dul i ngleic leis an bhfadhb. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [34778/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the external independent review into governance and culture at RTÉ. — Peadar Tóibín. [33736/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will agree to make her issuing of the cultural certificate for applicants for Section 481 film tax relief conditional on the fulfilment of clear metrics for quality employment and training, and compliance with copyright legislation; and if she will convene a stakeholder forum as a matter of priority in line with Recommendation No. 14 of the Report of the Committee on Budgetary Oversight on the Section 481 tax credit for film. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [34775/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will ensure that there will be further engagement with the UK government and stakeholders in Northern Ireland in relation to the impact of the electronic travel authorisation scheme for tourists travelling to Northern Ireland via this State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34632/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she continues to ensure the availability of sufficient accommodation for tourism throughout the season; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32449/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she continues to encourage public broadcasting in the wake of recent events; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32448/23]

89. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán soiléiriú a thabhairt ar an obair athbhreithniúcháin atá déanta ar an gcéad 10 bplean teanga a ceadaíodh faoi Acht na Gaeltachta, 2012; cathain a thabharfar an obair athbhreithniúcháin chun críche; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [34668/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will convene a stakeholder forum as a matter of urgency in relation to Recommendation No. 14 of the

Report of the Committee on Budgetary Oversight on the Section 481 tax credit for film; and to make a statement on the recommendation. — Paul Donnelly. [34732/23]

91. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil na teaghlaigh ar fad a choinnigh scoláirí faoi Scéim na bhFoghlaimeoirí suas go dtí deireadh mhí an Mheithimh tar éis a gcuid íocaíochtaí a fháil ón Roinn; mura bhfuil, cathain a íocfar iad; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [34527/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what steps her Department has taken to tackle abuse of referees during matches. — Paul McAuliffe. [34738/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the new sports capital programme will open for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [34727/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on her interactions, and those of her Department, with the RTÉ board and executive board in relation to the ongoing issues at the broadcaster; if she will outline the terms of reference for the inquiries into RTÉ that her Department is involved in; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [34631/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if consideration would be given to the implementation of regular external reviews of RTÉ whereby an independent, root-and-branch examination of the organisation would be carried out going forward, in view of what has transpired in recent weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [34490/23]

96. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an aithníonn sí go bhfuil dreachrachaí fós ann Mná Tí úra a mhealladh nó súid a bhí ina mná tí roimhe a choiméad toisc rialacha mí-réasúnta, roghanna níos solúbtha bheith á mhealladh ón earnáil, costas árachas srl ardaithe as cuimse, agus cén cèimeanna úra a ghlacfar chun cuidiú le Mná Tí sgus na Coláistí Samhradh atá ag brath ortha. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [34779/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the expenditure provision for arts and culture in the revised estimates volume this year; the increase this represents on the out-turn for 2019; the expenditure provision for Gaeltacht in the revised estimate volume for this year; the increase this represents on the out-turn for 2019; the reason for the difference between the two; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [34526/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if and when she will meet with representatives of rank-and-file RTÉ workers to discuss their concerns, including the ending of bogus self-employment and precarious contracts at RTÉ; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [34709/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is satisfied that there are sufficient facilities across the country to support the development of athletics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [34694/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department's review of the large-scale sport infrastructure fund (LSSIF) is nearly complete; if she can clarify how much of the money has been drawn down; how the review of the LSSIF is progressing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [34384/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the progress being made by the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) with regard to corporate governance reform; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [34385/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the consultation to date with stakeholders in Northern Ireland in relation to the development of more tourism projects on a cross-Border and all-Ireland basis, with particular reference to funding under the peace plus programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34633/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she intends to review television licensing on foot of the recent RTÉ payments and perks controversy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [34487/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 680 of 18 April 2023, the details of the empty buildings listed that are ready to be brought back into use; the details of plans to bring all empty buildings owned by Údarás na Gaeltachta back into use; the projected timeline for same; the details of any analysis carried out into the resources required to bring these buildings back into use; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34664/23]