



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*1. To ask the Taoiseach his views on his comments (details supplied) that he expected that energy prices would remain very high this winter; what informed this conclusion; how many times he met with energy companies to discuss this; and if he will report on these meetings. — Darren O'Rourke. [34871/23]

\*2. To ask the Taoiseach his views on his comments (details supplied) that he expected that energy prices would remain very high this winter; what informed this conclusion; and how many times he has met with the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities to discuss this. — Darren O'Rourke. [34872/23]

\*3. To ask the Taoiseach the number of personnel in his Department at Principal Officer level or above who, on retiring from that position, were subsequently appointed to a State or semi-State board over the past ten years. — Michael Ring. [34933/23]

\*4. To ask the Taoiseach to outline the internships, apprenticeships and graduate schemes run by his Department and public bodies under the aegis of his Department. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [35496/23]

\*5. To ask the Taoiseach the number of persons released from jail that went on to commit an offence again within three years of their release; the proportion of the number of released prisoners they represented, in each of the past five years, by category of offence, and by period within which the subsequent crime was committed, in tabular form; the way in which the rate of recidivism here compares with other EU countries. — Noel Grealish. [34831/23]

\*6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will advise when the NESC report on just transition for the farming sector will be launched. — Claire Kerrane. [35498/23]

\*7. To ask the Taoiseach if the criminalisation records of individuals convicted of historical homosexual offences belonging to the Attorney General were transferred to the National Archives. — Patrick Costello. [35776/23]

\*8. To ask the Taoiseach the action his Department has taken to honour the Programme for Government pledge to ensure that Government Departments and public bodies take positive steps, including the use of correct pronouns and, where possible, making improvements on official forms, to assist non-binary people. — Michael Moynihan. [35837/23]

\*9. To ask the Taoiseach if the Attorney General has deposited all his files with the National Archives regarding the High Court, Supreme Court and European Court of Human Rights

cases in relation to proposals for gay law reform which resulted in a landmark judgement and decriminalisation thirty years ago. — Patrick Costello. [36236/23]

\*10. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department, and all agencies under the remit of his Department, have their telephone contact details on their websites and on other media platforms; and if all stationery and headed notepaper used in correspondence with the public contain relevant phone contact details, taking into account that everybody is not in a position to correspond by e-mail. — Brendan Smith. [36704/23]

\*11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an overview of the Shared Island programme since its launch in 2020; the funding provided to each project; and the initiatives supported. — Cathal Crowe. [37049/23]

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

\*12. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he and/or his officials have composed a green paper on the topic of a united Ireland in the past ten years to date. — Catherine Murphy. [36164/23]

\*13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the commitments made by Ireland under the remit of his Department at COP26 and COP27, respectively; the progress made to date on actioning those, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36883/23]

\*14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs how he will ensure that the cluster munitions agreed by the USA to be given to Ukraine for use will not be transported through Shannon Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [35648/23]

\*15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress to date in the establishment of the 2023 Election Observation Roster competition; when same will be advertised; if it is intended that the Public Appointments Service will be used to recruit for the competition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35661/23]

\*16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [35711/23]

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\*18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on a foreign birth registry application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [35736/23]

\*19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on a foreign births registry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35737/23]

\*20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on a foreign births registry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35738/23]

\*21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on a foreign births registry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35739/23]

\*22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on a foreign births registry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35740/23]

\*23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on a foreign births registry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35741/23]

\*24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken formally to his Polish counterpart since the last EU Foreign Affairs Council Meeting. — Paul Donnelly. [35796/23]

\*25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason for the prolonged delays for decisions regarding foreign birth registrations within his Department; and the reason one such case (details supplied) demands certain documents that appear irrelevant. — Frankie Feighan. [35815/23]

\*26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the action his Department has taken to honour the Programme for Government pledge to ensure that Government Departments and public bodies take positive steps, including the use of correct pronouns and, where possible, making improvements on official forms, to assist non-binary people. — Michael Moynihan. [35829/23]

\*27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 130 of 20 June 2023, if, in the case of each embassy, consulate, representative office or mission to multilateral institutions, the property is owned by the State; if so, the year it was purchased and the associated cost, or in the case of rental properties, the cost associated with each such instance in 2022. — Matt Carthy. [35852/23]

\*28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the preparatory work underway in relation to Ireland assuming the Presidency of the European Union in 2026; his intended approach regarding engagement with the public, civil society, Ministerial colleagues and other stakeholders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35853/23]

\*29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 125 of 13 June 2023, if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [35889/23]

\*30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to the decision of the United States government to supply cluster bombs to Ukraine; the status of the treaty that called for the ban of cluster bombs, agreed in Dublin on 28 May 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35915/23]

\*31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the cost of issuing an individual passport to the State. — Patrick Costello. [35916/23]

\*32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a parliamentary delegation to an event (details supplied) was an official delegation with the involvement and support of his Department, a delegation of which he had prior knowledge were attending; by whom the visit was paid; if it was an official trip, under what budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35926/23]

\*33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of occasions he contacted the Iranian Ambassador subsequent to the death of a person (details supplied) in relation to expressing his views, and that of the Government, in relation to the subsequent handling of the protest movement; the dates upon which the contact was made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35927/23]

\*34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if two documents presented at an event (details supplied) are official Irish Government documents and/or if they were presented to or voted on by either Dáil Éireann or Seanad Éireann at any stage before being presented, in light of the fact that both purport to represent the majority views of both Houses, and/or if he has been presented with either by the delegation in question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35928/23]

\*35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to invite the Governor of California to Ireland before end of 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [35941/23]

\*36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to visit Australia within the next six months. — Catherine Murphy. [35942/23]

\*37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the cost of same; the company involved; the title and publication date, by report, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35973/23]

\*38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of external consultant reports commissioned by the bodies under his Department's aegis in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the cost of same; the company involved; the title and publication date, by report, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35974/23]

\*39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will set out the measures he has taken to ensure that Ireland does not facilitate the transit of cluster munitions through Irish airports, ports or airspace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36000/23]

\*40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is aware of the crisis in the Artsakh Republic/Nagorno Karabach region; if any efforts are underway at national or European level to protect the population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [36001/23]

\*41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will ensure that a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be processed urgently by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36055/23]

\*42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if embassies of European Union member states are required to provide consular services, including emergency travel documents, to Irish citizens in third countries where Ireland does not have an embassy; the course of action advisable to Irish citizens in such an instance whereby such an embassy has refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36065/23]

\*43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to previous Parliamentary Questions, the engagement to date with the Togolese authorities in relation to the treatment of a person (details supplied) who has been detained in Togo for four and a half years in horrific conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36125/23]

\*44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application (details supplied) will be expedited as the applicant's travel date is imminent and all requested supporting documentation has been provided to the Passport Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36138/23]

\*45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application (details supplied) will be expedited as the applicant's travel date is imminent and the application has passed the target issue date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36274/23]

\*46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken formally with the Brazilian Ambassador to Ireland to date in 2023. — Alan Kelly. [36332/23]

\*47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a birth certificate will be processed for a person (details supplied) that was first applied for in October 2019; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36370/23]

\*48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update in relation to the steps that are being taken on behalf of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36400/23]

\*49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 44 of 12 July 2023, if he will provide a detailed breakdown as originally requested of the various programmes under which ODA is spent; the amount assigned to each for 2022 (€1,045 billion and €1.446 billion) and for 2023; to provide a breakdown of the details and the components of the total submitted to the OECD for 2022 of the €1,233 billion in 2023, of which €716 million was allocated to Irish Aid; to provide a breakdown of the remainder that totals up to €517 million, in tabular form; the sources of each and under which programme, that allows the State to arrive at a total ODA commitment of €1,233 billion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36434/23]

\*50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide a breakdown of the assistance Ireland provided to Ukraine in 2022 and to date in 2023; the expected outturn for 2023; whether this assistance was provided through the EU or directly; to describe what the programme was; the purpose of the aid or financial assistance; if the full outturn for 2022 has been confirmed, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36435/23]

\*51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide a list of the membership fees, subscriptions or other contributions paid to international bodies by his Department in 2022 and to date in 2023 on behalf of his Department, other Departments or agencies, or the State itself, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36436/23]

\*52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide a list of his plans for new embassies or consulates over the coming years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36437/23]

\*53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide the details of the various programmes for supporting the diaspora; the funding committed to each in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36438/23]

\*54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will ensure the urgent processing of a passport card for a person (details supplied) by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36439/23]

\*55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will be issued to a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [36450/23]

\*56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 524 of 21 March 2023, when a decision will be reached regarding the application to the foreign birth register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [36510/23]

\*57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he met his South African counterpart during his recent visit to South Africa. — Darren O'Rourke. [36521/23]

\*58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department, and all agencies under the remit of his Department, have their telephone contact details on their websites and on other media platforms; if all stationery and headed notepaper used in correspondence with the public contain relevant phone contact details, taking into account that everybody is not in a position to correspond by e-mail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36696/23]

\*59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagement with Afghan women's groups in respect of human rights in that country since August 2021. — Ivana Bacik. [37068/23]

\*60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagement with Iranian women's groups in respect of human rights in that country. — Ivana Bacik. [37069/23]

\*61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if there have been any recent discussions with the United States authorities in relation to immigration reform, with particular reference to the need to regularise the status of the undocumented Irish. — Brendan Smith. [37118/23]

\*62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the plans he and the Government have in relation to engagement with the British government to re-establish



the Stormont Executive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37128/23]

\*63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the plans he has to respond to the British government's Legacy Bill, particularly when it is enacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37129/23]

\*64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline, pursuant to the Convention on Cluster Munitions, the safeguards and procedures in place to prevent the transfer of cluster munitions through Shannon Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [37171/23]

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

\*65. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total number of broadband connection points installed in each county and the total number of schools installed by National Broadband Ireland in each county, in tabular form. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [36999/23]

\*66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the information being given out to the public about what the alternative technologies are for those who are on the National Broadband Plan scheme but who will wait for a number of years before they are connected; if there has been engagement with ComReg on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37156/23]

\*67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to review the microgeneration scheme. — Ivana Bacik. [35603/23]

\*68. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he intends to approve the pension increase due to An Post pensioners this year; his views on whether it now needs to match the rate of inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [35629/23]

\*69. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will sign-off on agreed pension increases (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [35681/23]

\*70. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 163 of 15 June 2023, to ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to report on progress to develop a residential retrofit loan guarantee scheme; when he expects the scheme to be in place; what the lending portfolio will be; how it will be resourced; what the guarantee structure will be; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35735/23]

\*71. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he agrees that Ireland should withdraw fully from the Energy Charter Treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35766/23]

\*72. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to detail all funding that is available for the cleaning and dredging of rivers here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [35805/23]

\*73. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the action his Department has taken to honour the Programme for Government pledge to ensure that Government Departments and public bodies take positive steps, including the use of correct pronouns and, where possible, making improvements on official forms, to assist non-binary people. — Michael Moynihan. [35827/23]

\*74. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the use of sulphur hexafluoride also known as SF<sub>6</sub>, in the switch gears of wind turbines; if he is aware of its description as one of the world's most potent greenhouse gases; if he plans to ban the use of this greenhouse gas in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [35859/23]

\*75. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of the calls by the group of unions at a mine (details supplied) for a review of the annual royalties regime as it relates to production; if he is prepared to review and consider a temporary suspension or postponement as a means to support the early return to production at the mine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36009/23]

\*76. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if as Minister with responsibility for minerals policy he will meet trade unions that represent the workers at a mine (details supplied) about the future of the mine and related matters; if his Department will engage with the unions and other relevant departments and agencies on the proposition of a taskforce to consider the future of the mine and with a focus on 'Tara Deep'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36010/23]

\*77. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of correspondence between an individual representing an important sectoral interest (details supplied) which raises important matters in relation to a company and his Department's function in respect of minerals policy; if his officials will engage more formally with the body on the issues laid out in correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36011/23]

\*78. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the timeline for authorisation of an increase to the An Post superannuation scheme; when he will make a request to the Minister for Public Expenditure to do same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36029/23]

\*79. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if will he consider extending the deadline date for works to be completed under the initial just transition funding. — Robert Troy. [36060/23]

\*80. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if persons can apply for grant aid to the SEAI for upgrade works on a phased basis (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [36079/23]

\*81. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a further round of the circular economy innovation grant scheme is expected; and if so, when a call for applications will open. — Neasa Hourigan. [36136/23]

\*82. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for an update on the meeting with EU Energy Ministers in Valladolid on 11 July; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [36146/23]

\*83. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the Energy Charter Treaty was discussed at the meeting with EU Energy Ministers in Valladolid on 11 July; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [36147/23]

\*84. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for an update in relation to Ireland's withdrawal from the Energy Charter Treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [36148/23]

\*85. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the supports in place for dormer houses that do not qualify for SEAI insulation funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [36182/23]

\*86. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what independent inspections the SEAI carries out in circumstances where there is a dispute between a home-owner (details supplied) and a contractor in relation to damage allegedly caused by the contractor. — Paul Murphy. [36184/23]

\*87. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for an update on security of electricity supply; whether there will be sufficient electricity generation capacity to meet expected national demand over the next two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36214/23]

\*88. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications whether the back-up generation capacity of large energy users represents a mitigation measure in terms of addressing national security of electricity supply risks over the coming winters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36215/23]

\*89. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the number of heat pumps installed in the warmer homes scheme and warmth and wellbeing scheme for 2023 to the end of July, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36632/23]

\*90. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the amount of funding for heat pumps installed in the warmer homes scheme and warmth and wellbeing scheme for 2023 to the end of July, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36633/23]

\*91. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the number of oil and gas boilers installed in the warmer homes scheme and warmth and wellbeing scheme for 2023 to the end of July, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36634/23]

\*92. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the amount of funding for oil and gas boilers installed in the warmer homes scheme and warmth and wellbeing scheme for 2023 to the end of July, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36635/23]

\*93. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the number of heat pumps installed in the warmer homes scheme and warmth and wellbeing scheme for 2023 to the end of June, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36636/23]

\*94. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 175 of 13 June 2023, to outline what appropriate validation consisted of; and to clarify whether the account was subjected to external audit by the ESB's auditor. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36638/23]

\*95. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to detail the scheduling timeframe for the development of windfarms off the east coast; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36649/23]

\*96. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide details of the number applications received for insulation and energy grants for County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36652/23]

\*97. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide details of the number of successful applications received for insulation and energy grants for County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36653/23]

\*98. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of 'hardship' pay-as-you-go gas and electricity meters for domestic customers in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, Q1 2023 and Q2 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36656/23]

\*99. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of 'hardship' pay-as-you-go gas and electricity meters; the total number for domestic customers, per company, in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, Q1 2023 and Q2 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36657/23]

\*100. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of new 'hardship' pay-as-you-go gas and electricity meters for domestic customers that were installed in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, Q1 2023 and Q2 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36658/23]

\*101. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total number of pay-as-you-go gas and electricity meters for domestic customers; the proportion and total classified as 'hardship' pay-as-you-go gas and electricity meters in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, Q1 2023 and Q2 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36659/23]

\*102. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average total of arrears a domestic household was in before a 'hardship' pay-as-you-go gas and electricity meter was installed in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, Q1 2023 and Q2 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36660/23]

\*103. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average time a household was in arrears in before a 'hardship' pay-as-you-go gas and electricity meter was installed in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, Q1 2023 and Q2 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36661/23]

\*104. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the process through which a domestic customer with a ‘hardship’ pay-as-you-go meter, with a view to reducing arrears on the energy bills, can switch back to a credit meter, if this is allowed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [36662/23]

\*105. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total number of domestic customers with a pay-as-you-go meter, and those with a ‘hardship’ pay-as-you-go meter, that switched back to credit meters in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, Q1 2023 and Q2 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [36663/23]

\*106. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the process through which a ‘hardship’ pay-as-you-go gas and electricity meter is installed not at the request of the customer; if there is a threshold that must be reached before a pay-as-you-go gas and electricity meter is installed when not requested by the customer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [36664/23]

\*107. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total number of domestic customers, per household type (for example, rental, owner/occupiers, holiday homes, holiday lets, and so on), with a pay-as-you-go gas and electricity meter; the proportion and total classified as ‘hardship’ pay-as-you-go gas and electricity meters in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, Q1 2023 and in Q2 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [36665/23]

\*108. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department, together with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, intends on putting in place a scheme which would assist farmers to put in place more energy efficient vacuum pump systems, in view of the fact that such a scheme was in place and has been discontinued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36668/23]

\*109. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department, and all agencies under the remit of his Department, have their telephone contact details on their websites and on other media platforms; if all stationery and headed notepaper used in correspondence with the public contain relevant phone contact details, taking into account that everybody is not in a position to correspond by e-mail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36694/23]

\*110. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which high energy costs have contributed to the reduction of residential emissions, as detailed by the latest EPA report; the measures in place to mitigate against an increase should energy prices decrease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [36708/23]

\*111. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total number of retrofits completed to a post retrofit standard of B2 or higher as part of the warmer homes scheme in 2022, in Q1 2023 and in Q2 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [36709/23]

\*112. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a report will be produced following the Energy Summit which was held on 6 July 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [36710/23]

\*113. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the latest EPA report on Ireland's greenhouse gas emissions (details supplied); his views, moreover, on the 12.4% annual emissions reduction from 2023-2025 that will be required to stay within budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36711/23]

\*114. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average wait-time for a retrofit as part of the warmer homes scheme in 2022, in Q1 2023 and in Q2 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36712/23]

\*115. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average wait-time for a retrofit as part per-scheme in 2022, in Q1 2023 and in Q2 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36713/23]

\*116. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications whether his Department has recommended that climate obligations be factored into such decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36715/23]

\*117. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide an update on the long-awaited re-establishment and distribution of the Local Agenda 21 (LA 21) Grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [36802/23]

\*118. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a report will be produced following the stakeholder forum which was held on 7 July 2023 as part of the Energy Poverty Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36807/23]

\*119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 155 and 184 of 13 July 2023, his views on the nationally representative research tracker to monitor public sentiment and knowledge in relation to energy issues; if he will report on the evidence that demonstrates that there has been a "reduction in the difficulty meeting energy costs" despite continued high energy prices; the income levels to which this applies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36808/23]

\*120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total number of solid fuel homes, per scheme, that had a home energy upgrade via the national retrofit plan; their post-retrofit standard in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, Q1 2023 and Q2 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36809/23]

\*121. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of the ERSI's Quarterly Economic Commentary; his plans to address the finding that forward gas prices may be a better predictor of retail prices than wholesale electricity prices, and further, the recommendation that wholesale gas and electricity prices alike should therefore be monitored when considering whether anti-competitive behaviours may be manifesting in the Irish market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36810/23]

\*122. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of the ERSI's Quarterly Economic Commentary; his plans to address the recommendation that a sustained decrease in wholesale gas prices that is not followed by a reduction in retail prices within six to twelve months should be investigated for evidence of anti-competitive behaviour; if he plans to conduct such an investigation when the criteria are met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36811/23]



\*123. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the Environmental Protection Agency's annual report on carbon emissions; and his views, in particular, on the report's analysis showing that emissions targets will not be met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36830/23]

\*124. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 147 and 185 of 13 July 2023, if he will provide details of his request to the CRU to investigate pricing strategies in place, taking account of the electricity market participants, and to ascertain if there have been any market failures, particularly where vulnerable customers are concerned; when he expects this review to be complete and reported on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36845/23]

\*125. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 147 and 185 of 13 July 2023, the number of times he has met with energy suppliers to discuss energy prices; the numbers of times officials from his Department met with energy suppliers to discuss energy prices; the dates on which these meetings took place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36846/23]

\*126. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 138, 139, 140, 143 and 144 of 13 July 2023, the duration of the period of verification for the revenue collected on the cap on market revenues and temporary solidarity contribution; if he expects that this will delay the distribution of proceeds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36847/23]

\*127. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 141, 142, 145, 154 and 156 of 13 July 2023, if he will rule out the distribution of proceeds from the cap on market revenues and temporary solidarity contribution to provide subsidies to large energy users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36848/23]

\*128. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the draft bill on the cap on market revenues will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36849/23]

\*129. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the industry stakeholder event as part of development of the Energy Storage Policy Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36850/23]

\*130. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the draft updated National Environment and Climate Plan was submitted by the 30 June 2023 deadline, in line with article 14 of the EU Governance Regulation; if not, when he plans to submit the draft NCEP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36854/23]

\*131. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is satisfied that the provisions of the Energy Charter Treaty are constitutional; if Ireland intends to withdraw from the treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36882/23]

\*132. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the commitments made by Ireland under the remit of his Department at COP26 and COP27,

respectively; the progress made to date on actioning those, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36883/23]

\*133. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the projected spend by the SEAI in 2023 on the solar electricity grant; how much was budgeted for this scheme in 2023; the spend in 2022; how many projects were supported; how much is expected to be available in 2024; how many installations are projected in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36884/23]

\*134. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the projected cost of increasing the SEAI solar grant to a maximum of €4,800, or €5,000, and doubling the number of installations; if any analysis has been carried out on the capacity to cap the grant for those earning up to a specific income point; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36885/23]

\*135. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the additional funding provided in Budget 2023 for climate measures and the progress on the implementation of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36886/23]

\*136. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the total funding provided for retrofitting in 2022 and to date in 2023 and projected end year outturn; the breakdown of allocations to the SEAI in 2022 and 2023; how many homes have been retrofitted to date; how many are expected to be done in the full year, broken down by funding stream; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36887/23]

\*137. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will clarify matters in relation to the SEAI fully-funded energy upgrades formerly the warmer homes scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [36975/23]

\*138. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number and type of applications received by his Department under the Petroleum And Other Minerals Development Act 1960 for authorisations from existing licence holders for retention or renewal or the next stage progression of their licence in relation to petroleum exploration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [36976/23]

\*139. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the energy consumption of large energy users per annum for the past three years in megawatt hours, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36992/23]

\*140. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how many SEAI heating control grants were awarded in 2022, in Q1 2023 and in Q2 2023; the average amount per grant in 2022, in Q1 2023 and in Q2 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [37065/23]

\*141. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the cost of doubling the funding available for heating control grants. — Darren O'Rourke. [37066/23]

\*142. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of grants awarded to owner/occupiers; renters; landlords and holiday homes in Q1 2023 and in Q2 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [37067/23]



\*143. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average cost to install a smart heating control in 2022, in Q1 2023 and in Q2 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [37108/23]

\*144. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the proposed pay and pension increase for An Post workers; and when current and former An Post employees can expect to receive these increases. — Holly Cairns. [37112/23]

\*145. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he expects the distribution of proceeds from the temporary solidarity contribution will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [37119/23]

\*146. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when, following the report on the feasibility of geothermal as an option for communal heating at places (details supplied), progress will be made on the implementation of the report; if there has been engagement with the SEAI on a possible grant scheme for this and other projects; if the report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37131/23]

\*147. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the working group on district/communal heating schemes will next meet; when it is expected that it will complete its work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37132/23]

\*148. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline the current grant schemes available for anaerobic digestion; if enhancements to these grants are being considered; if he will outline the guidelines for those considering AD, including to avoid displacement farming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37133/23]

\*149. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the number of retailers and producers currently signed up to the deposit return scheme (DRS) and a website (details supplied); if he will outline any challenges faced in the introduction of the scheme; what is being done to overcome them; if he will provide a detailed timeline and targets for the work to be done in 2023 to get the scheme up and running by 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37134/23]

\*150. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to outline the efforts to progress plans to deal with the issue of sophisticated spyware (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37135/23]

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

\*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on plans to purchase a new Government jet; if same will be tendered; and if so, when that tender will be advertised. — Cathal Crowe. [35602/23]

\*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will consider changing the nature of the inquiry into the Defence Forces to establish a Tribunal of Inquiry as opposed to a private Commission of Inquiry and amend the terms of reference so that the Inquiry will have the necessary buy-in from important stakeholders and victims' representative bodies and not be an

exercise in self-investigation by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [35628/23]

\*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the action his Department has taken to honour the Programme for Government pledge to ensure that Government Departments and public bodies take positive steps, including the use of correct pronouns and, where possible, making improvements on official forms, to assist non-binary people. — Michael Moynihan. [35824/23]

\*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the construction works on a new Army ranger wing headquarters at Defence Forces training centre has commenced; and the estimated timeframe for the completion of works. — Catherine Murphy. [35949/23]

\*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide an update on the various capital works taking place at Casement Aerodrome Baldonnell. — Catherine Murphy. [35950/23]

\*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence in view of the fact that only seven women were accepted into the Defence Forces despite over 617 applications received, if he is concerned by the low number of successful applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36105/23]

\*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to outline the capital allocations in 2023 for the Defence Forces; the breakdown, by project, of expenditure that has been or will be incurred in 2023; the projected capital budget in 2024; when the Equipment Development Plan was last updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36260/23]

\*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to outline what progress has been made on the procurement of ground-based air defence radar; when he expects a tender to be made; the projected cost of the project; if this project will be separated to the requirement for primary radar capability; to outline specifically what progress has been made in 2023 in exploring how to develop same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36261/23]

\*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to outline what progress has been made on the procurement of multi-beam sonar-echo sounder for the P60 class; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36262/23]

\*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when the lance corporal rank will be introduced in the Army and Air Corps; the projected cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36263/23]

\*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what progress has been made on the introduction of new long service increments to the pay scales of all ranks of enlisted personnel; the projected cost of introducing a new long service increment to each rank in the Defence Forces including enlisted ranks and private 3 star/able seamen; the current number of LSIs available, by rank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36264/23]

\*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the amount allocated in Budget 2023 for the provision of private medical care for Defence Forces personnel; what progress has been made in delivering on the commitment made in May 2023; when personnel will be able to avail of the scheme; what additional allocation will be required in 2024; the full-year projected cost of

the scheme; if additional medical personnel are required in the Defence Forces to deliver on this commitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36265/23]

\*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to outline the progress made on implementing the working time directive in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36266/23]

\*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what progress has been to address mandatory retirement ages for post-1994 personnel in the interdepartmental working group; the projected cost of increasing the retirement age to 55 years for privates, corporals and sergeants and 60 years for NCO ranks above that, if they meet all other required criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36267/23]

\*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the additional projected cost of providing a Naval Service patrol duty allowance of €100 per day that merges the current allowances and tax credit into one; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36268/23]

\*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when Defence Forces regulation C.S.4 was last updated; when he next expects to update it; what progress has been made to ensure this is more flexible and subject to regular revision to reflect changes and reforms within the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36269/23]

\*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what progress has been made on implementing the Commission on the Future of the Defence Forces' recommendation for the introduction of a mechanism to provide for ongoing review of the application of existing specialist pay rates and allowances to groups and categories of military personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36270/23]

\*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what steps he is taking to ensure members of the Defence Forces can more easily obtain specialist techpay in recognition of their qualifications and roles; his plans to ensure this is addressed to improve retention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36272/23]

\*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if backdated payments have now commenced to the members of the Army Ranger Wing; how much in total remains to be paid arising out of pay reviews in 2010 back dated to 2006 and 2014, and to how many personnel serving or retired; the current rate of special allowance; when this was awarded; if the backdated payment to October 2021 has now commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36273/23]

\*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if a new Air Corps apprentice aircraft technician campaign will be launched during Quarter 4 of 2023. — Darren O'Rourke. [36513/23]

\*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if licence arrangements have been put in place to accommodate all community groups that have been utilising Columb Barracks over the past number of years. — Robert Troy. [36573/23]

\*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department, and all agencies under the remit of his Department, have their telephone contact details on their websites and on other media platforms; if all stationery and headed notepaper used in correspondence with the public contain relevant phone contact details, taking into account that everybody is not in a position

to correspond by e-mail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36691/23]

\*173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the interaction the Government has had with Lebanese authorities in relation to the death of a person (details supplied); if he will provide an update on the progress being made in the investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37130/23]

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

\*174. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of plans for the roll-out of EV charging points across County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36650/23]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Transport to detail the number of new electrical vehicles registered in the State by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36651/23]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline his plans to address the 6% increase in transport emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36711/23]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with the Taoiseach regarding a project (details supplied) to date in 2023, including any meetings held in Government Buildings on the matter and the details of those present. — Sean Sherlock. [36835/23]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Transport the commitments made by Ireland under the remit of his Department at COP26 and COP27, respectively; the progress made to date on actioning those, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36883/23]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason level crossing closures, which will have a severe impact on established urban villages, are mandatory as part of the Dart+ West project, but for Dart Coast South, which, on completion will have the increase in terms of passengers and frequency as Dart+ West, a decision has yet to be made as to whether the closures are required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [35587/23]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 72 of 5 July 2023, and the details provided in respect of Shannon Foynes Port Company; if he can provide further clarity and a breakdown on the requested information (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [35590/23]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 72 of 5 July 2023, and the details provided in respect of the Dublin Port Company; if he can provide clarity and a breakdown of the requested information (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [35594/23]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 72 of 5 July 2023, and the details provided in respect of the Port of Cork; if he can provide clarity and a breakdown of the requested information (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [35595/23]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 72 of 5 July 2023, and the details provided in respect of TII, if he can provide clarity and a breakdown of the requested information (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [35597/23]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 72 of 5 July 2023, and the details provided in respect of the RSA, if he can provide clarity and a breakdown of the requested information (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [35614/23]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 72 of 5 July 2023, and the details provided in respect of the NTA, if he can provide clarity and a breakdown of the requested information (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [35615/23]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 72 of 5 July 2023, and the details provided in respect of the Commission for Railway Regulation, if he can provide clarity and a breakdown of the requested information (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [35616/23]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Carlow town bus service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [35634/23]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Transport to reasonably justify the decision of the NTA in November 2022, to accommodate 30% of taxi operators, while excluding the other 70% from extending the operational life of taxi vehicles (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [35659/23]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Transport what plans are being considered and implemented by TII for improvements to the N22, specifically the Macroom to Ballincollig corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35696/23]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [35714/23]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Transport if an additional 33X bus will be added to the morning roster departing from Skerries to St. Stephen's Green at 7:45 am, given the demand for the service and overcrowding issues outlined in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35719/23]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of funding for the Ardee by-pass; his views on whether the development of the planned by-pass would allow the centre of Ardee to become a more liveable and healthier place from the point of view of a reduction in air pollution in a built-up area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35720/23]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a matter regarding an upgrade of a national route (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [35728/23]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount collected in fares for child tickets on public transport in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Brian Leddin. [35763/23]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent to date on the electric mobility grant and eSPSV grant scheme for taxis, hackneys and limousines. — Brian Leddin. [35764/23]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of journeys lost or those that failed to operate on the 40D Dublin Bus service as a result of driver shortage, failure to show or other reasons in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [35786/23]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Transport the number and percentage of the Bus Éireann fleet that is aged between 0-1 years, between 2-4 years, between 5 and 8 years, between 9 and 12 years, and over 12 years old as of 10 July 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [35787/23]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Transport the number and percentage of the Dublin Bus fleet that is aged between 0-1 years, between 2-4 years, between 5 and eight years, between nine and 12 years, and over 12 years old as of 10 July 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [35788/23]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware dangerous safety-related car parts that have not been euro-type approved are readily available for sale in Ireland; the person or body that regulates to ensure the vehicles of Irish consumers have replacement parts fitted that meet EU approval; if he will provide details of how many actions/prosecutions have been taken by the RSA to stop this dangerous practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35807/23]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Transport when his Department plans to approve Meath County Council to move to the next stage of the proposed Julianstown traffic relied by-pass scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35816/23]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the action his Department has taken to honour the Programme for Government pledge to ensure that Government Departments and public bodies take positive steps, including the use of correct pronouns and, where possible, making improvements on official forms, to assist non-binary people. — Michael Moynihan. [35839/23]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will detail the steps to be taken by the NTA to address the serious failures of bus route 60 to provide a reliable or sufficient bus service through lower Ballyfermot; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [35866/23]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details and timelines for BusConnects plans for Kildare Road, Dublin 12; if there are plans to liaise with local residents; if an opportunity to meet with concerned residents will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [35885/23]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driving test appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited, given it is needed for their work and future career; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35887/23]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost of issuing an individual driving licence to the State. — Patrick Costello. [35917/23]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Transport if a hackney licence application for a person (details supplied) can be expedited, given the very urgent need for hackney services in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [35929/23]



\*207. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the unfair, unethical and deceptive practices by a clamping company (details supplied) that has set up a defaulting system for customers who pay by phone for parking, and no matter what time the customer pays, the company defaults that time to the previous 15 minutes, which has resulted in customers being clamped and having to pay a release fee despite being back to their car within the time that they have paid for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35934/23]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can confirm when the Carlow Connects town bus route will be operational; if, given that a commitment was given for 30 July 2023, he can confirm the actual date the route will open for local people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [35993/23]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he has taken to ensure that Ireland does not facilitate the transit of cluster munitions through Irish airports, ports or airspace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [35999/23]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 72 of 5 July 2023, if he will seek clarity on the response (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [36030/23]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 72 of 5 July 2023, and the details supplied in respect of the Commissioner of Irish Lights, if will seek clarity on the pension figure disclosed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [36040/23]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 72 of 5 July 2023, and the details supplied in respect of the Commission for Aviation Regulation, if he will seek clarity on the pension figure disclosed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [36041/23]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position of a road project (details supplied); when a decision will be made in relation to the tenders that were submitted, considering that this project was approved previously and had to go out for tender again; when a decision will be made regarding the allocation of funding for this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [36066/23]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to increase the fee paid to CVRT test providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [36075/23]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Transport if road signage will be erected at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36082/23]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will establish through TII and a company (details supplied) the amount of revenue generated by the town tolls on the Donore Road, Drogheda, in 2021 and 2022, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36137/23]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated amount it would cost to extend the young adult travel card to 24-year-olds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36194/23]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on whether the pilot bus in the Phoenix Park will be proceeding this summer and confirmation of the route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36281/23]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement that has taken place with NAMA, the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission or Dublin Airport Authority about the temporary leasing of the QuickPark car park at Dublin Airport while a review of the permanent sale of the car park is taking place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36283/23]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Transport if information made public by the Road Safety Authority is audited in the context of quality control of the data and its accuracy (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [36295/23]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new public chargers installed by the ESB in County Tipperary in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [36324/23]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost in 2024 if the budget for security personnel on trains and on platforms were increased by 30% compared to the 2023 figure. — Alan Kelly. [36325/23]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of revenue that was collected from private toll operators throughout the country in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [36326/23]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 250 of 13 July 2023, in respect of the Iarnród Éireann returns (details supplied), the reasons the benefit-in-kind section was nil on the initial response but benefit-in-kind was subsequently added to the most recent response; the details of the car in question, by make and model; whether it is leased or purchased by the State company; if it is changed each year; if there are other employees that benefit from a car allowance; if so, if they pay benefit-in-kind; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [36337/23]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 250 of 13 July 2023, in respect of the Bus Éireann returns (details supplied), if the car was purchased or leased; the cost of the purchase or lease; if it is changed each year; the car type and cost and so on; the reason question marks are evident in the other benefit-in-kind section; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [36338/23]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 250 of 13 July 2023, in respect of the Bus Átha Cliath returns (details supplied), if the use of a company car would mean that a benefit-in-kind is received and should be therefore paid to the Revenue Commissioners; the details of the car in question, by make and model; whether it is leased or purchased by the State company; if it is changed each year; if other employees benefit from a car allowance; if so, if they pay benefit-in-kind; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [36347/23]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 250 of 13 July 2023, in respect of the DAA returns (details supplied), whether the vehicle under the benefit-in-kind is leased or purchased by the DAA; if it is changed each year; if further information will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [36348/23]



\*228. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 250 of 13 July 2023, in respect of the Shannon Airport returns (details supplied), if he will seek further details as to the reason the benefit-in-kind health payments are so high; if the State then pays an additional amount towards that health cover in addition to the personal payment made by the CEO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [36350/23]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will publish the raw data on personal injury road collisions for use by the research community as is provided in other jurisdictions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [36371/23]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the report commissioned for Maritime Safety Policy Division on the health and safety assessment of the wreck MV Alta by the consultants (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [36373/23]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Transport the monies spent and ringfenced for a project (details supplied) for 2022 and to date in 2023, segmented by spend, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36414/23]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Transport the monies spent and ringfenced for a project (details supplied) for 2022 and to date in 2023, segmented by spend, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36415/23]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Transport the monies spent and ringfenced for a project (details supplied) for 2022 and to date in 2023, segmented by spend, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36416/23]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Transport the monies spent and ringfenced for a project (details supplied) for 2022 and to date in 2023, segmented by spend, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36417/23]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Transport the monies spent and ringfenced for a project (details supplied) for 2022 and to date in 2023, segmented by spend, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36418/23]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Transport the monies spent and ringfenced for a project (details supplied) for 2022 and to date in 2023, segmented by spend, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36419/23]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Transport if, given the recent announcements that Ireland has failed to reach the predicted cut in greenhouse gas emissions, he agrees that the best way to incentivise commuters out of their private cars and onto public transport is to make it free; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36420/23]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps being taken to improve the TFI Live app now that the Dublin Bus app has been removed, in view of the considerable issues with real time information on the new app; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36482/23]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Transport to ensure that the Navan to Dublin rail line is included in the National Development 2030 as part of the mid-term review that will take place in 2025. — Peadar Kirby. [36506/23]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the town bus service for Mullingar, County Westmeath. — Robert Troy. [36567/23]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Transport if, in light of the national rail review, he will commit to a feasibility study on opening a rail line between Connolly station and Mullingar. — Robert Troy. [36568/23]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position with a town bus for Newbridge, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36605/23]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends on progressing the N81 Tallaght to Hollywood crossroad improvement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36654/23]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department, and all agencies under the remit of his Department, have their telephone contact details on their websites and on other media platforms; if all stationery and headed notepaper used in correspondence with the public contain relevant phone contact details, taking into account that everybody is not in a position to correspond by e-mail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36706/23]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has plans to increase these fees. — Paul Donnelly. [36707/23]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 14 of 22 June 2023, for an update on the roll-out of park-and-ride facilities in Galway; for an update on the site location analysis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36749/23]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 24 of 22 June 2023, the status of the promised feasibility study on light rail in Galway; the expected timeline for the public consultation on the draft Galway metropolitan area transport strategy; the expected timeline for the publication of the completed updated strategy; the value of the contract awarded to a consultancy firm (details supplied) for the management and development of the updated strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36750/23]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on his officials' engagements with the NTA surrounding the rollout of 24-hour bus services in Dublin, in particular the N11; when it is expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [36806/23]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of a bus shelter (details supplied); and the issues stopping the placement of same. — Sean Sherlock. [36814/23]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus users on each individual bus route in Cork city and county in each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36815/23]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus users on each individual bus route in Waterford city and county in each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36816/23]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus users on each individual bus route in Galway city and county in each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36817/23]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus users on each individual bus route in Limerick city and county in each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36818/23]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus users on each individual bus route in Dublin city and county in each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36819/23]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Transport the action taken to roll-out electric bikes on the public bike scheme in Cork, Waterford, Limerick and Galway; and the action taken for establishing locations of potential new stations in each city, if any. — Sean Sherlock. [36820/23]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the increase in transport emissions in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36831/23]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost to run a six-month pilot scheme in Cork city and county based on the €9 climate ticket proposal, as trialled and adopted in Germany. — Sean Sherlock. [36858/23]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost to run a six-month pilot scheme in Waterford city and county based on the €9 climate ticket proposal, as trialled and adopted in Germany. — Sean Sherlock. [36859/23]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost to run a six-month pilot scheme in Galway city and county based on the €9 climate ticket proposal, as trialled and adopted in Germany. — Sean Sherlock. [36860/23]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost to run a six-month pilot scheme in Limerick city and county based on the €9 climate ticket proposal as trialled and adopted in Germany. — Sean Sherlock. [36861/23]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost to run a six-month pilot scheme in Dublin city and county based on the €9 climate ticket proposal, as trialled and adopted in Germany. — Sean Sherlock. [36862/23]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated amount it would cost the Government to permanently reduce transport fees for young adults and students, including rail and the €1 transport cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36917/23]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Transport the projected cost of making public transport completely free for students and holders of young adult travel cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36918/23]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Transport the projected timeline for the establishment of a new centre (details provided); if there any particular issues causing the delay in the provision of this new service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36989/23]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Transport to list each national road project that has been allocated funding since the formation of this Government; the total funding allocated to each project over the 2020-2023 period, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [37006/23]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount of funding allocated for the development of Greenway projects, by local authority since the formation of this Government, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [37007/23]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department maintains modelling on the anticipated change in greenhouse gas emissions expected to result from each of the road projects included in the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if so, if he will report on the anticipated impact of each planned road project therein. — Ivana Bacik. [37077/23]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to expand public bikes schemes. — Ivana Bacik. [37080/23]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide on a local authority basis, in tabular form, since the formation of this Government, the total amount of funding allocated for the development of new walking and cycling infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [37109/23]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has examined the possibility of allowing the transport of pets on public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [37113/23]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Transport if the criteria to qualify for a disabled person's parking permit will be reviewed, as there are many individuals who previously had a parking permit that are not qualifying for these permits at renewal time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [37120/23]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on his officials' engagements with the NTA surrounding the rollout of BusConnects; to provide an update in particular on when the B spine and B4 route are expected to be rolled out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [37121/23]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the investment in national rail services since 2020, including the number of new train carriages delivered, kilometres of new track laid, kilometres of track electrified, and construction of new or expansion of railway stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [37122/23]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will supply details and timelines for BusConnects plans for Kildare Road in Dublin 12; if he will request the NTA to liaise with local stakeholders to provide an update; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [37123/23]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline, pursuant to the Convention on Cluster Munitions, the safeguards and procedures in place to prevent the transfer of cluster munitions through Shannon Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [37172/23]

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\*276. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware dangerous safety-related car parts that have not been euro-type approved are readily available for sale in Ireland; if he will provide details of how many actions/prosecutions have been taken by Irish Customs to stop this dangerous practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35807/23]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Finance the commitments made by Ireland under the remit of his Department at COP26 and COP27, respectively; the progress made to date on actioning those, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36883/23]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the status of an application to the help-to-buy scheme (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [35596/23]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that fitness professionals, lifeguards and swimming teachers are ineligible to claim flat-rate expense allowances; and his plans to ensure that such classes of worker can claim flat-rate expense allowances. — Ivana Bacik. [35605/23]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will examine a legal matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35607/23]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Finance in view of the decision of a number of music festivals in Ireland to go cashless for their events in 2023, if he is satisfied these events and organisers are in compliance with legal tender rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35744/23]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Finance if businesses are required to accept cash as payment from consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35745/23]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Finance the oversight that is in operation to ensure businesses are complying with legal tender rules in terms of accepting cash as payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35746/23]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Finance if a person (details supplied) in County Cork is entitled to a local property tax exemption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [35747/23]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide details on the estimated VAT revenue generated by the hire of bikes, e-bikes, cargo bikes and e-cargo bikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [35757/23]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year yield that would be generated if the local property tax rate increased to 0.80% for properties valued at homes in excess of €1.05 million and 1.5% for properties valued in excess of €1.5 million. — Paul Donnelly. [35782/23]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update as to when a new Medical Appeal Board will be appointed to assess appeals regarding primary medical certificates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [35801/23]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will support the right of attendees and vendors at music festivals to use cash at events; if he will consider legislation to ensure cash remains an option for people in general throughout the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [35808/23]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of money a firm (details supplied) has agreed to pay in relation to the settlement of a case; the total cost to the State of litigating the case in question since 2012; if the settlement included a contribution to the State's legal costs; if so, if he will provide details in monetary and/or percentage terms of the proportion of the settlement that covered such costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35814/23]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Finance the action his Department has taken to honour the Programme for Government pledge to ensure that Government Departments and public bodies take positive steps, including the use of correct pronouns and, where possible, making improvements on official forms, to assist non-binary people. — Michael Moynihan. [35828/23]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Finance If he plans to have a bilateral meeting with his Lithuanian counterpart. — Catherine Murphy. [35951/23]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Finance when the Revenue Commissioners introduced their petition process for dealing with challenges against disputed penalties and taxes levied pursuant to the Revenue Commissioners seize and release VRT enforcement procedure; if the petition process has a statutory basis; if prior to the introduction of the petition process individuals disputing compromise penalties and taxes had a statutory right to an independent appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [35990/23]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will seek assurances from the Revenue Commissioners as to their petition procedure, and in particular any restriction on any statutory right to an independent appeal against disputed penalties and taxes levied pursuant to Revenue Commissioners seize and release VRT enforcement procedure, has been reviewed and approved by the Revenue Commissioners solicitor's office; if so, when; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [35991/23]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide data relating to the Revenue Commissioners seize and release VRT enforcement procedure, in tabular form (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [35992/23]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Finance how many home buyers in each county that have availed of the help-to-buy scheme since July 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [36018/23]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has received the pre-Budget 2024 submission by group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [36023/23]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 81 of 5 July 2023, if he will seek a breakdown of the yearly payments (details supplied), in tabular form. — Fergus O'Dowd. [36043/23]



\*298. To ask the Minister for Finance if exemptions to the residential zoned land tax will be considered where commencement of construction is delayed due to planning matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [36046/23]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Finance the consideration he is giving to the residential zoned land tax and the impact on house prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [36047/23]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 267 of 20 June 2023, if he will provide an update on the Finance Bill and primary legislation set out in section 92 to reflect transfer of Department functions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36097/23]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider the matters raised by an organisation (details supplied) on behalf of 27 local hotels and guesthouses. — Mary Butler. [36118/23]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Finance how many prize bonds were won in each of the past 20 years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [36126/23]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Finance how many requests for the receipt of prize bonds winnings were made in each of the past 20 years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [36127/23]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Finance how many requests for the receipt of prize bonds winnings returned no prize bonds winnings in each of the past 20 years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [36128/23]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Finance how many requests for the receipt of prize bonds winnings had proof of prize bonds purchases furnished to support a claim in each of the past 20 years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [36129/23]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Finance how many representations by solicitors for a client were made in relation to prize bonds in each of the past 20 years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [36130/23]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Finance the mechanism the NTMA uses to ensure that prize bonds winnings are available during the disposal of a deceased person's estate by the estate's executor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [36131/23]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Finance if the NTMA attempts to contact the owners of prize bond accounts whom the NTMA may have reason to believe are deceased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [36132/23]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is a cut-off point past which prize bond winnings cannot be claimed; if so, if he will provide the occurrences of such in each of the past 20 years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [36133/23]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of an anomaly in the application of the zero VAT rate on books and e-books that exempts popular online audiobook platforms (details

supplied) which are judged to be providing a digital service and are therefore obliged to charge VAT; if he will address this anomaly that unfairly discriminates against those with visual impairments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36145/23]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Finance to detail the mechanism by which ‘brand ambassadors’ who receive vehicles from motor companies can pay benefit-in-kind when they are not on the payroll of these companies, have no employment status with these companies and cannot record an annual mileage in performing their duties for these same companies. — Michael Ring. [36153/23]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Finance if a ‘brand ambassador’ for a motor company has a benefit-in-kind liability if he/she has a vehicle on lease from the company at well below the market rate; and if he will outline the steps he is taking to ensure that there is a fair application of this benefit-in-kind to all taxpayers. — Michael Ring. [36154/23]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to concerns such as those raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the acquisition of insurance cover; whether there exists standardised guidelines for insurance companies in terms of dealing with customers who do not have email addresses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36170/23]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount of additional revenue that would be raised in 2023 through a third rate of income tax of 41% on incomes above €100,000, as well as 42%, 43%, 44% and 45%, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36187/23]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount of additional revenue that would be raised in 2023 through a third rate of income tax of 41% on incomes above €100,000, as well as 42%, 43%, 44% and 45%, assuming tax band indexation of 4%, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36188/23]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are any plans to increase the valuation limit to qualify for the help-to-buy scheme for a self-build home above €500,000, given the recent increase in building material costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [36208/23]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Finance the rate at which the refundable portion of the research and development tax credit is taxed; the amount of taxation generated by the tax since 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36230/23]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Finance to address concerns that the introduction of the residential zoned land tax will have an adverse impact on farmers in terms of their ability to retain land for agricultural use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [36299/23]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons successfully prosecuted for tobacco and or cigarette smuggling in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [36527/23]



\*320. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the proposal to reduce VAT on repair services, such as cobblers and clothing menders, as a measure to support the circular economy. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36637/23]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department, and all agencies under the remit of his Department, have their telephone contact details on their websites and on other media platforms; if all stationery and headed notepaper used in correspondence with the public contain relevant phone contact details, taking into account that everybody is not in a position to correspond by e-mail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36695/23]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagement he has had with the Minister for Transport regarding a project (details supplied) to date in 2023, including any meetings held in Government Buildings on the matter and the details of those present. — Sean Sherlock. [36839/23]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagement he has had with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding a project (details supplied) to date in 2023, including any meetings held in Government Buildings on the matter and the details of those present. — Sean Sherlock. [36840/23]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Finance how many students have claimed the rent tax credit; how many in total overall have claimed the tax credit to date; the estimated first-year and full-year cost of increasing that to €1,000 for students and then for all; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36891/23]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has had recent contact with insurance companies regarding the widespread concerns of homeowners in relation to the escalating costs of home insurance premiums; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36978/23]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised by increasing the electricity tax on large energy users to €2, €5, €10 and €20 per megawatt hour, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36991/23]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Finance what evidence is accepted by the Revenue Commissioner to demonstrate electricity generated from renewable sources in order to avail of relief from the electricity tax; and if guarantees of origin are acceptable evidence. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36993/23]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Finance when appeal hearings will commence again for applicants under the Drivers and Disabled Passengers (Tax Concessions) Scheme 1994; if he will ensure that such appeals can resume without further delay taking into account the very large number of appellants waiting for an appeal hearing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [37041/23]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of residential dwellings purchased since July 2020; and the total number of first-time buyers who have purchased residential dwellings, by county, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [37045/23]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the Revenue Commissioners' review into the decline in taxes paid by Irish real estate funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [37050/23]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide updated figures of the number of people who have claimed the renter's tax credit to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [37051/23]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the amount paid to the Exchequer to date in 2023 from the 10% stamp duty charge on the multiple purchase of houses; the number of residential units it was applied to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [37052/23]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Finance how much revenue would be raised by removing the tax exemption for heavy oil (jet fuel) used for domestic commercial aviation under section 97B of the Finance Act 1999, and applying various rates, including a full MOT rate per 1,000 litres, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [37055/23]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Finance how much revenue would be raised by removing the tax exemption for heavy oil (jet fuel) used for domestic commercial aviation under section 97B of the Finance Act 1999, excluding PSO supported routes and applying various rates, including a full MOT rate per 1,000 litres, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [37056/23]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Finance how much revenue would be raised by removing the partial relief light oil (aviation gasoline) used for domestic commercial aviation under section 100(2)(b) of the Finance Act 1999 and applying various rates including, a full MOT rate per 1,000 litres, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [37057/23]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Finance how much revenue would be raised by increasing the rate of tax on heavy oil (jet fuel) used for private pleasure flying and light oil (aviation gasoline) used for private pleasure flying by 25%, 50%, 100%, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [37058/23]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Finance how much revenue would be raised by removing all non-mandatory reliefs on aviation fuels except for those which would require a bilateral arrangement between member states or a third country, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [37059/23]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of renters who have claimed the renter's credit. — Ivana Bacik. [37075/23]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund that is invested in fossil fuel distribution companies; and the companies in which it is invested. — Eoin Ó Broin. [37106/23]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the engagements his Department has had with the OECD in relation to cross-border remote workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37136/23]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the engagement that his Department has had with British government officials in relation to progressing a bilateral agreement to provide for smoother and less complicated working arrangements for cross-border workers, North and South of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37137/23]

*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.*

\*342. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35671/23]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update as to when work will be carried out in a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35672/23]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will supply funding to Tipperary County Council to carry out works to address flooding (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35673/23]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the levels of capital expenditure which will be allocated for infrastructure projects for County Cork for 2024; the timeframe for these allocations; the projects for which funding will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35699/23]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform how many people were directly employed in the public sector recruitment agency from 2018 to date, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [35768/23]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he has received the 2022 annual report from the OPW; and if so, when the report will be published. — Paul Donnelly. [35798/23]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide mapping details and a report detailing the state of completion of works undertaken as a result of a €22,500 grant the OPW provided to Meath County Council in 2011 which was designed to remove and relocate existing pipes and ancillary works at Eastham Stream, Bettystown, County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35817/23]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the action his Department has taken to honour the Programme for Government pledge to ensure that Government Departments and public bodies take positive steps, including the use of correct pronouns and, where possible, making improvements on official forms, to assist non-binary people. — Michael Moynihan. [35834/23]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the cost of same; the company involved; the title and publication date, by report, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35979/23]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of external consultant reports commissioned by the bodies under his Department's aegis in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the cost of same;

the company involved; the title and publication date, by report, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35980/23]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if consideration has been given to the inclusion of the running costs for the President to be subject to Freedom of Information requests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36212/23]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to clarify the circumstances in which it is appropriate for public sector bodies to store or process citizen data in cloud services provided by commercial operators, as opposed to a private Government cloud; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36216/23]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the estimated cost of a 30% increase in funding for the OPW for the construction and acquisition of buildings for public sector use. — Alan Kelly. [36333/23]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will consider a review of the rate of pay for conservation officers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [36394/23]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department, and all agencies under the remit of his Department, have their telephone contact details on their websites and on other media platforms; if all stationery and headed notepaper used in correspondence with the public contain relevant phone contact details, taking into account that everybody is not in a position to correspond by e-mail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36701/23]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the engagement he has had with the Minister for Transport regarding a project (details supplied) to date in 2023, including any meetings held in Government Buildings on the matter and the details of those present. — Sean Sherlock. [36841/23]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the engagement he has had with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding a project (details supplied) to date in 2023, including any meetings held in Government Buildings on the matter and the details of those present. — Sean Sherlock. [36842/23]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties experienced by the hospitality sector in rural Ireland due to the rate of inflation and rising cost of living; what measures his Department is taking to assist the hospitality sector in rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [37115/23]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether his Department has conducted a review into the appropriate height of footpaths in relation to accessibility for those with mobility issues; and if so, what guidance is provided to those contracted to carry out the construction of new footpaths. — Holly Cairns. [37116/23]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether an accessibility review was conducted in relation to the redevelopment of Bandon town centre; whether disabled parking bays will be provided close to amenities in the town centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [37117/23]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the scheme viability review (SVR) for flood relief schemes for Annagassan and Termonfeckin, to include when a decision will be made by the OPW; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37138/23]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the interdepartmental working group looking at the procedures for qualifying for the payment of an occupational supplementary pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37139/23]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department is looking at the pension abatement issue; if his Department is considering exceptions for those who are carrying out critical work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37140/23]

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

\*365. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if funding will be secured to establish the HSA's health and social care advisory committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [36344/23]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the funding will be available through the Shared Island fund for enterprise development across Northern Ireland. — Robert Troy. [36577/23]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason the Russian Federation remains by far the biggest market for Irish-refined alumina, such exports capable of assisting Russia in its invasion of Ukraine and its ongoing war on that territory. — Réada Cronin. [35232/23]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment whether, by continuing to supply the Russian Federation with alumina (figures to end March 2023), the State is in breach of its political commitment to its EU partners in both the matter of the war on Ukraine and global security. — Réada Cronin. [35233/23]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of new net jobs created in IDA-client companies (broken down by client company name), in County Louth, in tabular form, for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35630/23]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of new net jobs created in Enterprise Ireland-client companies (broken down by client company name), in County Louth, in tabular form, for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35631/23]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider adding agriculture mechanics, construction plant fitters and heavy vehicle mechanics to his Department's critical skills list so that these positions can be filled by non-EU nationals coming to work in Ireland, considering the shortage of qualified individuals to fill vacant positions in the country, and that the pipeline of those in apprenticeships will not match the numbers that are going to retire from these areas in the coming years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35765/23]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to report on the work of Enterprise Ireland Office in Austin, Texas, since its establishment. — Paul Donnelly. [35797/23]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the action his Department has taken to honour the Programme for Government pledge to ensure that Government Departments and public bodies take positive steps, including the use of correct pronouns and, where possible, making improvements on official forms, to assist non-binary people. — Michael Moynihan. [35826/23]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will detail his proposals in relation to the rights of retired workers' representatives to have greater access to the WRC or similar State arbitration bodies in the event of disputes relating to their occupational pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [35865/23]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department will provide funding for NGOs (details supplied) which deal with migrants needing help with visa-related issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [35919/23]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of revenue generated through the issuing of general employment permits and critical skills employment permits in the years of 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [35952/23]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he intends to report on his Department's public consultation on the European Union's proposal for a Directive on liability for defective products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [35957/23]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total number of people in each county employed by Local Enterprise Office-client companies in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [35994/23]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of jobs created by the IDA in rural hubs based on Our Rural Future. — Sean Sherlock. [36003/23]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will publish the report commissioned by his Department on establishing an export guarantee scheme and if he will consider establishing an export guarantee scheme for businesses that export. — Robert Troy. [36059/23]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the review of the works permit will be completed; the last date for submission for public consultation. — Robert Troy. [36061/23]



\*382. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what action will be taken to recruit more staff into the Health Safety Authority, particularly in light of the fact that the coronial service, and families affected, have been experiencing significant delays in cases being listed for inquest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36160/23]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will appoint an industry-led taskforce to develop a report on the economic opportunities related to a location (details supplied); if his Department will provide the support and resources to deliver this report by autumn 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36166/23]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated amount it would cost to end the sub-minima national minimum wage rates for under 20s; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36198/23]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur competition (details supplied) will recommence following its suspension due to the Covid-19 pandemic; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36223/23]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on a recent report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36233/23]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide advice on the organisation of a trade mission to Ireland by a group of 30 business people from East Africa with the view of gaining knowledge and partnerships in their sectors of interest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36240/23]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 32 of 29 June 2023, to detail the disability training that is provided to staff working in local enterprise offices; if this training is optional or compulsory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [36243/23]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will review the decision to employ an IDA business development consultant in Israel, considering the ongoing breaches of international law by Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36384/23]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on correspondence from an organisation (details supplied); if he and his officials plan to engage further with the organisation on the matters raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36458/23]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of WTE staff, by job title, working in each Enterprise Ireland office worldwide, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [36515/23]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of WTE staff, by job title, working in each IDA office worldwide, in tabular form,. — Darren O'Rourke. [36516/23]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount the IDA has spent in the past five years utilising legal firms and consultancy firms to consult on and answer freedom of information requests; how many FOI requests this covered; the breakdown of costs per individual FOI request; how much was paid to each company; the reason internal legal advisors were not used for this work; and whether the IDA will be upskilling or hiring in legal advisors instead of outsourcing this work. — Louise O'Reilly. [36533/23]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider establishing an export credit guarantee scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [36575/23]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to outline his plans to tackle the huge increase in the number of non-registered hairdressers; and if he will acknowledge that they have a competitive advantage against those hairdressers paying commercial rates. — Robert Troy. [36576/23]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what happens in the event of an overpayment of a subsidy or grant to a business; and whether costs can generally be recouped. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36631/23]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of IDA-supported jobs, by county, at the end of June 2023 or the latest date available, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [36673/23]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of Enterprise Ireland-supported jobs, by county, at the end of June 2023 or the latest date available, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [36674/23]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department, and all agencies under the remit of his Department, have their telephone contact details on their websites and on other media platforms; if all stationery and headed notepaper used in correspondence with the public contain relevant phone contact details, taking into account that everybody is not in a position to correspond by e-mail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36693/23]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the engagement he has had with the Minister for Transport regarding a project (details supplied) to date in 2023, including any meetings held in Government Buildings on the matter and the details of those present. — Sean Sherlock. [36843/23]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the engagement he has had with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding a project (details supplied) to date in 2023, including any meetings held in Government Buildings on the matter and the details of those present. — Sean Sherlock. [36844/23]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to address the skills gap to deliver the national retrofitting plan, including heat pump installation; if he has plans to expand green apprenticeships to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36852/23]



\*403. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is concerned at reports (details supplied) of Irish manufactured components having found their way into armaments used by the Russian military; if he will describe the nature and scope of the investigation referred to by the Taoiseach on his recent visit to Kyiv; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36857/23]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment in view of the European Commission's announcement of 13 July 2023 that it is to send Ireland a reasoned opinion for the failure to fully transpose the Representative Actions Directive (Directive (EU) 2020/1828) by the agreed deadline of 25 December 2022, when he expects the Government to fully comply with its obligations in respect of this legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36864/23]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he intends to abolish sub-minimum wage rates for those under 20 years; what research he has commissioned on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36906/23]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current status of Action 2.5 of the National LGBTI Inclusion Strategy (for which his Department is responsible); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [36944/23]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when specific additional financial supports will be introduced to assist local authorities and community development organisations in the development of enterprise centres, in view of their importance in providing workspace for start-up businesses and small enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [37062/23]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of vacancies in the Workplace Relations Commission; and the roles which are vacant. — Ivana Bacik. [37078/23]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline the engagement the IDA has had with companies and potential FDI investors in County Louth in the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37141/23]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline the work being done by the IDA to address concerns around issues such as AI, social media algorithms, disinformation and cybersecurity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37142/23]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the work being done by the interdepartmental group on modern methods of construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37143/23]

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

\*412. To ask the Minister for Education if he will ringfence dedicated additional funding for every special school across the country in relation to the school summer programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36174/23]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider increasing the resources available to the home school community liaison scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [36645/23]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Education how many vacancies for SENO posts exist in the Cork area; when they will be filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [35586/23]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Education the amount of funding originally allocated for the ICT grant for the 2023 to 2024 school term; the specific reason it has been stopped; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [35598/23]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Education what actions are planned to ensure that the Irish students from the North are not negatively impacted by the postmarking adjustments for final examinations. — Sorca Clarke. [35612/23]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools not taking part in the school-based summer programme in 2023; and the number of students impacted. — Sean Sherlock. [35640/23]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a modular classroom project at a school (details supplied) proceeds without further delay so that the infrastructure can be in place in time for the upcoming new school year. — Cathal Crowe. [35660/23]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Education the number of seats allocated, as of 10 July 2023, for school transport, by county, in tabular form; and the number of applications deemed unsuccessful in obtaining a seat. — Sean Sherlock. [35664/23]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that schools infrastructure planning is keeping pace with demographic changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35693/23]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Education if a child (details supplied) in Cork can travel on the public school bus despite having a diagnosis that requires a special needs escort to accompany them to school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [35710/23]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the progress of the School Inclusion Model Pilot that is currently ongoing in primary schools which allow access to onsite professional support from occupational therapists and speech and language therapists; when these pilots will produce results; when they will be rolled out more broadly to other schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35718/23]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the much-needed extension to a school (details supplied) and the need for additional accommodation for the coming school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [35727/23]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Education the current situation regarding additional classroom accommodation in a school (details supplied) in County Cork; if her Department can confirm receipt of the R1 form which subsequent to the tendering process was submitted by the school on 23 June 2023; if everything is in order for the school to proceed to appoint the successful

contractor, in view of the tight timelines for completion of the project ahead of the new school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [35751/23]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Education when the latest high-level independent review of her Department's current child protection policies and processes will be published. — Patrick Costello. [35753/23]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an urgent update regarding an emergency works application submitted by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [35754/23]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Education when she will fill the post of chairperson of the National Council for Special Education; and the length of time this post has been vacant. — Paul Donnelly. [35800/23]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Education the action her Department has taken to honour the Programme for Government pledge to ensure that Government Departments and public bodies take positive steps, including the use of correct pronouns and, where possible, making improvements on official forms, to assist non-binary people. — Michael Moynihan. [35825/23]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Education when approval will be sanctioned for a school (details supplied) to proceed to construction of an ASD unit which is due to be in place for September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [35863/23]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated number of children who will benefit from the free schoolbooks scheme in primary schools in counties Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford and Waterford, respectively for 2023-2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [35890/23]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated number of children who will benefit from the free schoolbooks scheme in primary schools in counties Kildare, Wicklow and Meath, respectively for 2023-2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35891/23]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated number of children who will benefit from the free schoolbooks scheme in primary schools in counties Cavan, Monaghan, Louth and Donegal, respectively for 2023-2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [35892/23]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated number of children who will benefit from the free schoolbooks scheme in primary schools in counties Galway, Roscommon, Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim, respectively for 2023-2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35893/23]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated number of children who will benefit from the free schoolbooks scheme in primary schools in counties Clare, Limerick and Tipperary, respectively for 2023-2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [35894/23]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated number of children who will benefit from the free schoolbooks scheme in primary schools in counties Longford, Westmeath, Laois

and Offaly, respectively for 2023-2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [35895/23]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated number of children who will benefit from the free schoolbooks scheme in primary schools in the four local authority areas in Dublin, respectively for 2023-2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [35896/23]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Education if she will request a review of the current home school community liaison allocation to a school (details supplied); if this issue can be urgently addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [35898/23]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a list of schools in an area (details supplied) which provide ASD classes; the number of spaces still available in these classes for the September 2023 school year; the number of children on waiting lists for these spaces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [35921/23]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost if capitation funding for primary schools increased by 5% for the 2023-2024 school year. — Catherine Murphy. [35943/23]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Education the rationale behind EPV days for teachers providing school-based July Provision; and if she will consider making payment for EPV days tax-free and if she will make a statement on the matter (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [36004/23]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Education the number of places in secondary schools currently located in the Dublin 8 area; if she has plans to increase the current number of secondary school places in the area; the number of children resident in the area projected to progress from primary to secondary schools in 2023, 2024 and 2025; her plans to cater for all children unable to find a secondary school place in the area; her position on what constitutes an acceptable commuting distance and commuting time for school children obliged to travel outside Dublin 8 to attend secondary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [36017/23]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an additional accommodation application for a school (details supplied) in Tipperary; when it will progress to planning stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [36042/23]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the permanent school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [36076/23]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Education the intake ratio at secondary level for all school planning areas, broken down by individual school planning area, in each of the years since 2010, or by two-year period, in tabular form (details supplied). — Patrick Costello. [36119/23]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Education whether she will consider increasing the capacity on a route where there has been significantly increased demand meaning that a number of students who previously had concessionary tickets have been unsuccessful in their applications for the 2023-2024 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36139/23]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Education the current situation regarding a SEN project at a school in County Cork (details supplied); her Department's view with regard to an alternative site which has become available for this project in proximity to the school; the revised timelines for completion of the project as originally envisaged; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [36150/23]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the current status of a school (details supplied); the scheduled date for the demolition of the old school buildings; when the site is expected to be made safe; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [36205/23]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Education the up-to-date position on the site for a new school project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36218/23]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Education the costs incurred on the original site planned for the new location for schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36219/23]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 118 of 12 July 2023, if the site that has been identified in Quarry Park, Enniscorthy will be the site for the new school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36220/23]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for additional accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36221/23]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a breakdown of the total annual non-wage related, that is, not including teachers or SNA salaries, grant funding provided direct to primary schools in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [36238/23]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on an extension for a school (details supplied); the stage the project is currently at; when the project will move to planning and construction stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36302/23]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); the stage the project is currently at; when the project will move to planning and construction stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36303/23]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); the stage the project is currently at; when the project will move to planning and construction stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36304/23]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the proposed extension for a school (details supplied); the stage the project is currently at; on which site the extension will be located; when it is likely that this project will commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36305/23]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); the stage the project is currently at; when the project will move to planning and construction stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36306/23]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); the stage the project is currently at; the estimated timeframe from construction to completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36307/23]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); the stage the project is currently at; when the project will move to planning and construction stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36308/23]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department plans to build a new secondary school in a location (details supplied) considering the increase in population in the local area and demand for secondary school places; what plans her Department has for a site which is zoned for educational use at this location; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36309/23]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the building project for a school (details supplied); what stage the project is at; when it is likely that the project will move forward to design and construction stage; the estimated timeframe for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36310/23]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Education if temporary transport can be arranged for a school (details supplied) to bring pupils to and from school to their PE and sports activities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36311/23]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on securing the boundary of a school (details supplied); if security fencing will be implemented and if so, the timeframe for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36312/23]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Education concerning a school transport renewal application for a person (details supplied), the reasons behind the rejection and refusal of this application for the school bus service to a school for the school year 2023/2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [36315/23]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Education the reasons behind the rejection and refusal of an application for the school bus service for a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [36316/23]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Education the full-year cost for a post-primary school teacher post. — Alan Kelly. [36327/23]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that siblings (details supplied) will be provided with school transport, which is now their only means of getting to school; if she will review the circumstances of this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36335/23]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Education how parents can contact the school transport section in Bus Éireann (details supplied). — Mattie McGrath. [36339/23]



\*469. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware that 14 pupils in a school (details supplied) have been refused concessionary bus tickets despite the fact that the bus has increased in size from last year; if she will take steps to assist the parents of these pupils, many of whom will be significantly inconvenienced by this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [36361/23]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Education whether the ICT grant will be issued to schools this year; if so, the date on which it will be issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [36399/23]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on a new school build (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [36448/23]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that siblings (details supplied) will be provided with school transport, who availed of the service in the last school term; if she will review the circumstances of this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36512/23]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Education when refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) will be completed; and the estimated cost of these works. — Darren O'Rourke. [36528/23]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Education when refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) will be completed; and the estimated cost of these works. — Darren O'Rourke. [36529/23]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Education to outline her plans to increase the number of junior, senior and secondary school places available in Lucan, County Dublin, in the coming years to meet growing demand. — Eoin Ó Broin. [36534/23]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made on an appeal by a school (details supplied) under the school grant scheme. — Robert Troy. [36552/23]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of capital works for a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [36553/23]

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\*480. To ask the Minister for Education where the evidence is from the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) for its assertion that there is widespread support for its proposed change in the SPHE curriculum. — Peadar Tóibín. [36584/23]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the National Parents' Council was closed; and when it will be reconstituted. — Peadar Tóibín. [36585/23]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Education if schools will guarantee supervised classes or study time for the large number of children who will be taken out of SPHE classes in the coming year. — Peadar Tóibín. [36586/23]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Education what supports will be provided by her Department to the large number of children who will be excluded from SPHE classes due to the ethos of the new curriculum which is contrary to the ethos of their families. — Peadar Tóibín. [36587/23]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Education the basis on which she ended ethos pluralism within schools. — Peadar Tóibín. [36588/23]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Education what weighting is given if any, to the concerns of parents communicated in consultations. — Peadar Tóibín. [36589/23]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the representative of an organisation (details supplied) was the only representative excluded by the NCCA from the working party to create a new RSE curriculum. — Peadar Tóibín. [36590/23]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine a bus route decision (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [36593/23]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Education for a breakdown of schools in the Dublin 6W, Dublin 8, Dublin 10 and Dublin 12 areas; the schools that have access to a home school community liaison officer; if there is full- or part-time access, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [36642/23]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Education for a breakdown of schools in the Dublin 6W, Dublin 8, Dublin 10 and Dublin 12 areas; the schools that do not have access to a home school community liaison officer, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [36643/23]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether there is a need to increase the provision of home school community liaison officers, given there are currently only 530 home school community liaison coordinators covering 693 schools and approximately 207,000 pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [36644/23]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of an application by a school (details supplied) for emergency works; when a decision is likely to be made in this case in view of the fact that these facilities are urgently required to accommodate 42 children enrolled for 1 September in the school which has recently become co-educational and a delay in this project could result in the school being unable to accommodate these children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36648/23]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Education if his Department, and all agencies under the remit of his Department, have their telephone contact details on their websites and on other media platforms; if all stationery and headed notepaper used in correspondence with the public contain relevant phone contact details, taking into account that everybody is not in a position to correspond by e-mail; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36692/23]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on major school building projects in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown, in tabular form, listing the school, location, stage and expected completion date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [36805/23]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Education what training is provided to student teachers or existing qualified teachers on how to discuss climate change with their pupils, and how to implement responses through the curriculum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36933/23]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application for additional accommodation at a school (details supplied); if she will ensure that this proposal is advanced to the next stage at an early date in view of the urgent need to provide this much needed accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36938/23]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary school teachers in each county in the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 academic years; the provisional allocation in each county for 2023-2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [36939/23]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 289 of 30 May 2023, and the response given (details supplied), if she will provide the equivalent details for each county/local authority for 2019-2020 and 2022-2023. — Jim O'Callaghan. [36940/23]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the planning process for a school (details supplied); when planning permission will be submitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36969/23]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Education if the free primary schoolbook scheme grant given to schools covers the costs of all schoolbooks; if parents can be asked to donate or pay any fee in addition towards the costs of their child's schoolbooks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [36977/23]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Education the projected cost of ensuring every primary and secondary school has a school library, a school librarian, and access to the school digital library service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37008/23]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Education the projected cost of ensuring every Deis secondary school is funded for the provision of a JCSP library; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37009/23]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the funding provided in each year since 2020 for the provision of school libraries; what current support streams are in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37010/23]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Education the current staffing schedule at primary level, for Deis and non-Deis schools; how many teachers are currently employed across the primary level system; the number employed in each year from 2018 to 2023, in tabular form; the cost of reducing the average class size to 20 pupils; the cost of each one-point improvement in staffing costs, and capital costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37011/23]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Education to provide, in tabular form, the projected costs of reducing the staffing schedules for Deis urban band 1 vertical schools to 17:1, Deis urban band 1 junior schools to 15: 1 and Deis urban band 1 senior schools to 19:1; the costs for the 2024/25 school year; the current number of schools in each band; the staffing schedules that apply for Deis urban band 2 and Deis rural schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37012/23]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Education the current staffing schedule at second level; how many teachers are currently employed across the second-level system; the number employed in each year from 2018 to 2023, in tabular form; the cost of each one-point improvement in staffing costs, and capital costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37013/23]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Education how many children are enrolled in fee-paying private second-level schools in each year since 2018; the subsidy for teaching salaries and SNA posts in each of those years; the additional capital or grant expenditure provided in each of those years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37014/23]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Education the projected cost of the current pilot programme of counselling supports for primary school pupils; the projected cost of a nationwide rollout; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37015/23]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Education the projected cost of a 10% increase in funding for the school completion programme; the current financial and staff commitments in 2021/22 and 2022/23; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37016/23]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Education the cost of every ten additional home school community liaison positions; how many are currently in place; the current financial commitment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37017/23]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Education the cost of permanently abolishing fees for sitting the Junior and Leaving Certificate for 2024; the projected number of students in each year, by exam; the cost of waiving the fee in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37018/23]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Education the cost of abolishing school transport charges for concessionary students; if she will outline the changes in the fees for the scheme over the past two years; the current fees paid by students; the total fees collected this school year; the projected fees to be collected in 2023 for the 2023/24 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37019/23]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Education the full-year projected cost of free schoolbooks at primary level; the cost of expanding that to all secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37020/23]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Education the cost to provide a permanent release day for administrative purposes every week to every teaching principal; how many would benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37021/23]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Education the cost of restoring the outstanding approximately 2,400 posts of responsibility in primary and special schools, for AP1 to reach 1,605, and AP2 to

reach 8,592; the current level of positions in each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37022/23]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Education the cost of employing an additional 100 SNAs; the projected number of additional SNAs to be employed in 2024/2025 due to demographic pressures; the current number of SNAs at the end of 2022/23 school year; the current number of funded posts from September for the 2023/24 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37023/23]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Education the costing for employing an additional 100 resource teachers; the current number employed; the projected number of additional resource teachers to be employed in 2023/2024 due to demographic pressures; the projected additional number needed in 2024/25; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37024/23]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Education the additional capital and current spending required in 2023/24 and then 2024/25 to meet projected demand for special classes and special schools; to provide, in tabular form, the additional number of places required at each level; the provision currently in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37025/23]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Education the additional cost of restoring guidance counselling to pre-recession levels; the provision currently in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37026/23]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Education the cost for either a 10% or 20% increase in school capitation grants at primary and secondary level, in tabular form, for the 2023/24 school year; the first-year cost and full-year cost for the 2024/25 school year; the additional cost of a 25% increase in Deis capitation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37027/23]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Education the allocation for capital expenditure in 2023; to provide a breakdown of the spend on new schools and classrooms at primary, secondary and special schools; how many additional classrooms are planned in each; what the required provision in 2024 is; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37028/23]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Education the level of capital commitment for retrofitting or energy efficiency measures in schools in 2023; which projects were supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37029/23]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Education the additional funding required to ensure equal pay for the post-2010 entrants to teaching; where the remaining differences are; how many teachers are affected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37030/23]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to eliminate gender bias in the provision of Leaving Certificate classes in single-sex schools. — Ivana Bacik. [37072/23]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the practice of reduced timetables as a means of managing behaviour of children; and her plans to ensure that children do not have restricted hours in their education. — Ivana Bacik. [37076/23]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the work being done on the review or audit of school places need in County Louth, in light of the latest Census figures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37144/23]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the plans in place at her Department to deliver a greater number of ASDs in County Louth, particularly to address the issues of creating additional space in a number of schools and other logistical difficulties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37145/23]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration would be given to allowing schools to use a two-year admission application process for children with special educational needs, disabilities and autism instead of the current one-year application process so that spaces for these children can be better planned at both primary and secondary level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37146/23]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the engagement her Department has had with other Government Departments in relation to the greater level of provision of therapies in schools for those with disabilities and autism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37147/23]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the case of an exam candidate (details supplied) regarding deferred exams for illness; her views on whether it is fair that a student be denied the ability to resit the deferred exam due to their particular illness; and what can be done to rectify this kind of issue in the future. — Gary Gannon. [37174/23]

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

\*530. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [35635/23]

\*531. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an mbeadh sí sásta obair lena chinntiú, go háirithe i gcomhthéacs na n-athbhreithnithe atá beartaithe don chraoltóir seirbhíse poiblí, go ndéanfar an céatadán de bhuiséad iomlán RTÉ a chaitear ar chraolachán Gaeilge a dhúbailt ó 7.5% go 15% chun na dualgais reachtúla atá orthu faoin Acht Craolacháin, 2009 a chomhlíonadh; breis soláthair a dhéanamh ar chláracha Gaeilge teilifíse agus raidió agus tacú le cothromaíocht pá agus forbairt caipitil do RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35683/23]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the continuing steps she is taking to protect individuals against social media platforms being used for cyberbullying; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35694/23]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [35707/23]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has received the 2022 annual report from Irish Museum Modern Art; and if so, when the report will be published. — Paul Donnelly. [35779/23]



\*535. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the terms of reference of the review of external RTE contracts will include an investigation of the continued use of irregular contracts, identified as part of the independent review (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [35819/23]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the action her Department has taken to honour the Programme for Government pledge to ensure that Government Departments and public bodies take positive steps, including the use of correct pronouns and, where possible, making improvements on official forms, to assist non-binary people. — Michael Moynihan. [35838/23]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the timeframe for the opening of the next round of the Sports Capital Fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [36072/23]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of funding approved to a group (details supplied) from 2012 to date; what terms and conditions were attached to each funding approval, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [36157/23]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the estimated amount it would cost to introduce a pilot culture and media card scheme to the value of €200 for 18-24 year olds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36195/23]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 414 of 13 July 2023, if she will seek a response on the original question as to whether “the appointed person will work with local businesses and voluntary groups on the Purple Flag award for the town”; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [36235/23]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of TV licences renewed; the number of new TV licences issued for week two of July 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; if she can account for any variations in the numbers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [36313/23]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of TV licences renewed, in tabular form; the number of new TV licences issued with a weekly breakdown for June 2022 and June 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [36314/23]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of funding provided by Screen Ireland to the Irish Film and Television Academy in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [36317/23]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the next appointments to the Board of Arts Council are due to take place; the procedures for the appointment process; and the criteria employed as part of such appointments. — Alan Kelly. [36318/23]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if an organisation (details supplied) is eligible for the Sports Capital Grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [36352/23]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will separate TG4 fully from RTÉ, including its news output and create a new stand-alone Irish language broadcast media service made up of TG4, Radio na Gaeltachta and Radio Rí Rá (details supplied).; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [36353/23]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is aware of the threat to the future of the Celtic Routes Project, a unique tourism initiative linking counties in south east Ireland with counterparts in Wales; if she will ensure that sufficient funding is provided to continue this important project; if she has had any contact with her Welsh government colleague to discuss this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36354/23]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will increase funding for disability football teams; if her attention has been brought to two cases (details supplied); the steps she is taking to put these teams on a sustainable financial footing to compete; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36481/23]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total funding provided under the current sports capital funding; the focus of this year's applications by Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36599/23]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if his Department, and all agencies under the remit of his Department, have their telephone contact details on their websites and on other media platforms; if all stationery and headed notepaper used in correspondence with the public contain relevant phone contact details, taking into account that everybody is not in a position to correspond by e-mail; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36705/23]

\*551. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil i gceist aici scéim deontais a thabhairt isteach do choláistí Gaeilge cónaithe atá ag feidhmiú taobh amuigh den Ghaeltacht, ag féachaint don obair mhaith a dhéanann siad agus don líon áiteanna teoranta atá ar fáil ar chúrsaí Gaeilge sa nGaeltacht. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36872/23]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to the difficulties experienced by the tourism sector in rural Ireland due to the rate of inflation and rising cost of living; what measures her Department is taking to assist the tourism sector in rural Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [37114/23]

\*553. 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 Oireachtas Budget Scrutiny Committee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37148/23]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a review of sports capital funding and other sports funding is being considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37149/23]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what engagement there has been with the FAI following the publication of its investment vision and strategy report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37150/23]

\*556. 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; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37151/23]

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

\*557. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of setting up a new State construction company; the estimated cost in year one of building 20,000 homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36966/23]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current number of vacant local authority chief executive positions across the country; the period of time each position has been vacant for; when these vacancies were advertised; what timeframe is expected on the successful appointment of the vacant positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35608/23]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the number of tenant-in-situ purchases by each Dublin local authority for 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [35621/23]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will request from An Bord Pleanála details of the current waiting times for decisions; if he will provide information on the average waiting time for decisions in 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35641/23]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has asked An Bord Pleanála to develop a system whereby those who are awaiting a decision will be provided with a number in a queue in order that applicants and appeal parties can have information and updates as to when a decision on their file may be made; if an online and accessible system is under consideration; if An Bord Pleanála plans to initiate communication with all individuals who currently have an application awaiting decision in order to provide an estimate as to when their case will be decided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35642/23]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the stage at which the proposed new legislation covering the MPA which is supposed to replace the SAC legislation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [35647/23]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the total number of cost-rental units delivered since 2020. — Francis Noel Duffy. [35662/23]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of people who made contact with each local authority because they considered themselves to be homeless but were not provided with emergency homeless accommodation or a HAP/social housing tenancy; the breakdown of the reasons emergency accommodation or HAP/social housing

tenancy was not provided in each case; if he will commit to publishing this data alongside homelessness figures each month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [35684/23]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what information is shared by local authorities on their choice-based letting systems to his Department, by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35688/23]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for affordable housing in County Cork; if he is satisfied with the current level of affordable housing being delivered in mid-Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35689/23]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of funding made available for local authorities to advance taking-in-charge of estates in County Cork for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, by LEA, for County Cork, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35690/23]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of successful application under the septic tank grant for County Cork for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, by LEA, for County Cork, in tabular form; if he is satisfied with the number of successful applications made to date in 2023 and that the new measures are seeing more of an uptake in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35691/23]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority home loans approved and drawn down in each local authority for 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; if he is satisfied with the current timelines on processing applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35692/23]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the likely date for completion of the report from the working group within his Department which is reviewing the question of out-of-mortgage properties owned by approved housing bodies. — Ivana Bacik. [35708/23]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the budget allocation for the fire services capital programme in 2021, 2022 and 2023; and the percentage of that funding that was actually spent in the years of 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [35799/23]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether those who must have adult children living with them due to the housing crisis should not be omitted from the housing adaptation grants for older people and people with a disability, as the overall household income exceeds €60,000; if he will increase this threshold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35803/23]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are any grounds on which a local authority can assess eligibility for social housing supports based on whether an applicant's private rent is above 30% of their net household income rather than the annual net household income being within the three income bands set out by his Department

in January 2023; if so, when this alternative assessment was introduced; and on what circular, statutory instrument or legislation it is based. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35806/23]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what rules govern metal detecting and amateur metal detecting in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35809/23]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action his Department has taken to honour the Programme for Government pledge to ensure that Government Departments and public bodies take positive steps, including the use of correct pronouns and, where possible, making improvements on official forms, to assist non-binary people. — Michael Moynihan. [35832/23]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding any research conducted regarding the step-down housing need for older people in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [35879/23]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 52 of 6 July 2023, if he will clarify the specific cost of getting two health care professionals to sign HDM-Form 1 (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [35914/23]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when price ceiling limits on the first home scheme will next be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [35969/23]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, in the context of electoral reform, he could provide an update on the implementation of the Programme for Government commitment to establish a fund to support political and electoral research by academics and researchers. — Jim O'Callaghan. [36028/23]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of his Department's 2022 budget that was surrendered to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [36031/23]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what measures are being taken to reduce delays in the planning process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [36045/23]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps his Department is taking to reduce the number of judicial reviews with regard to housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [36048/23]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what engagement his Department has had with the Department of Finance with regard to the residential zoned land tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [36049/23]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are any exceptional case decisions that would apply under circular PL 04/2023 for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [36064/23]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how the human cremation process is regulated; the statutory reporting responsibilities of crematoria relating to air, water and soil quality in the areas adjacent to the crematorium; to whom crematoria report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36068/23]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the guidelines will issue to local authorities regarding the waiving of contribution fees for new build houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [36083/23]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 285 of 27 April 2023, if he will provide an update on the use of mixed methods of construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36090/23]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 116 of 18 May 2023, his views on the subgroups established under NHAC, with specific reference to examining issues pertaining to homelessness prevention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36091/23]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 116 of 18 May 2023, if he will outline the measures that have been introduced to prevent homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36092/23]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 116 of 18 May 2023, if, given that he stated that scrutiny report identified a number of ambiguities and possible unintended legal consequences arising from the iteration of the Bill, if he will outline the ambiguities and provide further clarity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36094/23]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are requirements as those referenced by the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for emergency accommodation from the local authority and private providers that are paid by the State; if they receive inspections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36095/23]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will direct all local authorities to record the number of families and individuals who make contact with them on the basis that they consider themselves to be homeless, and the outcome in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36110/23]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has any plans to broaden the definition of homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36111/23]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many appeals in terms of rates are currently with Tailte Éireann; the average wait time for a rates appeal; how long is the longest wait time for a rates appeal with Tailte Éireann; the percentage of appeals that are successful on an annual basis; how many staff are working in the processing of appeals within the appeals office in each of the past ten years; how much in financial terms is returned to business



owners due to overcharging rates on an annual basis; and if he will reinstate the first appeal stage to provide resolution before the tribunal stage. — Peadar Tóibín. [36124/23]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason only a two-week permit was issued to a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36135/23]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many judicial reviews or High Court planning appeals An Bord Pleanála has failed to contest, which rendered the planning permissions void in 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [36155/23]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason An Bord Pleanála would decide not to issue a defence of its own decision at the High Court (details supplied) in the case of a planning appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [36156/23]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated amount it would cost to pay members of the Retained Fire Service an hourly rate equivalent to the average industrial wage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36201/23]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated amount it would cost to increase the number of station officers to two officers per fire station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36202/23]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated amount it would cost to increase the crew numbers in a two-pump fire station to 18; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36203/23]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated amount it would cost to increase the crew numbers in a one-pump fire station by three; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36204/23]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if all board members have been appointed to MARA; if so, if he will provide the full list of members; the name of the new CEO; how many board meetings have been held; the dates and locations of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36210/23]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what trips have been taken by staff and board members of an organisation (details supplied); the purpose of these trip; what trips are planned by staff and board members and the purpose of these trips for the remainder of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36211/23]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the criteria for proving vacancy for the croí cónaithe scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36225/23]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the criteria for eligibility to apply for the croí cónaithe scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36226/23]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications for the croí cónaithe scheme, by local authority; the number of applications approved; the number of successful applications drawn down, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36227/23]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the introduction of a mica/pyrite redress scheme for households in County Tipperary; if a person (details supplied) will be able to obtain financial assistance through the mica/pyrite redress scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [36228/23]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the current status of the working group within his Department on out-of-mortgage housing being operated by housing associations; if he can provide any indication as to when a report will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36278/23]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 100 of 21 June and 73 of 6 July 2023, the sanctions in place for a failure to submit a consent application in accordance with the EC (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, in respect of the type of foreshore activity referenced in Marine Notice No. 40 of 2022 and in Marine Notice No. 36 of 2022; if any sanctions were applied in relation to the foreshore activity referenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36291/23]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 100 of 21 June and 73 of 6 July 2023, the details of any actions that have been taken on foot of the failure by a company (details supplied) to comply with the Ministerial consent obligations in accordance with the EC (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, in respect of the foreshore activity referenced in Marine Notice No. 40 of 2022 and in Marine Notice No. 36 of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36292/23]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the new planning guidelines on one-off rural housing will be published (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [36298/23]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the number of applications received per county for the tenant-in-situ scheme; the number of properties completed through the process; the number of properties progressing through the process; the number of properties rejected; if he will respond, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36369/23]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that a Luxembourg-based corporate landlord (details supplied) is evicting multiple families with children from their homes in Applewood, Swords, despite the tenants paying their rent in full, due to the landlord’s refusal to offer further part 4 tenancies, that one family member being evicted is recovering from cancer and that many of the properties are very poorly maintained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36383/23]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of conservation officers employed to date; by local authority, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [36391/23]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of all local authorities which do not have a conservation officer on staff. — Holly Cairns. [36392/23]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider a review of the rate of pay for conservation officers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [36393/23]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the recruitment and appointment process undertaken for the CEO of the Electoral Commission. — Holly Cairns. [36395/23]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update in relation to the Supreme Court ruling in the case brought by a person (details supplied); if options have been developed; the timeline for the reform of Seanad Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [36401/23]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the research in relation to lowering the voting age to 16 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [36402/23]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on lowering the voting age to 16 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [36403/23]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the proposed debate on the Thirty-ninth Amendment of the Constitution (Right to Vote at 16) Bill 2021 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [36407/23]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the working group set up to examine the legacy issue of unsold affordable homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [36421/23]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the multi-annual rural water programme, which was due in Q3 of 2022, will be published; the reason for the delay in publishing this programme, in view of the many rural areas that are awaiting a supply of water; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36449/23]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will take any measures to protect families and children facing eviction who are not covered by the new rules of unlimited duration in Part 4: Tenancy, of the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Act 2021, whose tenancy was created before 11 June 2022, and the landlord is now terminating the tenancy after six years. — Paul Murphy. [36451/23]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that since a corporation (details supplied) bought 47 homes in January 2020, the public areas of the main building have not been properly maintained and families and children are now living in

slum conditions and are exposed to serious problems of anti-social behaviour; the steps he will take to ensure that these families and children live peacefully in a properly maintained environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36452/23]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will remove section 34 (b) of the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Act 2021 as a matter of urgency to protect families against the actions of corporate landlords (details supplied), currently seeking to evict families and children from their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36453/23]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will instruct Fingal County Council to take steps to buy all or some of the 47 properties (details supplied) where families and children face eviction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36454/23]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions he will take to prevent five families and children (details supplied) from being evicted by a corporate landlord; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36455/23]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if actively farmed farmland will be exempted from the residential zoned land tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [36548/23]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends on publishing guidelines for the development of solar farms so they can be developed in a sustainable way and which ensures community input. — Robert Troy. [36562/23]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a register for derelict properties on a county-on-county basis; and if so, if he will provide the number of registered derelict properties, by county. — Robert Troy. [36563/23]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social housing properties that have been retrofitted with energy upgrades, by county, in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023. — Robert Troy. [36564/23]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person can avail of the tenant-in-situ scheme if one's landlord is a family member. — Robert Troy. [36565/23]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends providing assistance for a large number of tenants who are paying up to 50% of their weekly income in the current cost rental model; his plans to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36594/23]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the up-to-date position of the review into the housing adaptation and housing aid grants; when he will announce the findings of the review; if he is planning changes in the grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36595/23]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of cost rental homes provided for in County Kildare over the past two years; the location of each; the

number of cost rental homes for Kildare in planning or under construction; the location of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36596/23]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of croí cónaithe grants applied for throughout the State; the number per year; the number per county; the number paid to date; if the information will be provided, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36597/23]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority home loans applied for throughout the State; the number per year; the number per county; the number paid to date; if the information will be provided, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36598/23]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether his Department should hold figures in relation to the number of pregnant hares that are released; if he will not issue any licences for the upcoming coursing season, given the concerns about the welfare of pregnant hares (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36604/23]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Government feasibility study into a co-housing model; what further steps will be taken in relation to the co-housing model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [36625/23]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has engaged in discussions with financial institutions in relation to providing a funding model for co-housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [36626/23]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the review by his Department of the operation of the caravan loan scheme pilot; the timeline for the publication of the final review report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36670/23]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department, and all agencies under the remit of his Department, have their telephone contact details on their websites and on other media platforms; if all stationery and headed notepaper used in correspondence with the public contain relevant phone contact details, taking into account that everybody is not in a position to correspond by e-mail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36699/23]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of people on social housing waiting lists by each of the four Dublin local authorities, on 1 June during the years 2016-2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [36803/23]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the current pipeline of public housing being supported by his Department in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown, by location; including the site, lead agency, number of units planned, expected tenure type (cost rental, affordable purchase, social housing), and expected completion date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [36804/23]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons in receipt of the housing assistance payment in each of the years 2014 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and the total spend on the housing assistance payment in the corresponding timeframe, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [36821/23]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant homes officers in each local authority. — Ivana Bacik. [36822/23]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of directly employed maintenance and refurbishment staff in each local authority; and if his Department has a policy in respect of employment and contracting of same. — Ivana Bacik. [36824/23]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of retrofits delivered in local authority homes in each retrofitting scheme for each county in each month to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [36825/23]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to amend planning legislation to facilitate the installation of covered bicycle storage in the front gardens of private dwellings. — Ivana Bacik. [36829/23]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 756 of 13 June 2023, where the information is held on the total establishment costs for the establishment of registration and inspection section systems; if his Department is aware of the total cost of establishing a registration and inspection section system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36855/23]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homes bought under the tenant-in-situ scheme, broken down by local authority, in 2022 and in the first six months of 2023; how much was spent on each home; the size of these homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36954/23]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homes bought under the cost rental tenant-in-situ scheme, broken down by local authority, in 2022 and in the first six months of 2023; how much was spent on each home; the size of these homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36955/23]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the process for those eligible for the cost rental tenant-in-situ scheme to avail of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36956/23]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority homes that have been retrofitted; the BER rating to which they have been brought up; the average cost per home; how many more local authority homes are due to be retrofitted; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36957/23]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the full-year cost of bringing HAP rates in line with average rents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36958/23]



\*657. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details of the different funding streams for local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36964/23]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details of the local government fund, including details of the full-year cost of the fund to the Exchequer in each of the years 2007 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36965/23]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide, in tabular form, in each year since 2020, the total amount of funding in each local authority for capital investment in water services infrastructure; the capital projects that have been completed in each local authority area since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [37042/23]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority home loans that have been issued in each local authority; and his plans to revise income limits for same. — Ivana Bacik. [37073/23]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacancies in the Residential Tenancies Board; and the roles which are vacant. — Ivana Bacik. [37079/23]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied); his views on same, specifically in relation to housing costs for renters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [37081/23]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the application of a person (details supplied) as the applicant found it necessary to arrange for the works to be carried out in advance of the grant being paid as it was an emergency but the local authority refused to pay out the grant; if he will review the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [37126/23]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the review of the housing adaptation grants for older people and people with disabilities; his engagement with the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform on the recommendations; when he will publish the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37152/23]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what specific plans there are for MMC (modern methods of construction) sites in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37153/23]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the delivery of social and affordable houses in Louth, to include the numbers of commencements and completions to 1 July 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37154/23]

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

\*667. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the commitments made by Ireland under the remit of her Department at COP26 and COP27, respectively; the progress made to date on actioning those, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36883/23]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she expects the Government to finalise its approach to benchmarking and indexation of pension payments, as committed to in the Roadmap for Social Inclusion 2020-2025; the reasons for the delays in finalising this approach to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [35526/23]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the up-to-date the position in relation to ending the campaign to pursue former partners for unpaid child maintenance and where a former partner continues to pay support to their former partner/family; if this will be deducted from the payment to the person in receipt of social welfare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35591/23]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are any plans to extend the free travel scheme to patients with epilepsy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [35599/23]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason social welfare applications that are successful but delayed in processing are not being backdated automatically to the date of initial application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35633/23]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of community welfare officers, by INTREO office, from 2011 to date, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [35654/23]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware of the case of a 12-month wait for an appeals decision on a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); the reasons for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [35663/23]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the widowed or surviving civil partner grant can be made payable to the guardian of the dependent child where the widow has abandoned the dependent child and where the grant would be of huge benefit to the child to assist with educational expenses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [35665/23]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a carer's allowance appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [35677/23]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the status of a carer's allowance application; what further timeframe is expected on a decision on a carer's allowance review initiated on 7 February 2023 for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35679/23]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are plans to continue paying child benefit beyond the age of 18 years when the person is in full-time education. — Dara Calleary. [35713/23]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the treatment purchase scheme introduced in May 2022 where a benefit grant of €500 is available for certain health expenses, but there are circumstances in which a person (details supplied) does not qualify; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [35721/23]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether she will recognise Covid-19 as an occupational illness for healthcare workers following the recommendation of the European Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35750/23]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an appeal for carer's allowance in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [35755/23]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to increasing the capital disregard threshold of €20,000 as part of the means assessment for a personal rate State pension (non-contributory) entitlement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [35769/23]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has met formally with the CEO of the Citizens Information Board to-date in 2023. — Paul Donnelly. [35789/23]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of misclassified contracts identified by her Department at RTÉ, and compliance notices issued to RTÉ, for social insurance-purposes in each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023. — Ivana Bacik. [35820/23]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if findings by the SCOPE section of her Department have been disputed by RTÉ; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [35821/23]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the action her Department has taken to honour the Programme for Government pledge to ensure that Government Departments and public bodies take positive steps, including the use of correct pronouns and, where possible, making improvements on official forms, to assist non-binary people. — Michael Moynihan. [35836/23]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will sanction the employment of an assistant supervisor for a community employment scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35843/23]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in light of the cost-of-living crisis, her Department plans to extend eligibility for the fuel allowance to persons employed under the job initiative scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [35868/23]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [35932/23]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of contracts to provide services and or consultancy to her Department that have been granted without having to go to public tender; the companies that were granted these contracts and nature of the work involved; and the qualifying criteria that were applied to any company awarded such a contract in 2022 and to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [35944/23]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if assistance will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36039/23]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider the amending of the eligibility for the widow's, widower's and surviving civil partner's (contributory) pension to allow surviving long-term partners to be able to claim the payment; if she will review the social protection system to identify other areas of discrimination against non-married couples; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [36063/23]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will confirm that household expenses, including mortgage repayments, household insurance and so on, are allowable expenses in the means test applied for the carer's allowance review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [36077/23]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if signing a personal progression plan is a mandatory requirement for all persons engaging with local area employment services; the details of any other documentation a person is required to sign in order to access local area employment services; if there are any penalties for declining to sign a personal progression plan or other documentation, when accessing local area employment services; the details of any such penalties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36085/23]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Social Protection with reference to the reasonable accommodation fund, the disability awareness training scheme and the wage subsidy scheme, the number of employees who have benefitted from each scheme in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the number of employers who took part in each scheme over the same period; the amount expended on each scheme in that time, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [36086/23]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has any plans to review the means test for carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36112/23]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she any plans to disregard carer's allowance from the means test for back-to-school allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36113/23]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to review the anomaly for those making contributory pension applications that have no credited contributions whilst on farm assist in view of the fact they were paying S contributions previously, and at that time were not entitled to make voluntary contributions, and are now being penalised with reduced pensions; the number of these farmers that have been affected by the anomaly; if a review of these cases will be carried out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36123/23]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will personally intervene in a case of an overpayment of carer's allowance for a person (details supplied) whose overpayment arose because they were required to work additional hours as a nurse in the early stages of the Covid pandemic; if, in these circumstances, she will ensure that this person's appeal is allowed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36140/23]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will guarantee that the auto-enrolled pension scheme will be prohibited from investing in fossil fuels or the arms industry, as outlined in the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Social Protection report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [36141/23]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the implementation of the recommendations for the auto-enrolled pension scheme as outlined in the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Social Protection report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [36142/23]

\*701. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the timeline for the creation of the central processing authority being established to manage the auto-enrolled pension scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [36143/23]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will guarantee that a minimum percentage of the funds from the auto-enrolled pension scheme should be invested in Irish renewable energy developments in order to ensure Ireland's climate action obligations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [36144/23]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider providing for the extension of the free travel scheme to a category of individuals (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36151/23]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider relaxing the rule whereby a substantial period of time must elapse before a back-to-work enterprise application may be approved, given the huge disruption caused to fledgling businesses as a consequence of Covid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [36171/23]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will give due consideration to ending the 'four-over-seven-day rule', which prevents home support workers from claiming part-time jobseeker's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36176/23]

\*706. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to confirm that a liability raised for a person (details supplied) by her Department arising out of additional hours worked in excess of the limit on their carer's allowance will be nullified due to the fact that these hours relate to their work helping elderly and vulnerable people with home help during the pandemic in 2020 and 2021 and were required as there was no one else available to undertake this work, and that they did not intend to circumvent the rules; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36183/23]

\*707. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated amount it would cost to equalise the rates of jobseeker's allowance for under 25's and over 25's; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36199/23]

\*708. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the carer's allowance application for a person (details supplied) was refused when a change of carers was applied; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36229/23]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on extending the fuel allowance eligibility to families in receipt of a working family payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36232/23]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the serious difficulties people are having in booking appointments in their local Intreo centres by phone and email; how she plans to make this system more accessible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [36284/23]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will acknowledge the enormous amount of care being provided voluntarily by family members at home for relatives in need of very high levels of care; if she will acknowledge that if this voluntary home care were not available and responsibility transferred to the State, this would put a huge financial burden on the State; if she will acknowledge that a large number of voluntary carers are not eligible to apply for carer's allowance as they do not satisfy the means test limit under the current legislation; and if she will consider abolishing the means test. — Matt Shanahan. [36457/23]

\*712. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 142 of 21 June 2023, if she has considered her Department's response to the European Commission's recommendation to recognise Covid-19 as an occupational illness and the responses received from other Departments and Ministers; the date at which she expects to make a decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36474/23]

\*713. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) can expect a decision on their carer's allowance review. — Robert Troy. [36507/23]

\*714. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she will bring forward social welfare reforms to ensure that when people lose their jobs their welfare rate will reflect their previous salary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [36549/23]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people who are currently on the x and o scheme. — Robert Troy. [36550/23]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people who engaged in welfare fraud across all categories of social welfare payments for the years 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [36551/23]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the Exchequer annually of increasing all social welfare payments by €20 per week, €25 per week, €30 per week, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36579/23]

\*718. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has any plans to increase child benefit to those aged 18 years or over who may still be in secondary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36600/23]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider amending the criteria for fuel allowance so that those who are living with another family member, earning a low income



and not in receipt of one of the qualifying payments for fuel allowance would not be disqualified from the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36611/23]

\*720. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider amending the criteria for fuel allowance so that those who are living with children of working age who are earning a low income and not in receipt of one of the qualifying payments for fuel allowance would not be disqualified from the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36612/23]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the Exchequer of an increase of €27.50 in social protection payments. — Sean Sherlock. [36613/23]

\*722. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the Exchequer of introducing a cost-of-disability payment of an additional €40 per week on top of social protection payments. — Sean Sherlock. [36614/23]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the Exchequer of hiring an additional 100 community welfare officers in their localities. — Sean Sherlock. [36615/23]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the Exchequer of increasing the fuel allowance by €680.48. — Sean Sherlock. [36616/23]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the Exchequer of extending the fuel allowance to recipients of the working family payment. — Sean Sherlock. [36617/23]

\*726. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the Exchequer of extending the fuel allowance to those in receipt of fixed incomes and medical conditions. — Sean Sherlock. [36618/23]

\*727. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the Exchequer of raising the qualified child increase by €10 for children under 12 years and €15 for children over 12 years. — Sean Sherlock. [36619/23]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the Exchequer of expanding child benefit to students until they finish formal education. — Sean Sherlock. [36620/23]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the Exchequer of retaining the €100 increase in the back-to-school clothing and footwear allowance. — Sean Sherlock. [36621/23]

\*730. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the Exchequer of extending the jobseeker's transitional payment to one-parent families in work, training or education. — Sean Sherlock. [36622/23]

\*731. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the Exchequer of extending the entitlement of the living alone allowance and household benefits package to one-parent families. — Sean Sherlock. [36623/23]

\*732. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [36624/23]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the Exchequer to have access to the back-to-school allowance extended to foster carers for the benefit of the children in their care. — Sean Sherlock. [36687/23]

\*734. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the Exchequer to extend eligibility to the State pensions for foster carers. — Sean Sherlock. [36688/23]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department, and all agencies under the remit of his Department, have their telephone contact details on their websites and on other media platforms; if all stationery and headed notepaper used in correspondence with the public contain relevant phone contact details, taking into account that everybody is not in a position to correspond by e-mail; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36703/23]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Kerry is eligible for illness benefit on their 2022 social insurance class A contributions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [36752/23]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of expanding eligibility for cohabiting couples to all social welfare benefits on the same basis for married couples; what work her Department has carried out on this to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36753/23]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing all weekly social welfare payments by either 10%, €15 or €27.50 per week respectively; to provide a breakdown, by payment, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36754/23]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how much the State contributory pension would have to increase by to provide a level of payment equivalent to 34% of average earnings; the total estimated cost; the estimated cost of a €53-per-week increase; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36755/23]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of expanding child benefit to 18 and 19-year-olds in full-time education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36756/23]

\*741. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing child benefit by €10 per month; the projected cost of providing a double payment of the existing rate in September; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36757/23]

\*742. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of an €10 increase in DCA; the additional cost of expanding it up to children aged under 18-years-old; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36758/23]

\*743. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of providing a double payment of each weekly social welfare payment in the last week of October; to provide, in tabular form, a

breakdown of the costs, by each weekly payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36759/23]

\*744. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing the qualified child payment for under 12s by €5 or €10 and for over 12s by €10 or €15; to provide the current number of eligible children in each category and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36760/23]

\*745. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current cost of the free travel scheme and the number of participants; the projected cost of introducing free travel to students, namely those aged 18 to 24 years who hold a public services card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36761/23]

\*746. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the dates that the back-to-school clothing and footwear allowances will be paid; the additional cost in a full year to retain the current €100 increase; the estimated cost to extend it to foster carers; the additional cost to provide the current payment to all school-going children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36762/23]

\*747. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing eligibility thresholds for SWA by 10%, 20%, 30% respectively, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36763/23]

\*748. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of introducing a second band, paid at half the current rate of fuel allowance for those on fixed incomes where their weekly means threshold is between €200 and €500; how many would be eligible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36764/23]

\*749. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing the weekly means threshold for fuel allowance from €200 to €300; how many more would be eligible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36765/23]

\*750. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of expanding eligibility for fuel allowance to all those on the working family payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36766/23]

\*751. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing fuel allowance by either €5 or €10 a week, or a flat €100 increase overall; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36767/23]

\*752. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of introducing a €40-per-week cost-of-disability payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36768/23]

\*753. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of an additional ten community welfare officers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36769/23]

\*754. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost to extend the JST to one-parent families in work, training or education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36770/23]

\*755. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost to extend the entitlement of the living alone allowance and household benefits package to one-parent families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36771/23]

\*756. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost for every €1 increase in the living alone allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36772/23]

\*757. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing the carer's support grant to €2,000; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36773/23]

\*758. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the projected cost of a full Christmas bonus payment in 2023 on the same basis as applied in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36774/23]

\*759. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the projected cost of increasing working family payment thresholds by €20; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36775/23]

\*760. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the projected cost of paying child benefit in the month of birth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36776/23]

\*761. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of providing Job seekers payments to under 25s at the same adult rate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36777/23]

\*762. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing the carer's allowance income disregard to €500 single, and €1,000 for a couple; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36778/23]

\*763. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of providing the €500 back-to-education grant to all BTEA applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36779/23]

\*764. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing the disability allowance income disregard to €200 and increasing the upper cap to €400; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36780/23]

\*765. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of an extra 1,000 places on the wage subsidy scheme, and 1,000 additional places on the employability scheme respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36782/23]

\*766. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of a removing the three-day waiting period for jobseeker's benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36785/23]

\*767. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the projected cost of providing carer's allowance to all those in receipt of the carer's support grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36786/23]

\*768. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of a €10 increase in the household benefits package for gas and electricity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36787/23]

\*769. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of extending child benefit to children in direct provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36788/23]

\*770. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of every €1 increase in the adult or child direct provision payments; when these payments were last increased; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36789/23]

\*771. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of extending fuel allowance to all those on jobseeker's allowance and benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36960/23]

\*772. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of extending fuel allowance to all those on illness benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36961/23]

\*773. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing fuel allowance to €40 per week and extending it to all those on JSA, JSB and illness benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36962/23]

\*774. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide the number of refusals in each welfare scheme that is, illness, invalidity, carer's, Jobseeker's allowance, and so on; the subsequent number of reviews in advance of appeals; and the number of appeals upheld for each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [36981/23]

\*775. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current average processing time for appeals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [36982/23]

\*776. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the policy which prevents a person in recipient of a widows/widower's pension availing of illness benefit while out sick (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [36990/23]

\*777. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the additional funding required to expand the hot school meals to all Deis schools in 2024; the resources required to ensure all special schools and Deis secondary schools can provide a hot school meal; if she will confirm if her Department has an implementation plan for the roll-out of a universal provision of hot school meals in all schools; what work has been carried out on the feasibility of providing meals to children during holiday time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37031/23]

\*778. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the plans to introduce enhanced jobseeker's benefit based on previous income; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37155/23]

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

\*779. To ask the Minister for Justice what additional resources have been provided to the Coroner Courts to address the backlogs that bereaved loved ones are currently experiencing. — Sorca Clarke. [35610/23]

\*780. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the use of tracking devices on private citizens by private investigators; to list any actions proposed by her Department to prevent this practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [35652/23]

\*781. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of private investigators operating in the State. — Holly Cairns. [35653/23]

\*782. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application for a person (details supplied) who has made an application under the Afghan admission programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35658/23]

\*783. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application to the undocumented scheme in the case of a person (details supplied) whose vetting was completed on 29 April 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35668/23]

\*784. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans to transfer grants for prison links from her Department to the HSE; for an update on these plans; the rationale behind them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [35685/23]

\*785. To ask the Minister for Justice the current turnaround times for processing of a join family, member of EU/EEA/Swiss citizen spouse visa application by the INIS; and what efforts her Department is making to ensure timely decisions for applicants. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35704/23]

\*786. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address the serious concerns raised by a charity (details supplied) in respect of a major threat to charity fundraising; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [35709/23]

\*787. To ask the Minister for Justice further to the final terms of reference for the scoping exercise into the death of a person (details supplied), the reason she and her officials refused to provide a judge with the independent review mechanism report. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35723/23]

\*788. To ask the Minister for Justice if, further to the final terms of reference of the scoping exercise into the death of a person (details supplied), a judge requested the independent review mechanism report as required to fulfil the obligations of their appointment. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35724/23]

\*789. To ask the Minister for Justice if, further to the final terms of reference for the scoping exercise into the death of a person (details supplied), a judge was provided with the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission statutory s101 report. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35725/23]

\*790. To ask the Minister for Justice if, further to the final terms of reference of the scoping exercise into the death of a person (details supplied), a judge requested the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission statutory s101 report as required to fulfil the obligations of their appointment. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35726/23]

\*791. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide the terms of reference for the independent review mechanism's review into the death of a person (details supplied); and if



the terms of reference were provided to a person to enable them to fulfil the obligations of their appointment to conduct a scoping exercise. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35730/23]

\*792. To ask the Minister for Justice if, further to the many failures of An Garda Síochána, the judiciary, the Coroner's Office, the Courts Service and her own Department identified by a judge (details supplied) throughout the report of their scoping exercise into the death of a person, she will now establish an independent inquiry into the person's death as previously directed by the Members of Dáil and Seanad Éireann. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35731/23]

\*793. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide the dates on which a person (details supplied) met, exchanged emails or telephone calls with her officials from the date of appointment to conduct the scoping exercise into the death of a person to publication of the final report on the 3 July 2023. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35733/23]

\*794. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide the dates on which a person (details supplied) met, exchanged emails or telephone calls with her or former Ministers from the date of appointment to conduct the scoping exercise into the death of a person to publication of the final report on the 3 July 2023. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35734/23]

\*795. To ask the Minister for Justice the immigration status of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35742/23]

\*796. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason she or her officials did not inform a family (details supplied) that a judge was formerly a member of the Courts Service Board on their appointment to undertake the scoping exercise; and the dates on which the judge was a member of the Courts Service Board.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35743/23]

\*797. To ask the Minister for Justice the plans that are in place to address the long waiting list for persons in prison to access addiction services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [35748/23]

\*798. To ask the Minister for Justice how many residential properties seized by CAB are still under remit of CAB due to the property being sold by CAB or issued to a local authority by CAB. — Gino Kenny. [35773/23]

\*799. To ask the Minister for Justice how many years a residential property seized by CAB is left vacant; and his views on whether property seized for more than two years should be given to the local authority. — Gino Kenny. [35774/23]

\*800. To ask the Minister for Justice to clarify a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35775/23]

\*801. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí, by rank, attached to each divisional criminal assets profiling unit, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [35791/23]

\*802. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of stinger courses held for gardaí within the DMR division in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and the duration of this course. — Paul Donnelly. [35792/23]

\*803. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí, by rank, attached to each divisional criminal intelligence office, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [35793/23]

\*804. To ask the Minister for Justice if a new contract for the supply of additional marked Garda cars and vans has been put out to tender. — Paul Donnelly. [35794/23]

\*805. To ask the Minister for Justice the action her Department has taken to honour the Programme for Government pledge to ensure that Government Departments and public bodies take positive steps, including the use of correct pronouns and, where possible, making improvements on official forms, to assist non-binary people. — Michael Moynihan. [35833/23]

\*806. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide, in tabular form, domestic, sexual and gender-based violence offences data for 2022, broken down by Garda district or station, and to include, but not limited to, rape, sexual assault, domestic violence and coercive control. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35840/23]

\*807. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide, in tabular form, a breakdown of crime data for each of the Dublin metropolitan region divisions for the period of 2020-2023 to date. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35841/23]

\*808. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide, in tabular form, a breakdown of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence offences data, to include, but not limited to, rape, sexual assault, domestic violence and coercive control for the period of 2020 – 2023 to date in the Dublin north inner-city and northwest inner city. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35842/23]

\*809. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Irish Prison Service Bill 2023 provides for any change to the Civil Service status of current Irish Prison Service staff; and when engagement with representatives of these staff will begin. — Pa Daly. [35856/23]

\*810. To ask the Minister for Justice if a person's work visa (details supplied) can be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35857/23]

\*811. To ask the Minister for Justice whether a non-EU national with leave to remain in the UK and resident in Northern Ireland is permitted to work in the Republic of Ireland and/or apply for residency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [35860/23]

\*812. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the criminal justice (community sanctions) Bill. — Pa Daly. [35886/23]

\*813. To ask the Minister for Justice whether she can request An Garda Síochána to reconsider a decision (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [35897/23]

\*814. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will confirm that information requested by the Department of Foreign Affairs about a passport application (details supplied) has been received by her Department; if it has been processed and returned to the Department of Foreign Affairs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [35924/23]

\*815. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 79 of 11 July 2023, the timeframe for the conclusion of the review of the immigration arrangements for non-EEA

circus performers; and what stakeholders have been consulted in this review. — Paul Murphy. [35930/23]

\*816. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 79 of 11 July 2023, to clarify the immigration arrangements which enable Irish circuses to engage the services of non-EEA national circus performers that have been in place since 2007. — Paul Murphy. [35931/23]

\*817. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank attached to each community policing unit within each district within Dublin region as of 12 July 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [35945/23]

\*818. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of contracts to provide services and or consultancy to her Department; the companies that were granted these contracts and nature of the work involved; and the qualifying criteria that was applied to any company awarded such a contract in 2022 and to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [35946/23]

\*819. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of marked and unmarked Garda cars and vans attached to the Garda dog unit as of 12 July 2023; and if she will provide same figures as of 31 January 2022, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [35947/23]

\*820. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of external consultant reports commissioned by her Department in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the cost of same; the company involved; the title and publication date, by report, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35971/23]

\*821. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of external consultant reports commissioned by the bodies under her Department's aegis in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the cost of same; the company involved; the title and publication date, by report, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35972/23]

\*822. To ask the Minister for Justice if she considers the payment of €184 per week for 34 weeks to trainee gardaí in Garda college to be a deterrent to entry to An Garda Síochána, particularly given the current cost of living; if her Department is actively considering recommendations for an increase to this weekly payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35982/23]

\*823. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware that the scoping exercise into the death of a person (details supplied), recently published on her Department's website and completed by a judge on appointment by her, omits information regarding the Judicial Review taken by An Garda Síochána and that the outcome of this action was a decision by the Garda Commissioner not to discipline the gardaí for the wrongful actions raised by earlier GSOC reports regarding the person's death on the basis that there was no evidence that the gardaí concerned were trained on the PULSE system to prepare cases for court or outcomes of same. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35984/23]

\*824. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware that the scoping exercise into the death of a person (details supplied), recently published on her Department's website and completed by a judge on appointment by her, omits the information that the perpetrator's successful appeal to a 16 February 2011 drug conviction due to deficiencies in the State's case despite the perpetrator

having breached bail conditions by further arrests and leaving the State in the intervening period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35985/23]

\*825. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware that the scoping exercise into the death of a person (details supplied) recently published on her Department's website and completed by a judge appointed by her, describes speeding convictions as trivial, if she agrees with this position; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35987/23]

\*826. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will agree to pay restoration for barristers. — Paul Murphy. [35989/23]

\*827. To ask the Minister for Justice if Ireland will designate Russia as an unsafe country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36021/23]

\*828. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 746 of 11 July, if she will consider reducing the cost of IRP cards under Budget 2024. — Patrick Costello. [36057/23]

\*829. To ask the Minister for Justice to confirm what action will be taken to reduce the waiting time for cases being listed for inquest in the coronial service, particularly in light of the fact that coronial service and families affected have been experiencing significant delays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36161/23]

\*830. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide additional funding to the Legal Aid Board to ensure that waiting times for access legal aid are reduced (currently 35 weeks in some parts of the country); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36177/23]

\*831. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will give due consideration to increasing the means test for access to Legal Aid Board services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36178/23]

\*832. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 111 of 28 June 2023, when her Department expects the cataloguing process to be complete and the files made available to the public for viewing within the National Archives. — Patrick Costello. [36234/23]

\*833. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 476 of 11 July 2023, if she will provide details of the ongoing review of the fee structure, the form it takes and the outcome of the most recent review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [36237/23]

\*834. To ask the Minister for Justice whether subscription racing channels will be able to continue after the enactment of the Gambling Regulation Act; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [36256/23]

\*835. To ask the Minister for Justice if resident non-nationals who serve in the Defence Forces for a number of years must pay citizenships fees if they then apply; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36271/23]

\*836. To ask the Minister for Justice if her officials or any other competent body audits information provided by An Garda Síochána to the Road Safety Authority to ensure that the data is accurate (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [36296/23]

\*837. To ask the Minister for Justice the measures her Department is taking to fulfil the statutory obligation to return a person refused entry permission to the State as soon as is practicable; if, where a person is refused leave to land at an airport, the priority is to return them on the next available return flight to the last point of embarkation; the number of times persons have been returned on the next available flight during the period 2011 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [36301/23]

\*838. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a breakdown of the details of all new Garda stations built or existing Garda stations refurbished since 1 June 2021, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [36319/23]

\*839. To ask the Minister for Justice the closing dates for applications to apply for the position of director of licensing and director of technology for the Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland. — Alan Kelly. [36320/23]

\*840. To ask the Minister for Justice when a person (details supplied) will be eligible for citizenship; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36346/23]

\*841. To ask the Minister for Justice if a transfer from stamp 2 to stamp 4 will be accommodated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36349/23]

\*842. To ask the Minister for Justice what action will be taken to recruit additional staff to provide support to coroners, particularly in view of the fact that the coronial service, and families affected, have been experiencing significant delays in cases being listed for inquest; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36351/23]

\*843. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022 when enacted, will be used to clear the backlog of citizenship applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [36356/23]

\*844. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [36358/23]

\*845. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a time scale for when she will bring forward amending legislation on coercive control by persons who are not intimate or former intimate persons as indicated by her in Seanad Éireann on 5 July 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [36359/23]

\*846. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [36364/23]

\*847. To ask the Minister for Justice if a citizenship certificate will be issued without delay and sent to an applicant (details supplied) whose citizenship was granted at a ceremony in Killarney on 19 June 2023. — Robert Troy. [36365/23]

\*848. To ask the Minister for Justice to make regulations under Section 60 of the Data Protection Act 2018 where, for the purposes of safeguarding important objectives of general public interest, it is necessary to restrict the rights of the data subject to protect the rights of the data subject and to protect the rights and freedom of others, where the 'general public interest' are set out in Article 23 of the GDPR which include in addition to the protection of the data subject

and the rights and freedom of others, ‘the prevention, investigation, detection and prosecution of breaches of ethics for regulated professions’; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [36372/23]

\*849. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress that has been made to date in the determination of an application as part of recent undocumented scheme in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36412/23]

\*850. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason there is not a visa specifically for Irish citizens returning to Ireland with a spouse or child, given that they currently have to apply for a join spouse visa even if they will be travelling to Ireland together; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36460/23]

\*851. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí, by rank, attached to Garda mounted unit as of 14 July 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36461/23]

\*852. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on Garda Operation Saul; the number of persons arrested and charged to date; the number of successful convictions obtained under this operation to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36462/23]

\*853. To ask the Minister for Justice the names of external veterinary services used by either the Garda mounted unit or the Garda dog unit in 2022 and to date in 2023; the amount paid to each provider for their services in the period in question, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36463/23]

\*854. To ask the Minister for Justice the percentage of members of An Garda Síochána who have a competency-based driver permit level 4; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36464/23]

\*855. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated current expenditure cost of providing ten additional refuge spaces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36465/23]

\*856. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda public order unit vans that will come into the fleet during 2023; the number of Garda public order unit vans withdrawn from the fleet during 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36467/23]

\*857. To ask the Minister for Justice the costs incurred by An Garda Síochána from policing the US President’s visit to Ireland in April 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36468/23]

\*858. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of competitions held in 2022 and to date in 2023 for sworn gardaí to apply to join the Garda air support unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36469/23]

\*859. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of advanced motorcycle courses held for gardaí within the DMR north division to date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [36470/23]



\*860. To ask the Minister for Justice if, under the circumstances, an early decision will be made on a naturalisation application which was made in January 2023 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36472/23]

\*861. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1107 of 21 March 2023, for an update on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [36473/23]

\*862. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí within the Meath division that successfully completed the method of entry course in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and the duration of this course. — Darren O'Rourke. [36518/23]

\*863. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of unauthorised taking of mechanically propelled vehicle offences reported to gardaí within the Meath division in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [36519/23]

\*864. To ask the Minister for Justice If she has received the 2022 Annual Report from Private Security Authority; and when same will be published online. — Darren O'Rourke. [36520/23]

\*865. To ask the Minister for Justice if, in light of her plan to review the legal aid system, she will consider increasing the threshold in terms of eligibility for people to avail of legal aid particularly for family law cases. — Robert Troy. [36559/23]

\*866. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí attached to each Garda station for the years 2021, 2022, and currently assigned to each station, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [36561/23]

\*867. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide details of the number of domestic violence refuge spaces in each county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36680/23]

\*868. To ask the Minister for Justice for a status update on the delivery of priority refuge units under the Third National Strategy; the details, by local authority area, of the progress made to date regarding site identification and site ownership for the additional units, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36681/23]

\*869. To ask the Minister for Justice if his Department, and all agencies under the remit of his Department, have their telephone contact details on their websites and on other media platforms; if all stationery and headed notepaper used in correspondence with the public contain relevant phone contact details, taking into account that everybody is not in a position to correspond by e-mail; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36700/23]

\*870. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount of revenue generated through the release of vehicles seized by gardaí under road traffic legislation in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [36707/23]

\*871. To ask the Minister for Justice how many people were recruited into An Garda Síochána in the first six months of 2023. — Jim O'Callaghan. [36718/23]

\*872. To ask the Minister for Justice the total estimated number of persons who will be recruited into An Garda Síochána in 2023. — Jim O'Callaghan. [36719/23]

\*873. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are detailed guidelines for completion of applications for the atypical working scheme; if she will provide the links for same; and if she will provide an update on six applications (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [36813/23]

\*874. To ask the Minister for Justice when the community safety partnership pilots will commence in Dublin north inner city local electoral area, Waterford City and County Council and Longford; and the reason for the delay in commencing these pilots. — Ivana Bacik. [36827/23]

\*875. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to clear the backlog in processing citizenship applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36832/23]

\*876. To ask the Minister for Justice the cost of providing free legal aid in criminal cases over each of the past five years, by county; the average cost per alleged offender; the total payment to legal practitioners; the average payment to legal practitioners, over the same period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [36941/23]

\*877. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 407 of 5 May 2022, when the review of the immigrant investment programme, delivered to her Department in November 2020, will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36943/23]

\*878. To ask the Minister for Justice the current status of Action 22.3 of the National LGBTI Inclusion Strategy (for which her Department is responsible); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [36952/23]

\*879. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has been briefed by An Garda Síochána regarding the intimidation of staff in libraries in recent months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36970/23]

\*880. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of additional gardaí hired since the formation of this Government, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [37000/23]

\*881. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide a breakdown, on a division basis, of all new Garda stations built or existing stations refurbished since the formation of this Government, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [37001/23]

\*882. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide a breakdown investment in court houses since the formation of this Government, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [37002/23]

\*883. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider punishing on a weekly basis the number of illegal immigrants who are deported; and the reasons such decisions were taken. — Robert Troy. [37003/23]

\*884. To ask the Minister for Justice the processing time for IP asylum applications. — Robert Troy. [37004/23]

\*885. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide in tabular form the number of staff across the various division in international protection sections for each year 2020, 2021 and 2022. — Robert Troy. [37005/23]

\*886. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on progress towards establishing a statutory DSGBV agency; to confirm if it will commence in 2023; the projected establishment costs; if her Department has funding in place for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37032/23]

\*887. To ask the Minister for Justice what additional funding her Department requires in 2024 to recruit 800 additional gardaí trainees next year; to confirm if her Department has funding in place for this in 2024, or if additional funding will be required in Budget 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37033/23]

\*888. To ask the Minister for Justice the projected cost of every ten additional community gardaí; the cost of each additional dedicated community sergeant; the cost of a 10% increase overall; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37035/23]

\*889. To ask the Minister for Justice the projected cost of reducing citizenship fees to €200, and waiving it for children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37036/23]

\*890. To ask the Minister for Justice the projected cost of reducing the Irish residence permit to €75; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [37037/23]

\*891. To ask the Minister for Justice the current processing time for joint family visas for family of Irish nationals; the reason for a recent reduction in processing time; and what measures are in place to address this. — Robert Troy. [37039/23]

\*892. To ask the Minister for Justice the processing times for atypical visas; the reason for recent reduction in processing times; and the measures in place to improve both consistency and efficiency of decisions. — Robert Troy. [37040/23]

\*893. To ask the Minister for Justice the proposals, if any, to extend CCTV coverage to towns in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [37064/23]

\*894. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of people held in solitary confinement (22+ hour lock up) for more than 15 consecutive days in each month of 2023 to date. — Ivana Bacik. [37074/23]

\*895. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in providing a refuge centre in counties Cavan and Monaghan for victims of domestic abuse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [37107/23]

\*896. To ask the Minister for Justice what plans there are to expand the pilot youth diversion projects where there is engagement with participants at an earlier age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37167/23]

\*897. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022; what engagements her Department has had recently with stakeholders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37169/23]

\*898. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Prison Service is investigating an allegation of corruption within the Prison Service made by a person (details supplied); her views on whether

this investigation should be investigated by a body independent of the Prison Service. — Peadar Tóibín. [37177/23]

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

\*899. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline the circumstances in which an appropriate assessment or other environmental study is required, and any other legal requirements to be complied with, for the planting of native woodland in areas of not greater than one hectare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [35589/23]

\*900. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he can provide details of the ratio of staff in the Forestry Service to hectares of forestry planted in 2022 (details supplied); how this compares to the ratio in 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [35645/23]

\*901. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to monitor the potential market growth for Irish food and food products globally; the markets or products that have shown greatest potential; the extent to which he expects to maximise the impact on these markets in the future, having particular regard to current geopolitical developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35697/23]

\*902. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the continuing efforts being made to seek new markets in the context of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35698/23]

\*903. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 158 of 5 July 2023, if he will provide a bailout aid type package to private forestry companies in the absence of a forestry programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35706/23]

\*904. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the adoption of the previously announced Forestry Programme 2023-2027 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [35722/23]

\*905. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a commencement date for the new Forestry Programme 2023-2027; and to outline the reason(s) for the delay in the Programme's commencement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [35756/23]

\*906. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position with the Forestry Programme 2023-2027 which is due to commence on 1 January 2023; if the programme has been finalised and approved; when he expects approval to be given in view of the current crisis in the forestry industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [35772/23]

\*907. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of revenue generated through hospitality sales at Shelbourne Park Greyhound Stadium in 2022 and to date in 2023; and the number of persons that attended restaurant services at this stadium during the same period, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [35795/23]

\*908. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the action his Department has taken to honour the Programme for Government pledge to ensure that Government Departments and public bodies take positive steps, including the use of correct pronouns and, where possible, making improvements on official forms, to assist non-binary people. — Michael Moynihan. [35822/23]

\*909. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the Forestry Programme 2023-2027 will be approved and commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [35862/23]

\*910. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to detail any funding or grant aid provided to the Dairy Council of Ireland since 2015 to date from his Department or the Government; the amounts spent by his Department or the Government in support of the processing and marketing of agricultural products, such as capital investment schemes since 2015; the amount of funding provided to Bord Bia since 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [35864/23]

\*911. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he expects the forestry programme 2023-2027 to be approved; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [35871/23]

\*912. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of tree planting applications approved by his Department from 2020 to date, by year, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [35872/23]

\*913. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action is being taken by his Department to ensure that the phone app AgriSnap, developed by his Department to streamline the submission of scoreboards under the new agri-climate rural environment scheme, is fit for purpose in view of recent technical issues with the app; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [35912/23]

\*914. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a schedule of additional animal welfare measures he and/or his Department have put in place in respect of live export of animals since 1 January 2020 to date in 2023; and if he will provide an update in respect of the tracing of live exports from this State to other states in order to ensure animals are kept in the best condition and welfare possible on their journey. — Catherine Murphy. [35933/23]

\*915. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of WTE vacancies by job title in his Department's laboratory at Backweston as of 12 July 2023; the estimated full year cost filling these vacancies; and when will these vacancies be filled, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [35953/23]

\*916. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date on which the new Forestry Programme 2023-2027 will come into operation; for a status update on the State Aid approval process with regard to the new programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36007/23]

\*917. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a scheme or support is available from his Department to replant ash when die back is present (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [36012/23]

\*918. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the forestry section will follow up on a recommendation (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [36016/23]

\*919. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to report on measures he will take to ensure that all marts are fully compliant with animal welfare regulations and standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [36019/23]

\*920. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline what actions he will take following a programme (details supplied) exposing appalling cruelty to animals at a number of marts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [36114/23]

\*921. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of inspection carried out by Department inspectors at each mart over the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [36115/23]

\*922. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide full clarification on the long delays associated with the implementation of the Forestry Programme 2023-2027 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [36191/23]

\*923. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the board vacancies in organisations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36217/23]

\*924. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36258/23]

\*925. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to address concerns that the introduction of the residential zoned land tax will have an adverse impact on farmers in terms of their ability to retain land for agricultural use; the discussions he has had with relevant Cabinet colleagues on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [36300/23]

\*926. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will detail the funding to the Dairy Council since 2015, in tabular form; to outline under the specific headings that this funding was dispersed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [36345/23]

\*927. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 160 of 5 July 2023, if he will seek the financial information under headings, (details supplied), in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [36355/23]

\*928. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) concerning the implementation of the forestry programme 2023-2027. — Richard O'Donoghue. [36360/23]

\*929. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the pension rights of a person (details supplied) will be restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36367/23]



\*930. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the timeframe for the commencement of the Forestry Programme 2023-2027, in view of the fact that the postponement of same compromises the Government's climate action obligations to plant 8,000 hectares of new forests annually; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36376/23]

\*931. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what steps his Department is taking to promote agroforestry and its integration into agricultural practices for sustainable land use through the Forestry Programme 2023-2027 which is due to commence in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36377/23]

\*932. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what measures will be implemented by his Department to promote sustainable forestry practices and minimize the environmental impact of the forestry industry in Ireland through the Forestry Programme 2023-2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36378/23]

\*933. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an overview of the funding specifically allocated to forest conservation and management programmes in Ireland; how these funds are utilised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36379/23]

\*934. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will consider the introduction of an anonymous portal for the reporting of animal welfare concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [36397/23]

\*935. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36511/23]

\*936. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has received the 2022 Annual Report from Horse Racing Ireland; and when same will be published online. — Darren O'Rourke. [36517/23]

\*937. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how he intends to interpret the text of Amendment 74 as adopted by the European Parliament on 12 July 2023 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on nature restoration; if Amendment 74's references to making the best use of market-based instruments and green budgeting tools will result in the approval of further sitka spruce plantations and the granting of further dairy subsidies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [36531/23]

\*938. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to introduce a dairy reduction scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [36545/23]

\*939. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware that it is illegal to use a wild animal for entertainment purposes, in relation to the upcoming 'Puck Fair' in Killorglin, County Kerry, and that it is also against the law to prohibit animals from the five freedoms' of care; if he will instruct his Department to intervene and prohibit the use of any goat at this fair; and if not, the reason for allowing the organisers of this fair to break the law to capture and abuse a wild animal for entertainment (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [36606/23]

\*940. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department, and all agencies under the remit of his Department, have their telephone contact details on their websites and on other media platforms; if all stationery and headed notepaper used in correspondence with the public contain relevant phone contact details, taking into account that everybody is not in a position to correspond by e-mail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36689/23]

\*941. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reasons for the delay in the implementation of a new Forestry Programme; if he will detail the concerns the European Commission is reported to have with the programme submitted by his Department; the action his Department is taking to address those concerns; if he will confirm a timeline for the commencement of the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36866/23]

\*942. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a breakdown of proposed spending under Ireland's EMFAF Programme to implement Article 17 in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36983/23]

\*943. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for a detailed breakdown of EU and national contributions allocated to the implementation of Article 17 in the current national EMFAF programme for 2021-2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36984/23]

\*944. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for a copy of the advice he took regarding the allocated amount for Article 17 (details supplied); his views on whether this level of funding is in line with a Just Transition to fisheries management, which is climate and nature compatible, and can help to sustain communities relying on our waters into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36985/23]

\*945. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to clarify the process around setting actions to receive funding for 'contributing to climate neutrality' under Ireland's EMFAF National Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36986/23]

\*946. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason there is no inclusion of investment in transitioning to climate and nature-compatible fishing gear and methods, which is also central to reducing energy use by using less fuel-intensive methods under Ireland's EMFAF National Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36987/23]

\*947. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason Article 17 of the Common Fisheries Policy has not been used to ensure fisheries management is more ecologically and climatically sensitive, to ensure the future viability of the fishing sector in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36988/23]

\*948. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will list each fishery harbour centre that was allocated capital funding since the formation of the current Government by county, in tabular form; the total amount allocated to each fishery harbour centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [36995/23]

\*949. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total amount of funds allocated to each local authority under the local authority marine infrastructure scheme since the formation of this Government, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [36996/23]

\*950. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what work is being done to find and promote alternatives to diquat for desiccating potatoes to farmers in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37157/23]

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

\*951. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what arrangements are in place to provide maternity leave for public sector employees whose children have been born through surrogacy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [34869/23]

\*952. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will amend the relevant legislation in order that any woman who is undergoing cancer treatment during their maternity leave can defer their maternity leave until their necessary illness leave period has concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35846/23]

\*953. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of a full-time residential care application by the family of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36022/23]

\*954. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what plans are underway to ensure the reopening of a respite service (details supplied) in north Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [36169/23]

\*955. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will give due consideration to allocating funding to enable the estimated 1,200 people aged under 65 years who are currently living in a nursing home to access more appropriate housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36175/23]

\*956. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 305 of 23 March 2023, if the process of developing a workforce plan for children’s disability network teams has been completed; if so, the details of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [36248/23]

\*957. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 735 of 31 January 2023, the number of children’s disability network teams that have been provided with the national information management system to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [36249/23]

\*958. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of email correspondence received by his office on 14 July 2023 from an organisation (details supplied); if he will address the concerns raised regarding a two-tier system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36413/23]

\*959. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of applications received for respite care in 2022 and to date in 2023; the number of people currently on the waiting list for respite care services, broken down by county and waiting list timeframe, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36722/23]

\*960. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children who are on the waiting list for an appointment for early intervention services for speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and psychology, in tabular form, broken down by waiting list timeframes of less than 3 months; 3-6 months, 6-12 months, and more than 12 months, for CHO6 Wicklow and CHO7 west Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36725/23]

\*961. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many children were waiting for an assessment of need in Wicklow in 2022 and to June 2023 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36743/23]

\*962. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of assessments of need that were carried out by the HSE on children with disabilities in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 in Wicklow, broken down by month, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36744/23]

\*963. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the status of a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [36800/23]

\*964. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of personal assistant hours funded in 2022 and 2023; how many people are currently supported; how many have applied but who have not yet been granted support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37092/23]

\*965. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status and outcome of the review into the disabled drivers' scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [37110/23]

\*966. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide the operating protocol for the processing and completion of assessment of need under section 8 of the Disability Act 2005 and service statements under section 11 of the Disability Act 2005; whether this system operates on a strict chronological basis upon receipt of application; and whether applications accompanied by a solicitor's letter are completed with priority. — Holly Cairns. [37111/23]

\*967. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is satisfied that the hotel that the staff of an accommodation centre (details supplied) are living and working in has the required fire certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [35592/23]

\*968. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the service provider for an accommodation centre (details supplied) provided a valid and correct fire certificate to IPAS in order to get awarded the initial contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [35593/23]

\*969. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is guidance regarding the number of weeks a provider under the national childcare scheme must be open during a given year; if it is regular practice for providers under the scheme to close for a number of weeks during the summer period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35617/23]

\*970. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that some small childcare providers are feeling forced to alter the service they currently provide due to funding restraints under the current model; if he is engaging with providers regarding these issues; if any matters are under consideration in order to resolve the issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35618/23]

\*971. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has any specific plans to provide support to naíonra-based service providers. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35619/23]

\*972. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will investigate the case of a company (details supplied) regarding delayed payments from his Department; the reasons for these delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [35624/23]

\*973. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if it is planned to include care representatives appointed under the Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009 s.21 in the list of exempted categories in Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 s. 36(4); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [35626/23]

\*974. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason school therapists have not started in a school (details supplied); and the date they will start. — Sean Sherlock. [35637/23]

\*975. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of therapists assigned to each special school in the State; the number of posts vacant and filled; and the number of therapy hours in use as of July 2023, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [35638/23]

\*976. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of respite beds allocated to a school (details supplied) since 30 May 2023. — Sean Sherlock. [35639/23]

\*977. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a school (details supplied) will receive the in-school therapists which were promised by his Department to be in place by May 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [35655/23]

\*978. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will provide a school (details supplied) with access to the waiting list for overnight respite services; the actions his Department is taking to ensure that regardless of patronage, all special schools have equal access to waiting lists for disability services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [35656/23]

\*979. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of overnight respite beds in Cork at present; whether his Department will consider expanding the number of beds available as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [35657/23]

\*980. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will set up a skills database of all people entering this country who can access the labour market in an effort to deal with the skills shortage facing this country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [35670/23]

\*981. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current demand for the early childhood care and education (ECCE) scheme in Cork county and Cork city; how any deficits in supply are being identified and resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35695/23]

\*982. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of calls for an investigation at a facility (details supplied) after the discovery of an alleged mass baby grave; and if he will facilitate this investigation; and if a timeframe will be given for same. — Paul Murphy. [35770/23]

\*983. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if visa applications for a family (details supplied) will be considered; and the status of the applications. — Peadar Tóibín. [35777/23]

\*984. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE clinical psychologists and senior medical social workers based at Blakestown and Blanchardstown children's disability network teams in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [35783/23]

\*985. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE employees in special care units, broken down by grade and special care unit, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [35784/23]

\*986. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of recruitment agencies that Tusla currently has a contract with regarding employment; the costs associated with each contract; and the dates upon which contracts were entered into. — Paul Donnelly. [35785/23]

\*987. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the action his Department has taken to honour the Programme for Government pledge to ensure that Government Departments and public bodies take positive steps, including the use of correct pronouns and, where possible, making improvements on official forms, to assist non-binary people. — Michael Moynihan. [35823/23]

\*988. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if consideration has been given to allow women who receive a cancer diagnosis to postpone the taking of maternity leave while they undergo treatment and are in recovery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35849/23]

\*989. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the case of a child (details supplied) whose original application for an assessment



of need was lost by the HSE; if he will ensure that this child receives their AON and support as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35858/23]

\*990. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will prioritise the case of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35867/23]

\*991. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if posts (details supplied) in Donegal have been advertised externally; the frequency of interviews for such posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [35882/23]

\*992. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the list of successful applicants for the most recent strand B of the building blocks grant will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [35888/23]

\*993. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [35922/23]

\*994. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE occupational therapists and speech and language therapists part of north Kildare children's disability network teams in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [35948/23]

\*995. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what steps are being taken to ensure that early learning and childcare funding is invested into smaller independent childcare operators as well as larger childcare chains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [35954/23]

\*996. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to naíonra pre-schools who are having to recruit staff from outside Ireland and as a result are unable to offer their service through Irish; and the steps he will be taking to support the naíonra format; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [35955/23]

\*997. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for clarification and detailed information regarding the current staffing levels in the children's disability network team 5 within community healthcare organisation 5 (details supplied); if he will outline any plans or initiatives that are being put in place to address potential staffing shortages or challenges within the children's disability network team 5; if he will provide further insight and updates regarding the staffing situation in the children's disability network team 5; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [35986/23]

\*998. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an increase in funding and capitation rates will be given to improve the financial sustainability for services with regard to children and allow for higher staff wages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35995/23]

\*999. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in relation to the residential care provision for children and young people undertaken by private for profit

providers, the number of residential care centres provided by each such provider in 2022; the location of each centre; the costs of this provision per centre for 2022; the bed placement capacity for each centre; the average occupancy level for each centre in 2022; the total number of children and young people that were placed in each centre in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36032/23]

\*1000. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in relation to the residential care provision for children and young people undertaken by voluntary NGO providers, the number of residential care centres provided by each NGO provider in 2022; the location of each centre; the costs of this provision per centre for 2022; the bed placement capacity of each centre in 2022; the average occupancy level for each centre in 2022; the total number of children and young people placed in each centre in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36033/23]

\*1001. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in relation to the residential care provision for children and young people undertaken directly by Tusla, the number and type of residential care centre provided by Tusla in 2022; the location of each centre; the cost of this provision per centre for 2022; the bed placement capacity of each centre for 2022; the average occupancy level per centre for 2022; the total number of children placed in each centre in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36034/23]

\*1002. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of bed placement capacity in Oberstown Children's Detention Campus in 2022; the average occupancy level in the centre in 2022; the total number of children placed in the centre in 2022; the costs of this provision in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36035/23]

\*1003. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of asylum seeking children placed in care in 2022; the ages of these children; the number of asylum seeking children placed in residential care; the number of children placed with private-for-profit providers; the number of children placed with Tusla; the number placed with NGO providers; the costs of this provision for each care provider; the number of asylum seeking children placed in foster care in 2022; the ages of these children; the numbers placed in private-for-profit foster care and the numbers placed in Tusla foster care; the cost of this provision for the private-for-profit provider and Tusla foster care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36036/23]

\*1004. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Ukrainian children placed in care in 2022 under the temporary protection directive; the ages of these children; the number of Ukrainian children placed in residential care; the number of Ukrainian children placed with private-for-profit providers; the number of children placed with Tusla; the number placed with NGO providers; the costs of this provision for each care provider; the number of Ukrainian children placed in foster care in 2022; the ages of these children; the numbers placed in private-for-profit foster care and the numbers placed in Tusla foster care; the costs of this provision for the private-for-profit provider and Tusla foster care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36037/23]

\*1005. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in relation to the unregistered unsuitable placements of children in 2022 and in the first six months of 2023, the number of children and young people placed in unregistered placements in 2022 and the first six months of 2023; the type of placements that were provided; the age and gender profile of this cohort of children and young people; the number of children and young people assessed as

having complex needs who have no suitable alternate care placement in 2022 and the first six months of 2023; the age and gender profile of this cohort of children and young people; the plans and provision that Tusla has in place to address the care needs of children assessed as having complex needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36038/23]

\*1006. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when additional places will be provided in a training centre (details supplied) due to increased demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36069/23]

\*1007. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeframe for when payments will be made to those who successfully apply for the mother and baby home redress scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36071/23]

\*1008. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the cost to roll-out the hot school meals programme to all registered early years and SAC services nationally. — Kathleen Funchion. [36081/23]

\*1009. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the personalised budgets pilot programme; when the findings will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [36084/23]

\*1010. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline all of the functions and associated finances transferred to the Department of Health since 1 January 2023 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36100/23]

\*1011. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 576 of 16 May 2023, if he will provide an update on the working group on PA services established in Q2 2023; its progress and status; and whether they will be able to establish a centrally maintained waiting list for PA services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36101/23]

\*1012. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 548 of 9 May 2023, when he plans to decommission the use of tented accommodation at a site (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36102/23]

\*1013. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 547 of 9 May 2023, if he will identify the two permanent centres that did not receive two inspections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36103/23]

\*1014. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 64 of 30 May 2023, where he referenced the National Service Plan and delivery of additional 70,320 PA hours, how many more hours are needed to allow PWD to determine the supports that they need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36104/23]

\*1015. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is satisfied with the significant delay in his replying to a letter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36109/23]

\*1016. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the case of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36116/23]

\*1017. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason a child (details supplied) has yet to receive an assessment of needs through the local HSE system, despite two requests having been made by his family since 2018; when they will receive the assessment they need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36134/23]

\*1018. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of respite beds currently available in County Kildare for children with disabilities; and the proposals to increase these numbers. — Catherine Murphy. [36162/23]

\*1019. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the post of CEO of Tusla will be filled on a permanent basis. — Catherine Murphy. [36163/23]

\*1020. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the HSE is operating a protocol whereby correspondence from a solicitor in relation to a child awaiting an assessment of need report under Section 8 or a service statement under Section 11 of the Disability Act 2005 are prioritised and completed out of the chronological basis the applications were received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [36165/23]

\*1021. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated amount it would cost to implement a 10% increase across the board for youth funding schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36193/23]

\*1022. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated amount it would cost to re-establish the National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism (NCCRI); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36200/23]

\*1023. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when service providers (details supplied) will receive payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [36206/23]

\*1024. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount that Tusla currently spends on external trauma specialists to assist with its obligations to children in care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [36224/23]

\*1025. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the average childcare vacancy rate for children aged 0-2 years in Dublin Bay north from 2015-2023 in centres (details supplied), in tabular form; the incentives that are in place for childcare providers to offer childcare for 0-2-year-olds, given the increased adult-child ratio; whether TUSLA's childcare register will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [36239/23]

\*1026. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the distribution of both international protection and temporary protection applicants across the State, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36241/23]

\*1027. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 614 of 30 May 2023, of the 610 development posts that have been allocated to Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) since 2019, the number of which have been filled; the number of staff in Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) in the same period who have retired or resigned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [36250/23]

\*1028. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 614 of 30 May 2023, of the 180 additional staff awaiting approval for 2024, the number of HSCP and the number of administrative staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [36251/23]

\*1029. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether he will advocate for a greater allocation of funding in order to support youth work for all young people in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [36257/23]

\*1030. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether steps can be taken to facilitate the opening and/or reopening of crèches in the Dublin 6 and or Dublin 6W areas where a number of crèches have closed down in recent times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [36279/23]

\*1031. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the consultation report on the new Action Plan for Youth Services will be published; if so, the timeframe for publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36297/23]

\*1032. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the average waiting times for an occupational therapist to make an assessment for a housing adaptation in the CHO3 and CHO5 areas. — Alan Kelly. [36321/23]

\*1033. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children waiting to attend or attending the Cashel children disability network team that have a diagnosis of autism, broken down by the age groups of 0-4 years, 5-12 years and 13-17 years old. — Alan Kelly. [36322/23]

\*1034. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of people on disability services waiting lists for each service type, excluding children disability network teams as of 17 July 2023. — Alan Kelly. [36323/23]

\*1035. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider increasing the funding for HSE disability services in Budget 2024, as the service is completely underfunded at the moment (details supplied). — Matt Shanahan. [36366/23]

\*1036. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many childcare facility closures have been notified to his Department to date in 2023; and their county location, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36386/23]

\*1037. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to address the staffing crisis in the childcare sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [36390/23]

\*1038. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the governance structure of the new regional assessment of need teams; how many of these teams are or will be composed entirely of staff from the private sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [36409/23]

\*1039. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the total budget allocated for the regional assessment of needs teams; how many children are projected to have their assessments of need completed by these regional teams by the year-end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [36410/23]

\*1040. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if, the six planned regional assessment teams will be fully set up and operational by 1 August 2023 to address the significant waiting lists for assessments of needs; if, in the event that the teams are not fully operational by this date, he will consider allowing for the full reimbursement of private treatment expenses for children with disabilities from the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [36411/23]

\*1041. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the mother-and-baby-home redress scheme will open for applications; when redress payments are likely to be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36471/23]

\*1042. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of HSE-funded therapists who have been allocated to special schools in County Meath, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [36530/23]

\*1043. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department and/or Tusla use unregulated private providers to provide care for children in the care of the State; if so, how many children are in these settings; the average length of time spent in these settings; the age range of the children in these settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [36536/23]

\*1044. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are plans to have the unregulated placements of children in State care to be placed on a legislative footing in the updates being made to the Child Care Act 1991; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [36537/23]

\*1045. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will take steps to ensure that funding is released to provide full-time residential placement for a person with disabilities (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [36538/23]

\*1046. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the length of time the Department has had a licence to provide housing for Ukrainian asylum seekers at Columb Barracks. — Robert Troy. [36574/23]

\*1047. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost to the Exchequer of increasing the foster care allowance by €100 per week, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36582/23]

\*1048. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the length of time it is taking to process payment for service providers who are providing accommodation for



international protection applicants fleeing the war in Ukraine; the average processing time; and the longest any of the service providers have waited for payment. — Robert Troy. [36609/23]

\*1049. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to detail the funding streams available for youth work services to provide outreach programmes for asylum seekers and refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [36627/23]

\*1050. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he would engage with the National Youth Council of Ireland in relation to its concerns regarding the level of funding received by youth work services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [36628/23]

\*1051. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to expand the access to youth work services to young people in rural communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [36629/23]

\*1052. 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; the number that have since withdrawn; the details of any engagement between his Department and childcare providers who are withdrawing from year 2 of Core Funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36676/23]

\*1053. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of any analysis carried out or commissioned by his Department into the operation of the core funding scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36677/23]

\*1054. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the independent financial review of sessional childcare services; the expected timeline for the completion and publication of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36678/23]

\*1055. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of the number of childcare providers that have engaged with their city or county childcare committee regarding applications for sustainability funding since September 2022; the breakdown, by city or county childcare committee, of the number of childcare providers that have been approved for sustainability funding since September 2022; the number who have been refused sustainability funding since September; the number of providers in respect of whom applications for sustainability funding are currently pending, by city or county childcare committee, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36679/23]

\*1056. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons with disabilities in 2023 that are in receipt of home-support hours in each LHO area; the total number of hours to be provided in 2023 in each LHO area; and the corresponding figures for 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [36682/23]

\*1057. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons with disabilities in 2023 that are in receipt of personal assistance hours in each LHO area; the total number of hours to be provided in 2023 in each LHO area; and the corresponding figures for 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [36683/23]

\*1058. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost to the Exchequer to increase the foster care allowance by €100 per week. — Sean Sherlock. [36684/23]

\*1059. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost to the Exchequer to increase the aftercare allowance to match any increase in the foster care allowance. — Sean Sherlock. [36685/23]

\*1060. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost to the Exchequer to a one-off setting-up allowance set at a minimum rate of €350 but going up to €500 per child/young person. — Sean Sherlock. [36686/23]

\*1061. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department, and all agencies under the remit of his Department, have their telephone contact details on their websites and on other media platforms; if all stationery and headed notepaper used in correspondence with the public contain relevant phone contact details, taking into account that everybody is not in a position to correspond by e-mail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36690/23]

\*1062. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of concerns experienced by parents in Dublin south west in relation to the provision of preschool childcare facilities; the actions being taken by his Department to increase childcare places in the constituency, given that some childcare providers exist without registration; if it is possible to remove the barriers that exist to allow more people to register with Tusla, and accept NCS payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36751/23]

\*1063. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the cost of increasing both foster care allowance rates by €100 per week; when the payment was last increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36790/23]

\*1064. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the cost of increasing aftercare allowance to the same rate as foster care allowance, and then increasing it by a further €100; when the payment was last increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36791/23]

\*1065. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a breakdown of the current funding streams for childcare, in tabular form; to provide a breakdown of the additional funding provided in Budget 2023 and expected funding required in 2024 to maintain existing levels of service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36792/23]

\*1066. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the additional funding required to reduce the costs of childcare for parents to respectively €50 per week or €100 per month; to provide a breakdown of the additional allocations required, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36793/23]

\*1067. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the additional funding required to increase funding to the youth services grant scheme by 10%, and all other youth grant schemes by same, and if he will provide a breakdown in tabular format; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36794/23]

\*1068. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the additional funding required to increase funding for the ECCE scheme by 10%; if he will provide a breakdown, in tabular form, of those proposed new funding levels; when funding for ECCE was last increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36795/23]

\*1069. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a childcare operator (details supplied) can be facilitated with a restructure of their charges to keep the business viable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [36796/23]

\*1070. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the status of a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [36797/23]

\*1071. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the status of a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [36798/23]

\*1072. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the status of a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [36799/23]

\*1073. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for clarification on an issue (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [36812/23]

\*1074. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost of hiring the required therapists to fully clear waiting list numbers in each CDNT, the cost of those therapists, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36856/23]

\*1075. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in view of the European Commission's announcement of 13 July that it is to send Ireland a reasoned opinion for the failure to fully transpose the European Accessibility Act (Directive (EU) 2019/882) by the agreed deadline of 28 June 2022, when he expects the Government to fully comply with its obligations in respect of this legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36865/23]

\*1076. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether it is intended to provide significant extra funding for full-time residential places for people with high dependency needs in view of the waiting lists for such services and the waiting lists for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36867/23]

\*1077. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps being taken to ensure there is adequate respite available for people with high dependency needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36868/23]

\*1078. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline the funding commitment in 2023 made under the National Integration Fund; the funding made available in 2023 under the Communities Integration Fund; the funding if any awarded in 2023 under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund; to outline for each of these funds the breakdown by project; to outline any other funding available for integration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36879/23]

\*1079. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he intends to hold a public consultation for a new migrant integration strategy; if so, what timeline has he in mind; and when that will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36880/23]

\*1080. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the latest report from the Expert Advisory Group to monitor the implementation of the White Paper to End Direct Provision has been published yet; if not, when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36881/23]

\*1081. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current status of Action 2.6 of the National LGBTI Inclusion Strategy (for which his Department is responsible); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [36945/23]

\*1082. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current status of Action 2.7 of the National LGBTI Inclusion Strategy (for which his Department is responsible); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [36946/23]

\*1083. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current status of Action 2.8 of the National LGBTI Inclusion Strategy (for which his Department is responsible); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [36947/23]

\*1084. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current status of Action 3.2 of the National LGBTI Inclusion Strategy (for which his Department is responsible); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [36948/23]

\*1085. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current status of Action 3.3 of the National LGBTI Inclusion Strategy (for which his Department is responsible); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [36949/23]

\*1086. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current status of Action 12.2 of the National LGBTI Inclusion Strategy (for which his Department is responsible);, and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [36950/23]

\*1087. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current status of Action 13.1 of the National LGBTI Inclusion Strategy (for which his Department is responsible); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [36951/23]

\*1088. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36953/23]

\*1089. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to detail, in tabular form, the number of supported childcare spaces and the capital budget for the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown area for the years 2016 to 1 June 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [37124/23]

\*1090. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the progress that has been made on the review of equality legislation; what the timeline for this review is; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37158/23]

\*1091. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the engagement there has been with foster carers to deliver on their asks regarding the foster care allowance, pension issues, and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37159/23]

\*1092. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what engagement there has been between his Department and other Government Departments to deliver timely and suitable assessments and therapies for children with autism in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37160/23]

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

\*1093. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering plans for the sustainable funding of the family addiction support network (FASN); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37165/23]

\*1094. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to engage with the HSE and other Government Departments to source further funding for the expansion of the Changing Lives initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37168/23]

\*1095. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 759 of 23 May 2023, when a reply will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35588/23]

\*1096. To ask the Minister for Health if he will meet with the 19 representative bodies representing community care cancer support services to discuss the ongoing issues they have raised with him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [35601/23]

\*1097. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the work of the National Vaginal Mesh Implant Oversight Group; and if the group will report in Q3 of 2023. — Ivana Bacik. [35604/23]

\*1098. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of savings that have been achieved under the best value biologic medicines scheme and gain share initiative in each year since its establishment; the full-year costs in each year of the gain share initiative; whether this initiative is still in use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [35620/23]

\*1099. To ask the Minister for Health if he will deliver on the promise in the Programme for Government to support clinical genetic services at CHI, Crumlin, by appointing six genomic resource associate roles to reduce the currently unacceptable two-year waiting list. — Paul Donnelly. [35622/23]

\*1100. To ask the Minister for Health his plans, if any, to deliver clinical genetic services at CHI Crumlin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35623/23]

\*1101. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide sustainable funding to an organisation (details supplied), as the funding is vital to ensure the viability of these centres, which are recognised as having a significant role in the patient pathway of cancer patients in the HSE National Service Plan 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [35625/23]

\*1102. To ask the Minister for Health if he will deliver on the promise in the Programme for Government to support Clinical Genetic Services at CHI, Crumlin, by appointing six genomic resource associate roles to reduce the currently unacceptable two-year waiting list, as called for by a campaign (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [35627/23]

\*1103. To ask the Minister for Health if he will deliver on the promise in the Programme for Government to support clinical genetic services at CHI, Crumlin, by appointing six genomic resource associate roles to reduce the currently unacceptable two-year waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35643/23]

\*1104. To ask the Minister for Health when six genomic resource associate roles will be appointed to support clinical genetic services at CHI, Crumlin, in an effort to reduce the current two-year waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35646/23]

\*1105. To ask the Minister for Health if additional funding will be considered to provide HRT for free to all those who require this treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [35649/23]

\*1106. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the Northern Ireland Planned Healthcare Scheme to release documentation held in respect of a person (details supplied) in relation to the reimbursement sought after a procedure in a hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [35650/23]

\*1107. To ask the Minister for Health if he will deliver on the promise in the Programme for Government to support clinical genetic services at CHI, Crumlin, by appointing six genomic resource associate roles to reduce the currently unacceptable two-year waiting list. — Holly Cairns. [35651/23]

\*1108. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify approximately how many doctors have qualified in Ireland over the past three years; the number of those who remain in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [35666/23]

\*1109. To ask the Minister for Health if blood tests through one's GP are covered under the medical card, meaning those in receipt of medical card assistance do not have to pay for such tests; if not, the reason this is the case; if he will consider extending the medical card to cover blood tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35667/23]

\*1110. To ask the Minister for Health what action his Department is taking to appoint a board for the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal to deal with appeals under the disabled drivers and passengers tax relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [35678/23]

\*1111. To ask the Minister for Health the level of contact he has had with the domestic waste industry regarding waivers being available to people with health issues and who use incontinence products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35700/23]

\*1112. To ask the Minister for Health the current level of mental health supports available for persons with eating disorders in the County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35701/23]



- \*1113. To ask the Minister for Health what measures are being taken to address the shortage of GPs for County Cork; how many individuals are waitlisted for GP services currently in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35702/23]
- \*1114. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35703/23]
- \*1115. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reconsider the closing down of congregated settings (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35705/23]
- \*1116. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider reopening a health centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [35729/23]
- \*1117. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to add a condition (details supplied) to the long-term illness scheme. — Dara Calleary. [35732/23]
- \*1118. To ask the Minister for Health if urgent consideration will be given to a matter regarding dispensing fees for pharmacists (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [35752/23]
- \*1119. To ask the Minister for Health the number of neo-natal deaths that have been registered which included premature delivery or termination of pregnancy as a cause of death and in cases in which a condition was present affecting the foetus that was likely to lead to the death of the foetus either before or within 28 days of birth. — Seán Canney. [35758/23]
- \*1120. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GP clinics in the country to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [35759/23]
- \*1121. To ask the Minister for Health the number of family planning centres in the country to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [35760/23]
- \*1122. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that a fully registered and regulated charity is fundraising to provide a paediatric MRI scanner to the new children's hospital in Dublin; the reason a charity would need to provide the scanner, given the vast amount of tax payers' money that is been spent on the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35762/23]
- \*1123. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has received the submission from a group (details supplied); his views on the report; if he will meet the group in question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [35767/23]
- \*1124. To ask the Minister for Health the options that are available to a person aged 15 years who has been waiting since January 2019 for orthodontic treatment; if they qualify for treatment under the National Treatment Purchase Fund or the Cross-Border Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [35778/23]
- \*1125. To ask the Minister for Health the number of operating theatres in use in each of the maternity hospitals within Dublin, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [35780/23]

\*1126. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the necessary funding for the recruitment of additional whole-term equivalent consultant neurologists for the long-Covid clinic at St. James's Hospital. — Paul Donnelly. [35781/23]

\*1127. To ask the Minister for Health if an evaluation can be expedited under the HSE job evaluation scheme in respect of an employee (details supplied) who applied for an upgrade to their current substantive position which is a grade six section officer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35802/23]

\*1128. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications that were made for ceiling hoists in CHO1 in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [35804/23]

\*1129. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of correspondence from an organisation (details supplied) requesting a meeting with him to discuss the urgent need for core Government funding for community cancer support centres; if he will organise this meeting as requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35810/23]

\*1130. To ask the Minister for Health how many new contracts for whole-time equivalents in maternity hospitals have included a responsibility to perform terminations of pregnancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35811/23]

\*1131. To ask the Minister for Health to set out the total amounts of expenditure earmarked and spent on abortion provision (including preparation for abortion provision) for each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, where issues like "recurring funding" are explained and clarity ensured as to the precise amounts of monies spent each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35812/23]

\*1132. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of all the categories and amounts spent in each category in the provision of abortion (including preparation for abortion provision) in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, to include amounts spent on abortion provision in GP settings, hospital settings, family planning settings, on training of healthcare workers with regard to abortion, on training of healthcare students with regard to abortion, on values clarifications courses with regard to abortion, on capital expenditure to do with abortion and any other relevant categories relevant to abortion provision, complete with an individual breakdown for each category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35813/23]

\*1133. To ask the Minister for Health the action his Department has taken to honour the Programme for Government pledge to ensure that Government Departments and public bodies take positive steps, including the use of correct pronouns and, where possible, making improvements on official forms, to assist non-binary people. — Michael Moynihan. [35831/23]

\*1134. To ask the Minister for Health if he proposes to ensure that there will be an automatic entitlement to a full medical card for those who receive a cancer diagnosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35844/23]

\*1135. To ask the Minister for Health his proposals to abolish inpatient charges for cancer patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35845/23]

\*1136. To ask the Minister for Health is he will ensure that all patients undergoing cancer treatment will be exempt from car parking fees at their place of treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35847/23]

\*1137. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide for a reimbursement of road toll charges for those travelling to undergo cancer treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35848/23]

\*1138. To ask the Minister for Health if an individual (details supplied) qualifies for the pandemic special recognition payment; if so, when they will receive payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35850/23]

\*1139. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) qualifies for the pandemic special recognition payment; if so, when they will receive payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35851/23]

\*1140. To ask the Minister for Health if he will list the various staff responsible for fire prevention in Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown; if he will supply the respective full job descriptions of the staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [35854/23]

\*1141. To ask the Minister for Health if he will list the various staff responsible for fire prevention in Beaumont Hospital, Dublin, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, St. James's Hospital, Dublin and St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin; if he will supply the respective full job descriptions of the staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [35855/23]

\*1142. To ask the Minister for Health the areas of Cork and Kerry currently served by primary care psychology services; the locations of these services; and the population areas served by each, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [35873/23]

\*1143. To ask the Minister for Health the areas of Cork and Kerry which do not have primary care psychology services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [35874/23]

\*1144. To ask the Minister for Health the current wait times for each individual children/adolescent primary care psychology service in Cork and Kerry; the number of individuals on each waiting list, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [35875/23]

\*1145. To ask the Minister for Health the current wait times for each individual adult primary care psychology service in Cork and Kerry; the number of individuals on each waiting list, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [35876/23]

\*1146. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychologists employed by each primary care psychology service in Cork and Kerry, by grade, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [35877/23]

\*1147. To ask the Minister for Health if there are separate waiting lists for intervention following assessment in primary care psychology services; and if so, the wait times for each service in Cork and Kerry, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [35878/23]

\*1148. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the Drumboe residential respite centre, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [35880/23]

\*1149. To ask the Minister for Health to outline what engagements he has had with a group (details supplied); when he expects the national vaginal mesh implant oversight group to reveal its findings; if he intends to put in place a scheme to fully redress the survivors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [35881/23]

\*1150. To ask the Minister for Health when the theatre list for Cork University Dental School and Hospital will be resumed; the reasons for its suspension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [35883/23]

\*1151. To ask the Minister for Health the current wait times for surgery in Cork University Dental School and Hospital; the number of individuals on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [35884/23]

\*1152. To ask the Minister for Health if he will advise which hospital has a MRI machine that is compatible with a pace-maker in order for a patient who has this fitted to have a MRI completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35899/23]

\*1153. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently expedite a surgical appointment for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [35900/23]

\*1154. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 663 of 7 March 2023 and 610 of 9 May 2023, when staff from an agency (details supplied), who worked as clerical staff at Mullingar Regional Hospital, will receive their Covid-19 special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35901/23]

\*1155. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 707 of 27 June 2023, if he will provide the public procurement rules that allow a tree-removal company which has been offered a substantial commercial contract by a State entity to remove 70 trees from Merlin Woods, Galway can have its identity concealed under the pretext of protecting its privacy rights; the name of the contractor; if an independent arborist assessment was carried out; if so, the name of that company or individual; the names of the other contractors who offered quotes for the works and the sums involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [35902/23]

\*1156. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 664 of 20 June 2023, his plans to address the fact that 33% of HSE employees responding to the most recent 'Your Opinion Counts' staff survey report that they have experienced bullying or harassment by a senior colleague when basic data is not maintained by the organisation regarding number of grievance and dignity at work cases submitted by employees or wait-times for hearings; how HSE employees facing the daunting prospect of such grievance and dignity at work cases can be protected (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [35903/23]

\*1157. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown, by CHO for 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, the legal costs incurred by the HSE for legal advice and/or representation on grievance and dignity at work cases submitted by employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [35904/23]

\*1158. To ask the Minister for Health the position of the HSE regarding covering legal costs for either, in cases where HSE staff members of equal rank are involved in a grievance or dignity at work case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [35905/23]

\*1159. To ask the Minister for Health the position of the HSE regarding covering legal costs for either party, in cases where HSE staff members of different rank are involved in a grievance or dignity at work case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [35906/23]

\*1160. To ask the Minister for Health how the HSE decides whether it will cover legal costs for an employee involved in a grievance or dignity at work case, either as a plaintiff or a defendant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [35907/23]

\*1161. To ask the Minister for Health the legal costs incurred by the HSE in 2021, 2022 and 2023 involving grievance or dignity at work cases taken by employees against other HSE employees; the percentage of cases where the HSE covered the costs of the plaintiff in each year; the percentage of cases where it covered the costs of the defendant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [35908/23]

\*1162. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 9 of 8 December 2022, how he can reconcile a commitment to providing support to healthcare workers unable to return to work due to severe long-Covid symptoms with a continued impasse in negotiations involving his Department with trade unions on the pay arrangement for such workers, who risked their health at critical stages of the pandemic to carry out essential work, and who are facing financial insecurity as well as a chronic and debilitating health condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [35909/23]

\*1163. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received correspondence from an organisation (details supplied); and if he intends to engage with the organisation in order to discuss funding of services. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35910/23]

\*1164. To ask the Minister for Health when public ADHD services will be available in the Tuam area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [35911/23]

\*1165. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 662 of 7 March 2023, when staff from an agency (details supplied) will receive their Covid-19 special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35913/23]

\*1166. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons employed within the health service, by categories (details supplied) for each year from 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [35920/23]

\*1167. To ask the Minister for Health what plans are in place to reopen the dental hospital theatre list in Cork Dental Hospital which was suspended on 7 April and has not resumed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [35923/23]

\*1168. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage spending of the National Treatment Purchase Fund, by hospital, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [35935/23]

\*1169. To ask the Minister for Health the number of service users that have attended Monasterevin day care centre in 2022 and to date in 2023; and the days of the week that this day care centre is opened, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [35936/23]

\*1170. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost in 2024 if 25 additional WTE suicide crisis assessment nurses were recruited. — Catherine Murphy. [35937/23]

\*1171. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric plastic surgeons attached to CHI Crumlin and CHI Temple Street in 2022 and to date in 2023; and the hours per week in which these surgeons are based in the hospitals, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [35938/23]

\*1172. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time public health nurse positions in CHO7 in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the specific geographic within CHO7 that currently has no public health nurses in place. — Catherine Murphy. [35939/23]

\*1173. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE vacancies, by job title, currently in the regional specialists memory clinics at both St. James's Hospital and Tallaght University Hospital; and when these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [35940/23]

\*1174. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take steps to ensure that the drug bedaquiline which treats multi-drug resistant tuberculosis becomes widely available after the patent expires in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [35956/23]

\*1175. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the integration of continuous glucose monitor devices into healthcare practice and guidance in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [35958/23]

\*1176. To ask the Minister for Health whether his Department is or will be developing national clinical guidance to underpin the provision and funding of continuous glucose monitor devices in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [35959/23]

\*1177. To ask the Minister for Health whether his Department is developing national clinical guidelines for type 2 diabetes mellitus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [35960/23]

\*1178. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the Health Information Bill 2023, the proposed timeline for its passage and subsequent implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [35961/23]

\*1179. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the development of a National Diabetes Registry following the passage of the Health Information Bill 2023; and the timeline for the proposed development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [35962/23]

\*1180. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update the status of the National Research Ethics Committees Bill 2019; whether he will provide a statement on the Government's position on the legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [35963/23]



\*1181. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the commitment in the HSE's National Service Plan 2023 to roll-out 30 new specialist teams for the management of chronic diseases, which includes T2DM in communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [35964/23]

\*1182. To ask the Minister for Health the funding streams available for diabetes care for women with gestational diabetes mellitus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [35965/23]

\*1183. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the funding provided for diabetes care in Budget 2023 and the priorities for funding of diabetes care in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [35966/23]

\*1184. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to appoint a liaison officer to oversee implementation of diabetes policy within the Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [35967/23]

\*1185. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the timeline and next steps of the Working Group overseeing his Department's response to a report (details supplied) into Ireland's reimbursement system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [35968/23]

\*1186. To ask the Minister for Health the number of claims for the combined termination procedure and aftercare made to the HSE via the primary care reimbursement scheme which were successfully remunerated in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35970/23]

\*1187. To ask the Minister for Health the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the cost of same; the company involved; the title and publication date, by report, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35977/23]

\*1188. To ask the Minister for Health the number of external consultant reports commissioned by the bodies under his Department's aegis in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the cost of same; the company involved; the title and publication date, by report, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35978/23]

\*1189. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide funding for MS care (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35983/23]

\*1190. To ask the Minister for Health for clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [35988/23]

\*1191. To ask the Minister for Health to implement target strategies to attract and retain qualified staff by providing better wages, working conditions and professional opportunities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35996/23]

\*1192. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline which he has given the HSE to complete its reimbursement process regarding the provision of enherthu for the treatment of breast cancer; if he is aware of the impact of delays in access to enherthu on outcomes for Irish patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35998/23]

\*1193. To ask the Minister for Health how his Department plans to increase the workforce (details supplied); how his Department plans to fund the additional clinical placements that will be needed to train the growing workforce; if additional clinical tutors will be hired to facilitate extra clinical placements; if monetary incentives will be given for current staff to facilitate clinical placements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [36005/23]

\*1194. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the legal costs incurred by the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board in challenging claims brought against it by contractors associated with the National Children's Hospital from 2017 to date in 2023, in tabular form; the projected legal costs until 2025; if the NPHDB has made requests for increased and or additional funds for day-to-day operations in 2022, 2023 and 2024; the amount expended on public relations advice and communications by the board in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; if the board retains a third-party for communications and PR services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [36008/23]

\*1195. To ask the Minister for Health the number of orthodontic procedures undertaken at the CUH Dental Hospital since 1 March 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [36013/23]

\*1196. To ask the Minister for Health the current wait time for an orthodontic procedure at the CUH Dental Hospital, Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [36014/23]

\*1197. To ask the Minister for Health if he will deliver on the promise in the Programme for Government to support clinical genetic services at CHI, Crumlin, by appointing six genomic resource associate roles to reduce the currently unacceptable two-year waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [36015/23]

\*1198. To ask the Minister for Health the current status on the progression of the proposed primary care centre in Kilrush, County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [36020/23]

\*1199. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received the pre-Budget 2024 submission by group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [36024/23]

\*1200. To ask the Minister for Health what measures are being taken to ensure that all employees who are entitled to the €1,000 pandemic payment are paid; when all the agency contractor roles will be approved for payment as in the case of a person (details supplied); if they are entitled to the payment; if so, when it will be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [36026/23]

\*1201. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 725 of 27 June 2023, if he will detail the latest staff numbers in Cork University Hospital to include staff figures for the Maternity Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [36027/23]

\*1202. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting for an appointment in the Mater Hospital to have cataracts removed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [36044/23]

\*1203. To ask the Minister for Health how many spring implants have been used in Temple Street Hospital, for spinal surgery in patients with spinal muscular atrophy and spina bifida; how many have been removed; and how many have failed in situ. — Paul Murphy. [36050/23]

\*1204. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the spring implants which have been used in Temple Street Hospital for spinal surgery in patients with spinal muscular atrophy and spina bifida, which vendor supplied these implants; and whether their use has been marked in each patient's notes by a sticker or otherwise. — Paul Murphy. [36051/23]

\*1205. To ask the Minister for Health whether the invoices for the spring implants which have been used in Temple Street Hospital for spinal surgery in patients with spinal muscular atrophy and spina bifida are available and can be published. — Paul Murphy. [36052/23]

\*1206. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the spring implants which have been used in Temple Street Hospital for spinal surgery in patients with spinal muscular atrophy and spina bifida, whether they are CE marked; and if not, what governance process oversaw and permitted their use. — Paul Murphy. [36053/23]

\*1207. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the implantation of the spring implants which have been used in Temple Street Hospital for spinal surgery in patients with spinal muscular atrophy and spina bifida, what consent process did the patients and families go through for unregistered implants; and how is this documented. — Paul Murphy. [36054/23]

\*1208. To ask the Minister for Health if a scheme (details supplied) will be changed in order to allow more persons to access same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36056/23]

\*1209. To ask the Minister for Health if an urgent issue in relation to the Dental Hospital in CUH will be addressed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [36062/23]

\*1210. To ask the Minister for Health the refurbishments or replacements completed since 2020 in each of the public nursing homes; the number of additional beds provided in each facility, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [36067/23]

\*1211. To ask the Minister for Health if he will deliver on a promise made in the Programme for Government (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [36070/23]

\*1212. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that Statutory Instrument number 237 of 2023 does not reflect the fact that the THC content in the EU hemp crop is legally regulated under the EU Common Agricultural Policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [36073/23]

\*1213. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of a problem at Cork University Dental Hospital in relation to access to general anaesthesia for Dental Hospital patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [36078/23]

\*1214. To ask the Minister for Health when the renal support centre (details supplied) will resume its facility in Beaumont, given the Covid-19 emergency has ended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36080/23]

\*1215. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for hip replacement surgery in the Regional Hospital Tullamore. — Robert Troy. [36088/23]

\*1216. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 736 of 20 June 2023, if he will provide an update with respect to HSE safety net service and the need for the rollout of an awareness campaign to make people aware as many people are going without care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36089/23]

\*1217. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a service level agreement (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36098/23]

\*1218. To ask the Minister for Health to outline all of the functions and associated finances transferred to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth since 1 January 2023 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36099/23]

\*1219. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 627 of 24 January 2023, the reason that the number of HSE health care support assistants in County Clare is significantly lower than every other county in CHO3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36106/23]

\*1220. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the success or otherwise of the Ennis Hospital ambulance transfer pathway since it was established in January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36107/23]

\*1221. To ask the Minister for Health if he has confidence in an entity (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36108/23]

\*1222. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Section 39 workers did not get the pandemic bonus; and if they can be treated the same as Section 38 workers who did get the bonus. — Peter Burke. [36117/23]

\*1223. To ask the Minister for Health to consider correspondence from a disability sector provider (details supplied) whose staff have been incorrectly excluded from accessing the pandemic recognition payment; if he agrees that a direct and objective comparison can be made between the status of workers in private nursing homes who have received the payment and workers at the facility referred to in the correspondence who have been excluded from the scheme; if he will have this matter addressed in the interests of the equitable and consistent application of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36149/23]

\*1224. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a child (details supplied) has not been accepted as a client of CAMHS in Louth despite presenting with severe behavioural problems for some time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36152/23]

\*1225. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the difficulties currently affecting patients at Cork University Dental School and Hospital, that the dental hospital theatre list was suspended on 7 April 2023 and has not been resumed to date, that this suspension has had an adverse impact on patients' lists, both adult and children, on dental nurse training, on oral surgery training and on staff morale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36168/23]

\*1226. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide immediate financial relief to parents and family carers who have been forced to pay privately for assessment costs either through reimbursement, or payment through the National Treatment Purchase Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36172/23]

\*1227. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ringfence dedicated funding to finance an urgent review of open cases across all Child and Adult Mental Health Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36173/23]

\*1228. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give due consideration to extending the National Treatment Purchase Fund to include occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and physiotherapy to enable backlogs to be cleared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36179/23]

\*1229. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the up-to-date position in respect of the proposed building of a helicopter pad in Cork University Hospital, for which planning permission has been granted; if further public consultation is planned with immediate residents to alleviate concerns during construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36180/23]

\*1230. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will be provided with a date for a surgical procedure to alleviate the challenges they have arising out of scoliosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36181/23]

\*1231. To ask the Minister for Health if there is an alternative way for a person (details supplied) to get a medical card. — Kathleen Funchion. [36185/23]

\*1232. To ask the Minister for Health if, further to an announcement by HIQA (details supplied), he will commit to funding the introduction of a vaccine to the routine vaccine schedule for children. — Sean Sherlock. [36186/23]

\*1233. To ask the Minister for Health the individuals appointed to his Department's Taskforce Savings and Efficiencies Steering Group; the timelines laid out for a report to be made to him; and if he will publish the report when received. — Sean Sherlock. [36189/23]

\*1234. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the level of absenteeism due to Covid recorded in each hospital and healthcare setting, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36190/23]

\*1235. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount it would cost to establish a commissioner for ageing and older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36192/23]

\*1236. To ask the Minister for Health if he will resolve a matter concerning Cork University Dental School and Hospital (CUDSH) and its reliance on CUH consultants for admissions, given that currently CUDSH consultants lack admission rights to CUH (details supplied); if he will review the ongoing issues and seek prompt intervention to ensure seamless care for CUDSH patients at CUH; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [36207/23]

\*1237. To ask the Minister for Health if he will support the addition of dialysis services at Ennis Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36231/23]

\*1238. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36242/23]

\*1239. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the additional resources that are being put in place to increase the number of placements for students on health and social care professional undergraduate programmes from September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [36246/23]

\*1240. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant optometry and ophthalmology roles in primary care services in CHO1; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [36247/23]

\*1241. To ask the Minister for Health with respect to the dissemination of information to all staff in health and social care services and following the non-disclosure of a serious incident in a care facility, if he will take immediate action to inform and/or remind all health and social care services that a person shall be guilty of an offence if they fail without reasonable excuse to disclose offences set out in Schedule 2 of the Criminal Justice (Withholding of Information on Offences Against Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012 (2012 Act) (List of Schedule 2 offences attached); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [36252/23]

\*1242. To ask the Minister for Health to further confirm to health and social care services that there is no prohibition under either the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) or the Data Protection Act 2018 (2018 Act) from sharing information where processing (sharing) is necessary to prevent injury or other damage including damage to the property of a person or otherwise to protect the vital interests of a person (Section 55(b)(iv) of the 2018 Act); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [36253/23]

\*1243. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing breakdown at West Kerry Community Hospital; how this compares with the numbers at the start of 2023; if extra beds will be opened at the hospital; what specific efforts are being made to recruit new nurses at the hospital; the breakdown of details of advertisements that have been made in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [36259/23]

\*1244. To ask the Minister for Health what efforts were made to contact individuals and families who were victims of medical negligence to make them aware of the Public Consultation on Health Claims Costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [36275/23]

\*1245. To ask the Minister for Health what the communication and outreach strategy was for the Public Consultation on the Health Claims Costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [36276/23]

\*1246. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the primary medical certificate; if new applications are being accepted; the status of the board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [36277/23]

\*1247. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) in respect of the recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [36280/23]



\*1248. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the breakdown between alcohol and drugs treatment beds in each alcohol and drug treatment centre provided by NGOs, for-profit providers and directly by the State, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [36282/23]

\*1249. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1116 of 13 June 2023, if he can confirm when the HSE plans to meet the representative patient advocacy group for people diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [36285/23]

\*1250. To ask the Minister for Health if, as part of the external review of the HSE Safeguarding Policy, it is the intention to look in particular at the expansion of a safeguarding service being provided by the safeguarding and protection teams outside of hours 9-5, Monday to Friday; if it is the intention to provide a dedicated information and support service to the public in relation to adult safeguarding issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36293/23]

\*1251. To ask the Minister for Health the response time for a direct service to a caller to HSE Live outside the hours of 9-5, Monday to Friday; the response time figures for the past three months; if a log is kept of the different types of concerns raised; if a log is kept as to whom the concerns have been forwarded for action; if the data collated by HSE live is included in the Annual Report of the National Safeguarding Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36294/23]

\*1252. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for vascular surgery in Tipperary; and the average waiting times, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [36328/23]

\*1253. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant and registrar posts, by speciality, that are currently vacant at Cork University Hospital; and when each of these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [36329/23]

\*1254. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant and registrar posts, by speciality, that are currently vacant at Galway University Hospital; and when each of these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [36330/23]

\*1255. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE staff, by job title, working in the accident and emergency department at University Hospital Limerick; the number of vacancies, by job title; and when these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [36331/23]

\*1256. To ask the Minister for Health the reason an application by a person (details supplied) for an over 70s medical card has been refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [36336/23]

\*1257. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take steps to support a funded workforce plan to immediately grow the nursing and midwifery staff by 2,000 whole-time equivalent staff annually for the next three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [36340/23]

\*1258. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to establish a health service division within the HAS to ensure adequate protections for nurses, midwives and other healthcare workers in response to the increase in workplace assaults, burnout and occupational infections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [36341/23]

\*1259. To ask the Minister for Health if the no-fault compensation scheme will be extended to cover nurses and midwives across all sectors of the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [36342/23]

\*1260. To ask the Minister for Health if he is engaged in discussions with Cabinet colleagues to address the accommodation shortage for key sectoral workers such as nurses and midwives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [36343/23]

\*1261. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any further plans by representatives of the National Ambulance Service to travel to Israel; if future proposals in this regard will be re-evaluated considering the ongoing breaches of international law by Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36368/23]

\*1262. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the progress in developing national gender clinics and multidisciplinary teams here for those under the age of 18 years; if a consultant psychiatrist in child and adolescent psychiatry has been recruited to develop the service; if recruitment of a consultant psychiatrist is necessary to develop this service; the reasons this is necessary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [36375/23]

\*1263. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive an appointment for a consultation for an oral medicine assessment at the Dublin Dental University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [36380/23]

\*1264. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical cards issued in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [36381/23]

\*1265. To ask the Minister for Health the reason tetanus injections are not covered by the medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [36382/23]

\*1266. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on audiology waiting lists, by age and region, as of July 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [36387/23]

\*1267. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on speech and language therapy waiting lists, by age and region, as of July 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [36388/23]

\*1268. To ask the Minister for Health to address concerns raised in correspondence from section 39 workers (details supplied); the next steps available to such employees to improve their working conditions and pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [36408/23]

\*1269. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients, segmented by gender and age, that attended the out-of-hours GP services in an area (details supplied) in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the general times attended in that service, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36422/23]

\*1270. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients, segmented by gender and age, that attended the out-of-hours GP services in an area (details supplied) in 2020, 2021, 2022 and

to date in 2023; and the general times attended in that service, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36423/23]

\*1271. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients, segmented by gender and age, that attended the out-of-hours GP services in an area (details supplied) in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the general times attended in that service, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36424/23]

\*1272. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients, segmented by gender and age, that attended the out-of-hours GP services in an area (details supplied) in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the general times attended in that service, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36425/23]

\*1273. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients, segmented by gender and age, that attended the out-of-hours GP services in an area (details supplied) in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the general times attended in that service, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36426/23]

\*1274. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients, segmented by gender and age, that attended the out-of-hours GP services in an area (details supplied) in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the general times attended in that service, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36427/23]

\*1275. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients, segmented by gender and age, that attended the out-of-hours GP services in an area (details supplied) in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the general times attended in that service, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36428/23]

\*1276. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a copy of the service level agreement between the HSE and SouthDoc GP on Call. — Sean Sherlock. [36429/23]

\*1277. To ask the Minister for Health to detail all contact he has received from the HSE and SouthDoc in 2023 relating to service provision. — Sean Sherlock. [36430/23]

\*1278. To ask the Minister for Health to detail all funding provided to SouthDoc GP on Call in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023. — Sean Sherlock. [36431/23]

\*1279. To ask the Minister for Health what governance procedures are in place between the HSE and Southdoc and its subsidiaries in respect of any financial transfers between the HSE and Southdoc under the SLA. — Sean Sherlock. [36433/23]

\*1280. To ask the Minister for Health if a person is appointed by the Minister for Health or the HSE to sit on the board of SouthDoc.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [36440/23]

\*1281. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients, segmented by gender and age, that attended under red eye shifts in an area (details supplied) in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the general times attended in that service, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36441/23]

\*1282. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients, segmented by gender and age, that attended under red eye shifts in an area (details supplied) in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the general times attended in that service, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36442/23]

\*1283. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients, segmented by gender and age, that attended under red eye shifts in an area (details supplied) in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the general times attended in that service, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36443/23]

\*1284. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients, segmented by gender and age, that attended under red eye shifts in an area (details supplied) in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the general times attended in that service, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36444/23]

\*1285. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients, segmented by gender and age, that attended under red eye shifts in an area (details supplied) in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the general times attended in that service, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36445/23]

\*1286. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients, segmented by gender and age, that attended under red eye shifts in an area (details supplied) in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the general times attended in that service, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36446/23]

\*1287. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients, segmented by gender and age, that attended under red eye shifts in an area (details supplied) in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the general times attended in that service, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [36447/23]

\*1288. To ask the Minister for Health if he and or the NPHDB and or the Children's Hospital Ireland will open a public consultation in respect of the name that will be applied to the national paediatric children's hospital in advance of it opening. — Catherine Murphy. [36456/23]

\*1289. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the potential changes to the nursing homes support scheme, commonly known as fair deal, specifically the plan to introduce incentives for long-term nursing home residents to rent out their homes; when the implementation of a 0% rate of assessment for rental income obtained from a principal residence will take effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [36459/23]

\*1290. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to improve access to vaginal mesh removal procedures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36476/23]

\*1291. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering implementing the Scottish NHS model in relation to vaginal mesh removal surgery (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36477/23]

\*1292. To ask the Minister for Health the reason many victims of medical negligence and their families were not asked to contribute to the Interdepartmental Working Group established to examine the rising cost of health-related claims and consider mechanisms to reduce costs; if any efforts were made to reach people who successfully took cases following HSE medical

negligence; if a publicity or information campaign was carried out; if so, the details of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36478/23]

\*1293. To ask the Minister for Health the reason he did not establish a statutory inquiry into historical licensing and prescribing of sodium valproate; when he expects the chair of the non-statutory inquiry to be appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36479/23]

\*1294. To ask the Minister for Health if he will meet with an organisation, further to correspondence on 7 July 2023 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36480/23]

\*1295. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to a media report (details supplied); the steps he is taking to resolve this dispute and ensure that there are no further delays to this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36483/23]

\*1296. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the establishment of the commission on care; when he expects the scope of the commission to be determined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36484/23]

\*1297. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the implementation of each of the 18 common actions and 13 high-service impact actions identified by the Service and Profession-Led Expert Implementation Groups as part of the HSE Resourcing Strategy, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36485/23]

\*1298. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the Framework for Safe Nurse Staffing and Skill Mix; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36486/23]

\*1299. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a detailed breakdown of the schedule of delivery for the additional 184 general acute beds and 26 critical care beds, as outlined in the HSE Service Plan 2023. — Róisín Shortall. [36487/23]

\*1300. To ask the Minister for Health his plans in relation to the special scheme of paid leave for healthcare workers suffering from long-Covid which has been extended until 31 October 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36488/23]

\*1301. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on the special scheme of paid leave for healthcare workers suffering from long-Covid in each of the months since it was introduced; the cost of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36489/23]

\*1302. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 391 of 2 February 2023, to provide an update on his plans to increase the availability of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), given that existing services are oversubscribed; if his attention has been brought to the fact that not one of the four public PrEP clinics in Dublin have new appointments available; the steps he is taking to address the situation in Dublin; if his Department or the HSE has carried out any research to understand the level of unmet PrEP need nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36490/23]

\*1303. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people availing of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) via the public system since the programme was established, by clinic and year, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [36491/23]

\*1304. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new applicants to the national HIV PrEP programme since the programme was established, by clinic and year, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [36492/23]

\*1305. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline he is working towards in drafting and publishing the new National Sexual Health Strategy; the members of the core drafting group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36493/23]

\*1306. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 469 of 18 May 2023, if there is any further update on the primary care centre for Finglas, Dublin 11; the status of the preliminary design stage 1 report and the legal process to transfer the land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36494/23]

\*1307. To ask the Minister for Health the date he will announce the details of funding to support trainee counselling psychologists; the reason this announcement has still not been made, given that the 2023-2024 academic year commences shortly; if funding will be provided to current trainees in the second and third year of their doctorate programme; if the offer to counselling psychology trainees will be equivalent to the offer to educational psychology trainees (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36495/23]

\*1308. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 260 of 12 July 2023, the date on which he expects the information campaign in relation to applications for GP visit cards on the basis of income to commence, following his announcement of the new income thresholds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36496/23]

\*1309. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline he is working towards for the introduction of a statutory right to homecare, as outlined in the Programme for Government; the current status of the draft legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36497/23]

\*1310. To ask the Minister for Health the date he expects the final report into the home support pilot in four CHOs to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36498/23]

\*1311. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the establishment of the national home support office; the number of positions funding has been provided for; the number of roles which remain vacant, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36499/23]

\*1312. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the work of the Strategic Workforce Advisory Group on home carers and nursing home healthcare assistants implementation group; the status of the implementation plan; when he expects this to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36500/23]

\*1313. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for homecare packages, by CHO and LHO, in tabular form; and the number of persons experiencing delayed discharge from hospital due to a delay in accessing homecare. — Róisín Shortall. [36501/23]



\*1314. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists participating in the dental treatment services scheme, by CHO and LHO, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [36502/23]

\*1315. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on a school dental screening service waiting list by age, wait time, LHO and CHO in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [36503/23]

\*1316. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the concerns raised by an organisation (details supplied) regarding to a lack of sustainable funding for the sector; and if he would consider meeting with the group to discuss said concerns. — Holly Cairns. [36504/23]

\*1317. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the introduction of multi-annual funding for community cancer support centres and services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [36505/23]

\*1318. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 788 of 2019, the companies, organisations and individuals engaged on a contractual basis by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) from June 2019 to date, in tabular form; the purpose of each engagement; the length of each engagement; the cost incurred to the NMBI for the relevant period of engagement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [36508/23]

\*1319. To ask the Minister for Health the number of calls received by an entity (details supplied) on the red eye shift for the night of 18 July to the morning of 19 July; the number of home visits made that night; the number of people directed to a different centre for appointment; and the location of that centre. — Sean Sherlock. [36509/23]

\*1320. To ask the Minister for Health the average emergency department waiting times at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan, in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [36522/23]

\*1321. To ask the Minister for Health the progress in the Hospital Building Programme in each of the past four years to date. — Darren O'Rourke. [36523/23]

\*1322. To ask the Minister for Health the average response times for ambulances for 999 calls in CHO8 in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [36524/23]

\*1323. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultants in respiratory medicine at the Mater Hospital in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [36525/23]

\*1324. To ask the Minister for Health if the pathfinder alternative programme from the National Ambulance Services will be extended to County Meath. — Darren O'Rourke. [36526/23]

\*1325. To ask the Minister for Health the number of calls received by an entity (details supplied) on the red eye shift for the night of 18 July to the morning of 19 July; the number of home visits made that night; the number of people directed to a different centre for appointment; and the location of that centre. — Sean Sherlock. [36539/23]

\*1326. To ask the Minister for Health the number of calls received by an entity (details supplied) on the red eye shift for the night of 18 July to the morning of 19 July; the number of

home visits made that night; the number of people directed to a different centre for appointment; and the location of that centre. — Sean Sherlock. [36540/23]

\*1327. To ask the Minister for Health the number of calls received by an entity (details supplied) on the red eye shift for the night of 18 July to the morning of 19 July; the number of home visits made that night; the number of people directed to a different centre for appointment; and the location of that centre. — Sean Sherlock. [36541/23]

\*1328. To ask the Minister for Health the number of calls received by an entity (details supplied) on the red eye shift for the night of 18 July to the morning of 19 July; the number of home visits made that night; the number of people directed to a different centre for appointment; and the location of that centre. — Sean Sherlock. [36542/23]

\*1329. To ask the Minister for Health the number of calls received by an entity (details supplied) on the red eye shift for the night of 18 July to the morning of 19 July; the number of home visits made that night; the number of people directed to a different centre for appointment; and the location of that centre. — Sean Sherlock. [36543/23]

\*1330. To ask the Minister for Health the number of calls received by an entity (details supplied) on the red eye shift for the night of 18 July to the morning of 19 July; the number of home visits made that night; the number of people directed to a different centre for appointment; and the location of that centre. — Sean Sherlock. [36544/23]

\*1331. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive their pandemic bonus payment. — Sean Sherlock. [36546/23]

\*1332. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the HSE to publish the reasons and rationale for the delay in sanctioning the staff for the MRI scanner at the Midlands Regional Hospital, Mullingar. — Robert Troy. [36569/23]

\*1333. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who were presented to St. Loman's, Mullingar, in 2021 and 2022; the number of people who repeated presentations; and the number of people who subsequently ended their own lives. — Robert Troy. [36570/23]

\*1334. To ask the Minister for Health when Section 39 employees will have their wages restored to ensure parity with people who are working directly with the HSE. — Robert Troy. [36571/23]

\*1335. To ask the Minister for Health whether it is intended to provide core funding for the 19 community cancer support centres to allow them to continue to provide vital supports and services to cancer patients and their families nationally. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36591/23]

\*1336. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received representation from an organisation (details supplied) for adequate sustainable base funding for its vital community services throughout the country; if he will ensure that a minimum of €10 million is provided annually to ensure the survival of these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [36592/23]

\*1337. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the 33,348 cataract surgeries which were carried out in 2021; the number completed in public hospitals; what number were

completed under the treatment purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36601/23]

\*1338. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details in respect of the 11,159 hip replacements which were carried out in 2021; the number completed in public hospitals; what number were completed under the treatment purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36602/23]

\*1339. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital beds currently available in each public/voluntary hospital, in tabular form; the number available in each public/voluntary hospital in December 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [36610/23]

\*1340. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive an appointment at UHL or Croom Orthopaedic Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [36640/23]

\*1341. To ask the Minister for Health when a facility (details supplied) will open; and how many staff have been allocated to same. — Sean Sherlock. [36647/23]

\*1342. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 210 of 5 July 2023, if the returns (details supplied) include pension contributions paid to all the other CEOs by the State; if not, the details of same; if, in respect of the VHI return, he will provide further details on how the interim CEO is getting both an acting-up allowance and a performance-related payment; if he will provide details of the €72,000 and €62,000 payment-bonuses in respect of the VHI returns; if he will provide details of the exit payment; if there will be a similar exit payment for the new CEO of VHI BIK medical; the actual amount paid; the policy with VHI; if not, with whom; if with VHI, if discounts are applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [36655/23]

\*1343. To ask the Minister for Health to outline what action he, his Department and the HSE intend on taking with a view to retaining an out-of-hours GP service in the Fermoy, Mitchelstown area, in particular from 10pm and 8am, given the service which was in place has been withdrawn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [36666/23]

\*1344. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36669/23]

\*1345. To ask the Minister for Health when it is proposed to have a single dedicated HSE safeguarding service number available at all times in order that a person who wishes to report any form of abuse or wishes to gain immediate access to a safeguarding service can do so (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36672/23]

\*1346. To ask the Minister for Health if he has responded to correspondence (details supplied); if he will arrange a meeting with this organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36675/23]

\*1347. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department, and all agencies under the remit of his Department, have their telephone contact details on their websites and on other media platforms; if all stationery and headed notepaper used in correspondence with the public contain relevant phone contact details, taking into account that everybody is not in a position to correspond by e-mail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36698/23]

\*1348. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people awaiting homecare support in Wicklow; the total number of hours allocated in Wicklow in 2022 and to date in 2023; the average number of hours granted to each successful applicant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36720/23]

\*1349. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the number of people who have been granted home care support in 2022 and to date in 2023 who are still awaiting their care packages to be fulfilled by a carer/home support agency, broken down by county and waiting timeframe, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36721/23]

\*1350. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications received for a physical care needs assessment in 2022 and to date in 2023, broken down by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36723/23]

\*1351. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people awaiting a physical care needs assessment in 2022 and to date in 2023, broken down by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36724/23]

\*1352. To ask the Minister for Health the number of independent dental practices currently signed up to the dental treatment services scheme in Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36726/23]

\*1353. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults on the dental appointment waiting list in Wicklow; the average waiting times for appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36727/23]

\*1354. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults on the orthodontic waiting lists in Wicklow; the average waiting times for appointments, broken down by 1, 3, 6 month, and 12 months+; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36728/23]

\*1355. To ask the Minister for Health how many adult physiotherapists are in CHO6 and CHO 7 in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36729/23]

\*1356. To ask the Minister for Health how many child physiotherapists are in CHO6 and CHO 7 in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36730/23]

\*1357. To ask the Minister for Health the number of child psychologists in CHO 6 and CHO 7 in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36731/23]

\*1358. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adult psychologists in CHO 6 and CHO 7 in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36732/23]

\*1359. To ask the Minister for Health the number currently on the waiting list for adult physiotherapy in CHO 6 and CHO 7, Wicklow, broken down by length of time, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36733/23]

\*1360. To ask the Minister for Health the number currently on the waiting list for child physiotherapy in CHO 6 and CHO 7, Wicklow, broken down by length of time, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36734/23]

\*1361. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people currently on the waiting list for child psychology in CHO 6 and CHO 7, Wicklow, broken down by lengths of time of 3, 6, 12+ months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36735/23]

\*1362. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults awaiting occupational therapy in CHO6 in County Wicklow and CHO7 in County Wicklow, broken down by lengths of time of 3, 6, 12+ months and in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36736/23]

\*1363. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting occupational therapy in CHO6 in County Wicklow and CHO7 County Wicklow, broken down by lengths of time of 3, 6, 12+ months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36737/23]

\*1364. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting on the CAMHS waiting list in County Wicklow; the average waiting time, broken down by lengths of time of 3, 6, 12+ months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36738/23]

\*1365. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals made to the long-Covid clinic, by county; the average waiting timeframe, broken down by length of time of 3, 6, 12+ months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36739/23]

\*1366. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to providing the chicken pox varicella vaccine to all children through the infant and children's immunisation programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36740/23]

\*1367. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on a vacant building (details supplied); to confirm what the plans are for this building; if there has been interest expressed in this building by another State body or if it has been deemed to be surplus to requirements and sold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36741/23]

\*1368. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the national newborn bloodspot screening programme; the progress that has been made by the National Screening Advisory Committee to expand the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36742/23]

\*1369. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the implementation and success of the Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2018-2020 "Connecting for Life Dublin South"; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [36801/23]

\*1370. To ask the Minister for Health when the process considering implementation of the Expert Review Body on Nursing and Midwifery recommendation forty-six will be completed. — Ivana Bacik. [36826/23]

\*1371. To ask the Minister for Health the options available to an individual (details supplied) for medical support; and if an application for medical card is on file. — Sean Sherlock. [36833/23]

\*1372. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a HSE employee (details supplied) who has met the criteria to qualify for the pandemic recognition payment has not received the payment to

which they are entitled; when the application will be processed and paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36863/23]

\*1373. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 759 of 27 June 2023, for a status update on the Strategic Assessment Report/Preliminary Business Case for the new Emergency Department, Women and Children's Block at University Hospital Galway; the timeline for the completion of the SAR/PBC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36873/23]

\*1374. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 36 of 1 June 2023, for an update on the development of the new elective hospital in Merlin Park; the status of the development of the project brief, procurement strategy and detailed business case; if the HSE is on track to complete these documents by October 2023; if discussions with local planning authorities have commenced to-date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36874/23]

\*1375. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No.55 of 1 June, 2023, the status of the development of a primary care centre on Inisbofin; the status of the land transfer process; the expected timeline for the completion of the land transfer and acquisition of the site; the progress to-date on the appointment of a design team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36875/23]

\*1376. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1570 of 18 April 2023, the status of the proposed primary care centre for Galway City west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36876/23]

\*1377. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 111 of 26 May 2022, his plans to introduce a vaccine compensation scheme, as recommended in a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36877/23]

\*1378. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [36878/23]

\*1379. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of extending the free contraception scheme to all people regardless of age; if the scheme will be extended to those aged 26 to 30 years from 1 September 2023; the estimated cost of extending the scheme to 30 to 45-year-olds; the estimated additional cost of extending the scheme to include non-hormonal contraception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36908/23]

\*1380. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department or the HSE will provide a subsidy for college health centres to provide abortion services; the projected cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36909/23]

\*1381. To ask the Minister for Health the projected cost of expanding the free HIV rapid testing and PrEP to college health centres, in order that students can access services on-campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36910/23]

\*1382. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department or the HSE have previously provided funding to an organisation (details supplied) to support sexual health and awareness packs to students in higher education institutions; if he intends to do so in future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36913/23]



\*1383. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of changing the income limits for over-70s medical cards from €550 to €800 (single) and €1,050 to €1,600 (couple), and applying these income limits for everyone over 65 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36963/23]

\*1384. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that the temporary inflation payment scheme that is designed to address cost increases relating to heating and electricity to small privately owned nursing homes is of no benefit to nursing homes whose contract ends and have no choice but to sign up with a more expensive energy provider; if she is aware if this is an issue with other nursing homes; if there is a workaround being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36967/23]

\*1385. To ask the Minister for Health if he will deliver on the promise in the Programme for Government to support clinical genetic services at CHI, Crumlin, by appointing six genomic resource associate roles to reduce the currently unacceptable two-year waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36968/23]

\*1386. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of HSE properties (detail supplied) in County Wicklow; to identify those properties which are intended for redevelopment or refurbishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36971/23]

\*1387. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on any of the vacant HSE buildings in Wicklow that have been deemed surplus to requirement (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [36972/23]

\*1388. To ask the Minister for Health when an application for nursing home subvention in the name of a person (details supplied) will be finalised. — Robert Troy. [36980/23]

\*1389. To ask the Minister for Health when measures will be introduced to ban the sale of vaping products to children, both in store and through online shopping platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36994/23]

\*1390. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vaginal mesh removals carried out in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; the number of retropubic implants (TVT) fully removed; the number of transobturator implants (TVTO) fully removed; the number of pelvic prolapse meshes (POP) fully removed; the number of other meshes fully removed with a description of the type of mesh (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [37043/23]

\*1391. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the roll-out of publicly funded IVF in CH02; the timeline for when publicly funded IVF will be available in CH02; to clarify the eligibility criteria whereby persons can avail of publicly funded IVF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [37046/23]

\*1392. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the roll-out, by CHO area, of the Model of Care for Fertility; the timeline for when the model will be completely rolled-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [37047/23]

\*1393. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not received OT support since January 2023; if he will ensure that this situation is rectified as a matter of urgency,

considering the impact that the removal of services has had on the person and their family; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [37060/23]

\*1394. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who are waiting more than sixty days for an urgent referral for cancer diagnosis. — Ivana Bacik. [37070/23]

\*1395. To ask the Minister for Health the number of minors who have been placed on adult psychiatric wards. — Ivana Bacik. [37071/23]

\*1396. To ask the Minister for Health the projected cost of providing additional funding to Section 39 organisations to provide pay increases in line with the current public service pay deal; to provide a breakdown by organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37082/23]

\*1397. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on agency staff in 2022 and to date in 2023 across the health service, broken down by staffing type and to whom the payments were made; if he will provide a breakdown for the amount spent on nursing agency staff in 2022 and to date in 2023; his plans to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37083/23]

\*1398. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of reducing the drugs payment scheme threshold to €50; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37084/23]

\*1399. To ask the Minister for Health the projected full-year cost of expanding the free contraception scheme to all women; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37085/23]

\*1400. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost in 2024 of reducing prescription charges to €1 per item with a cap of €10 for all, or to 50 cent per item with a cap of €5 for all; the overall cost of abolishing the charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37086/23]

\*1401. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost in 2024 of reducing emergency hospital charges to either €50 or abolishing it; the cost of removing the €75 charge for an injury unit, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37087/23]

\*1402. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing in 2024 medical cards to all those diagnosed with cancer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37088/23]

\*1403. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing medical card income limits by 5%, 10% or 20%, and in each case, the projected additional number of cards that would be issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37089/23]

\*1404. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided for the home support service in 2023; the number of home care packages funded; the projected additional cost of providing a home care package to every identified case in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37090/23]

\*1405. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home care and home help hours funded in 2022, and 2023, respectively; the amount not utilised due to staffing shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37091/23]

\*1406. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of the flu vaccine programme in 2022 and 2023, respectively; how many doses are expected to be provided in 2023 and 2024; how many doses the State ordered; the estimated cost to provide the flu vaccine free to all; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37093/23]

\*1407. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing free GP care to all children under 18 years on the basis of the fees provided for the expansion of the current scheme to six- and seven-year-olds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37094/23]

\*1408. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing the HPV vaccine for free to adults who have not received it but want to access it through their GP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37095/23]

\*1409. To ask the Minister for Health the projected cost of providing two doses of the chicken pox varicella vaccine free to all children through the primary or school child immunisation programme; the estimated annual cost of providing this in 2024; the estimated five-year cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37096/23]

\*1410. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of ICU beds in place; how many are currently funded; how many additional ICU beds will be provided in 2023 and are planned for 2024; the all-in cost for a new ICU bed, support services and staffing; the projected cost for 50 additional ICU beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37097/23]

\*1411. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of adding asthma to the long-term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37098/23]

\*1412. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the additional funding provided for mental health in each of the past two budgets; to provide a detailed breakdown of the status of each of the measures announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37099/23]

\*1413. To ask the Minister for Health the projected costs of fully funding the safe staffing framework; the projected costs of growing the nursing and midwifery workforce by 2,000 WTEs annually for the next three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37100/23]

\*1414. To ask the Minister for Health to provide, in tabular form for each hospital, the number of unfilled nurses and midwives positions, respectively that currently remain unfilled; to provide the current staffing levels in each; the additional recruitment into each in 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37101/23]

\*1415. To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form for each hospital the number of unfilled consultant positions respectively that currently remain unfilled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37102/23]

\*1416. To ask the Minister for Health the projected costs of settling the medical laboratory scientists' pay claim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37103/23]

\*1417. To ask the Minister for Health how many additional hospital beds have been delivered in each of 2022 and 2023 to date, by type; what the end-of-year delivery is expected to be; his plans for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37104/23]

\*1418. To ask the Minister for Health the projected cost of delivering 1,500 additional acute beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [37105/23]

\*1419. To ask the Minister for Health is he aware of an issue (details supplied); if he will ask his officials to review the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [37125/23]

\*1420. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the current state of play with the MCAP scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37161/23]

\*1421. To ask the Minister for Health what plans his Department has to respond to the WHO classification of aspartame as a possible cancer cause; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37162/23]

\*1422. To ask the Minister for Health when the review of the impact of the sugar tax will be conducted and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37163/23]

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

\*1423. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will examine an application for a SUSI grant in respect of a person (details supplied), whose parents are long time separated without a legal separation, who reside separately but whose documentation has not been accepted by SUSI as proving this; if he will accept the documentation provided as sufficient proof of separate living; if he will ensure that this application is processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [35632/23]

\*1424. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of the closure of a college (details supplied) and that there has been no direct contact with students; the implications for those who are part-way through courses and those who have paid fees for the coming academic year; whether previous years' accreditations will be affected by the closure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35644/23]

\*1425. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the 2022 and 2023 budget allocation for his Department's infrastructure upgrade and refurbishment fund. — Paul Donnelly. [35790/23]

\*1426. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the action his Department has taken to honour the Programme for Government pledge to ensure that Government Departments and public bodies take positive steps, including the use of correct

pronouns and, where possible, making improvements on official forms, to assist non-binary people. — Michael Moynihan. [35830/23]

\*1427. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the cost of same; the company involved; the title and publication date by report, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35975/23]

\*1428. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of external consultant reports commissioned by the bodies under his Department's aegis in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; the cost of same; the company involved; the title and publication date, by report, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35976/23]

\*1429. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how his Department will facilitate a cohort of students who want to access nursing through the new model (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36074/23]

\*1430. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 209 of 31 May 2023, if he will outline the crèche facilities available at all FET colleges in Ireland, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36096/23]

\*1431. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated amount it would cost to reduce the student contribution by €1,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36196/23]

\*1432. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated amount it would cost to end apprenticeship charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36197/23]

\*1433. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the board vacancies in organisations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36217/23]

\*1434. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether he will give consideration to extending SUSI supports to students attending third-level courses overseas where demand exceeds places in courses where there is an identified need for additional graduates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36222/23]

\*1435. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there was an underspend in the fund for students with disabilities in each of the years 2017 to 2021; the extent of any such underspend; if and where any underspend in funding was reassigned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [36244/23]

\*1436. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 142 of 1 June 2023, for an update on his Department's engagements with the higher education institutions to maximise additionality in health and social care professional undergraduate programmes from September 2023; the number of additional

programmes that will be delivered by discipline, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [36245/23]

\*1437. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of guidance counsellors directly employed by each ETB; and the number contracted in each year since 2019, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [36334/23]

\*1438. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a full list of all approved undergraduate courses for applications under SUSI provided within the State to which the free fees scheme does not apply. — Darren O'Rourke. [36514/23]

\*1439. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans that are being considered by his Department to expand or develop an educational setting (details supplied) at its existing location; the proposed timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36641/23]

\*1440. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department, and all agencies under the remit of his Department, have their telephone contact details on their websites and on other media platforms; if all stationery and headed notepaper used in correspondence with the public contain relevant phone contact details, taking into account that everybody is not in a position to correspond by e-mail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36697/23]

\*1441. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for a detailed breakdown of funding provided to PhD researchers via State supports, HEI funds and other sources, including details on numbers in receipt of each type of funding and the stipends awarded per researcher. — Paul Murphy. [36745/23]

\*1442. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a breakdown of the number of part-time PhD researchers in receipt of stipends; and to account for numbers who may be in employment outside of their research, conducting their PhD research with employer support. — Paul Murphy. [36746/23]

\*1443. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a copy of Departmental notes and/or briefings provided to the Chairs of the National Review of State Supports for PhD researchers as referred to on p.32 of the report, where Chairs acknowledge “evidence synthesis support from D/FHERIS colleagues”. — Paul Murphy. [36747/23]

\*1444. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a complete breakdown of numbers of non-EU/EEA PhD researchers registered in Ireland; and to provide an estimate for the total fees paid by non-EU/EEA PhD researchers to Irish HEIs. — Paul Murphy. [36748/23]

\*1445. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to address the skills gap to deliver the national retrofitting plan, including heat pump installation; if he has plans to expand green apprenticeships to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [36853/23]



\*1446. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what grants are available for publicly built student accommodation on lands by HEIs; what conditions are applied to those grants; the amount of capital provided by his Department for this purpose in 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively; to provide a breakdown of award by higher education institution for each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36888/23]

\*1447. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if additional criteria for grants for publicly-built student accommodation apply for land owned by universities compared to technological universities or ITs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36889/23]

\*1448. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has sought an increase in the rent tax credit for students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36890/23]

\*1449. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the projected cost of allowing students enrolled on part-time courses eligible for SUSI maintenance grants and fee grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36892/23]

\*1450. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated full-year cost of abolishing the student contribution charge; the estimated cost of maintaining the €1,000 reduction into the 2023-2024 college year; the estimated 2023-2024 cost of extending the other one-off reductions to thresholds and grants as provided for in 2022-2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36893/23]

\*1451. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated full-year cost of permanently reducing the student contribution charge to €1,000 or €1,500, respectively; the estimated first-year cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36894/23]

\*1452. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated first-year and full-year cost of increasing the student maintenance grant by €1,000; if he will provide a breakdown of the cost, by each grant level, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36895/23]

\*1453. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of increasing the SUSI grant allowance for earnings outside of term-time to €13,104, that is, doubling it; if he will provide a projected cost of this allowance being extended to term-time earnings, based on a living wage of €13.10, at 22 hours per week of term time over 28-weeks for approximately €8,070; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36896/23]

\*1454. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the projected cost of allowing EU students to be eligible for the fee grant to be paid for under SUSI if they qualify for maintenance grants; how many students are projected to be eligible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36897/23]

\*1455. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the projected cost of allowing international students access to the student assistance fund; if

he has considered this change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36898/23]

\*1456. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of providing a dedicated translation service for students with documentation in a language other than English or Irish for SUSI applications; if he intends to provide such a service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36899/23]

\*1457. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of increasing the reckonable income limit for the special rate of the maintenance grant to €50,000 and removing the social protection long-term payment criteria for post-graduate students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36900/23]

\*1458. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of allowing post-graduate students to be eligible for the maintenance grants on the same criteria that apply for undergraduates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36901/23]

\*1459. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the projected cost of increasing the stipend support for PhD researchers funded by SFI/ IRC, higher education institutions, and other competitive funders to €28,000 per annum; how many researchers are expected to be supported in 2024; the number currently supported in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36902/23]

\*1460. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the projected cost of including graduate entry medicine under the free fees' initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36903/23]

\*1461. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has carried out any modelling or analysis on the provision of a loan scheme to graduate entry medicine students; if so, the projected costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36904/23]

\*1462. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the projected cost of implementing a living wage for apprentices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36905/23]

\*1463. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a dedicated funding stream to third-level institutions to support the specific needs of transgender students; if his Department has provided guidance to third-level institutions on how best to support self-ID for trans and non-binary students through name change systems in registrar offices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36907/23]

\*1464. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of enabling students to access GP care through their campus, and for this to be funded through ring-fenced funding from his Department and the Department of Health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36911/23]

\*1465. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of reducing the student to counsellor ratio to 1 counsellor to 1,000 students

from the current 1 to 1,500 ratio; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36912/23]

\*1466. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department provides specific funding for institutions to have a campus psychiatrist and mental health nurse; if so, the amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36914/23]

\*1467. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the projected cost for all higher education institutions to be able to draw on Government funding for a campus psychiatrist and mental health nurse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36915/23]

\*1468. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount the Government currently provides for the healthy campus rollout; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36916/23]

\*1469. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has carried out any assessment of the hidden costs facing students such as software subscriptions; the projected cost of increasing funding to cover the cost for students to pay mandatory software subscriptions for their course across HEIs; what supports are available to creative students who must purchase access a suite of software (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36919/23]

\*1470. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has assessed the cost of providing a designated materials fund for creative students, and funding to support the purchase of specialised software suites (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36920/23]

\*1471. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the projected cost of implementing a €500 maintenance grant for students on mandatory placements as part of their courses; if his Department has considered supports for students undertaking such placements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36921/23]

\*1472. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has assessed the cost of payment of a living wage for students who must undertake a placement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36922/23]

\*1473. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has assessed the cost of providing for SUSI and other supports to be available specifically for students who must undertake unpaid summer placement as part of their course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36923/23]

\*1474. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the projected cost of funding the cost of subscriptions to access research for all postgraduate students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36924/23]

\*1475. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the projected additional cost of allowing international students access to the student assistance

fund; if he will consider the creation of a dedicated international student fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36925/23]

\*1476. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has sought a travel visa waiver system for all international students attending a HEI on the island of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36926/23]

\*1477. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the projected cost of removing the resident criteria from the free fees initiative for those in international protection in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36927/23]

\*1478. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what supports his Department provides for the promotion of the Irish language in HEIs; if he has plans for such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36928/23]

\*1479. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what specific funding is available for courses to be taught or run through the medium of Irish; the amount spent in each year since 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36929/23]

\*1480. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what monitoring his Department or the HEA carry out to ensure a consistent policy approach to the allocation of funding to student unions by HEIs; his plans for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36930/23]

\*1481. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what capital funding is available to HEIs for renewable energy investments on campuses; if his Department supports the creation of micro-grids in these institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36931/23]

\*1482. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if an assessment of retrofitting HEI buildings to a B2 BER standard has been carried out; the projected cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36932/23]

\*1483. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a comprehensive summary of the funding allocated to PhD researchers broken down by State aids, higher education institution contributions, and other resources; the number of researchers benefiting from each category of funding; the corresponding stipend each researcher receives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36934/23]

\*1484. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how many part-time PhD researchers receive stipends; how many PhD students work with the backing of an employer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36935/23]

\*1485. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide copies of all Department records or briefings supplied to the chairpersons of the National Review of State Supports for PhD researchers as referenced on page 32 of the report

where the chairs express gratitude for the evidence synthesis support from colleagues in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36936/23]

\*1486. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide or a complete tally of how many non-EU/EEA PhD researchers are enrolled in Ireland; the estimated calculation for the aggregate fees these non-EU/EEA PhD researchers pay to Irish higher education institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [36937/23]

\*1487. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide the latest breakdown, by county, of apprenticeship registration levels and total apprenticeship population levels, by trade and sector, for each of the years 2020 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [37048/23]

\*1488. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the review of access to further education to those with disabilities; the timeline on this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [37164/23]

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

\*1489. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the financial allocations in 2019, 2020, 2022 and to date in 2023 under the seniors alert scheme nationally, in tabular form; the financial allocations for the same years under this scheme for Cork county and city; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35686/23]

\*1490. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has budgeted for the LIS scheme for 2023; the demand for the scheme; the financial allocation to date, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35687/23]

\*1491. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the action her Department has taken to honour the Programme for Government pledge to ensure that Government Departments and public bodies take positive steps, including the use of correct pronouns and, where possible, making improvements on official forms, to assist non-binary people. — Michael Moynihan. [35835/23]

\*1492. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the options available from her Department and other related agencies to a volunteer-run community centre in County Louth (details supplied) that wishes to explore the installation of roof solar panels and EV charging points; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [35925/23]

\*1493. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of funding approved to a group (details supplied) from 2012 to date; what terms and conditions were attached to each funding approval, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [36158/23]

\*1494. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the measures his Department is taking to improve recreational facilities and services for young people in Wexford town. — Holly Cairns. [36396/23]

\*1495. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will consider a review for the local improvement scheme to make it easier for land owners and rural dwellings to access the scheme. — Robert Troy. [36556/23]

\*1496. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has received any plans to establish a library in an area (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [36583/23]

\*1497. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his Department, and all agencies under the remit of his Department, have their telephone contact details on their websites and on other media platforms; if all stationery and headed notepaper used in correspondence with the public contain relevant phone contact details, taking into account that everybody is not in a position to correspond by e-mail; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36702/23]

\*1498. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to provide details relating to the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for the development and construction of capital projects in towns and villages and rural areas across Ireland; the distribution of the fund to date; to provide details of each project across Ireland, and the total value of allocation in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [36869/23]

\*1499. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to provide details on the number of town regeneration officers in each local authority in order to drive forward Town Centre First on a local level, and the funding for these positions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [36871/23]

\*1500. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total number of hubs onboarded in each county since the national hub network ([connectedhubs.ie](http://connectedhubs.ie)) was launched; and the total amount of funding in each county towards same, in tabular form. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [36997/23]

\*1501. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total amount of funding allocated to local authorities for the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund since the formation of this Government; to list the towns in each county that have been allocated funding and the project title, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [36998/23]