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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

1. To ask the Minister for Health if a handover and substantial completion date on the new Children's Hospital has been agreed between the Development Board and the developer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [40785/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Health what efforts he has made to resolve the pay parity gap in section 39 organisations funded through the health budget in order to improve recruitment and retention in these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [40547/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the Government's response to the Mental Health Commission's reports into CAMHS; if the Government will accept and implement the 49 recommendations made by the Mental Health Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [40786/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the significant underfunding of the HSE National Service Plan; the current projected deficit to year-end; the reason his Department did not address this matter when its implications were highlighted by the HSE at the start of 2023; how he will address this deficit up to the end of 2023 in a way which ensures service capacity, activity volumes and access times not being adversely impacted for patients and service users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [40910/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that issues of overcrowding at Cork University Hospital are addressed as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [40911/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

6. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting for genetic testing for each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023, disaggregated by waiting times 0-6, 6-12, 12-18 and 18+ months, in each hospital, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [39630/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no additional funding was given to the National Clinical Programmes in Mental Health for 2023; what this means for the timelines for completion of the expansion of the National Clinical Programmes; if increased funding will be delivered in Budget 2024 for the National Clinical Programmes for Mental Health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [40731/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Health when he will publish a multi-annual investment plan to address the capacity deficit in hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [40790/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Health if, in light of the opening of the second cath lab in University Hospital Waterford, he will outline the anticipated timeline for moving to a cardiac care service operating 8am to 8pm, seven days a week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [40037/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Health if more beds will be opened at West Kerry Community Hospital; the current bed and staffing breakdown; how this compares with each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [40649/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Health the revised care plan for those seeking gender identity services, taking into account WPATH standards of care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [40454/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Health what steps his Department is undertaking to ensure that more dentists in the State will accept medical card patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [40282/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an estimate of the average number of inpatient and outpatient procedures that have been delivered by public hospitals and by the NTPF to date in 2023; and if he is considering any innovations to deliver more procedures. — Richard Bruton. [40277/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Health if therapists (details supplied) who have qualified in Queens University Belfast or Ulster University have to complete a compensation measure, comprising either an adaptation period under supervised practice or an aptitude test before their qualification is recognised by CORU. — Pauline Tully. [40690/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Health if a public health awareness campaign around cocaine use and its adverse effects will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [40650/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Health if he supports the provision of the chicken pox varicella vaccine free to all children through the primary or schoolchild immunisation programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [40550/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding dedicated services to address long-Covid in each of the regions; the steps his Department is taking to provide services and supports for those affected by long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [40036/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Health the extent of the estimated health budget overrun in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [40788/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Health if he will legislate for safe staffing levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [40789/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount paid out in compensation by the HSE in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [40281/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Health to provide defined commencement timelines with regard to the long-awaited public inquiry into the handling of the Covid pandemic in nursing homes; if he can provide the terms of reference for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40603/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to provide funding for a day care centre for the elderly in Youghal, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [40616/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that recent data has shown that 100,800 children are on some form of National Treatment Purchase Fund waiting list, with one in five of those 20,600 young people waiting longer than a year for treatment or assessment in public hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [40712/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria that would be used to recruit medical staff from third countries to assist with the staffing crisis that exists within the Irish health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [39628/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the measures that are being taken to fill the 51.4 WTE vacancies across medical assessment services at model 2 hospitals at St John's, Ennis and Nenagh Hospitals; the timeline that is being considered to put staff in these posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [40716/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the Mental Health Commission report into CAMHS services in each CHO, in particular the lack of out-of-hours services in CHO3 and CHO5; the shortage in the provision of in-patient beds and dedicated CAMHS specific psychiatric assessment room in CHO5; the measures that will be taken to facilitate accessible service locations that are currently unavailable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [40715/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the accessibility to acute care in the mid-west region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [40655/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the provision of new and upgraded primary care centres in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [40620/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering extending eligibility to the long-term illness scheme for reimbursement of blood glucose test strips (insulin and metformin) to all women who develop gestational diabetes during pregnancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [37850/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the fact that medical students from Northern Ireland are unable to apply for internship posts in the Republic of Ireland due to an administrative loophole whereby their results are not ready in time for the HSE to consider them, and are therefore lost to the health services for ongoing employment to aid services here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [39629/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Health what steps have been taken to address the patient waiting list in respect of scoliosis; the number of patients that have been facilitated to date in 2023; the number still awaiting treatment; when it is expected that their needs are likely to be met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40702/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Health how he is making the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023 a priority, to have it in operation by Christmas 2023 (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [40652/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review dental practice regulations, in line with calls from the Dental Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [40787/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that an organisation (details supplied) has called for the emergency department taskforce to meet urgently to discuss how the HSE plans to tackle the persistent overcrowding problem in Irish hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [40713/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that an organisation (details supplied) recently published data showing that the mental health budget has declined as a percentage of the overall health budget from 13% in 1984 to 5.1% in 2023; if he is aware that the organisation has called for the mental health budget to be at least 10% of the overall health budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [40711/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the involvement, if any, of his Department in the provision of a new building for the Cork University Dental School and Hospital; the indicative timetable for the construction and completion of the new building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [40411/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on his Department's latest work in tackling overcrowding in hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [40744/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to tackle the ongoing trolley crisis in emergency departments throughout the country in advance of the oncoming winter season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [40549/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Health the plans he has in place to prevent a serious hospital crisis in the coming winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [40791/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Health when the new National Children's Hospital is expected to open; what the final cost of the project will be; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [40710/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the reopening of the day centre in Áras Mhic Dara in Carraroe; the reason the day centre did not reopen on 11 September 2023, as planned; if the promised bus service is in place to date; to clarify whether the promised nursing role has been filled to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [40728/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Health his views that the assessment processes for accessing new medicines are too stringent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [40476/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the progression of, and the timeline for, the establishment of a commission on care for older people and the establishment of a commissioner for ageing and older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [40604/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which ongoing measures are taking place to deal with the issue of waiting lists in all hospitals throughout the country in respect of all procedures; if steps have been taken to fill the various vacant posts which might facilitate this work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40701/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that there are only 51 CAMHS inpatient beds operational across the country at any one time, falling well short of the 130 beds recommended in the Government’s ‘A Vision for Change’ strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [40714/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1373 of 25 July 2023, to provide 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. [40729/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals that currently have free Wi-Fi in public areas as of August 2023, in tabular form; and the estimated cost of ensuring that every public hospital in this country has Wi-Fi available for patients. — Colm Burke. [40619/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in recruiting additional personnel for CAMHS teams in areas such as Cavan/Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [40707/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Health if pharmacist services can be expanded to aid in alleviating some of the pressures currently experienced in GP services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [40264/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Health what measures are being taken to ensure adequate GP services are in place for Cork north-west; if he is aware of the difficulties that people are experiencing in securing a GP in their area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [40263/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Health to what extent hospital wards are mixed gender due to over-capacity in the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [31340/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Health the digital reforms he has undertaken, and those he intends to undertake; and his views on whether a greater use of digital health will improve patient outcomes, improve efficiencies and be a solution to escalating costs. — Robert Troy. [40600/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) has been waiting so long for their operation. — Joan Collins. [40651/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on actions being taken by his Department to ensure that the services of a general practice medical doctor remain in Newmarket-on-Fergus, County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [40621/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Health if it is proposed to increase the level of funding for the North-East Drug Task Force, in view of the increased demand for services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [40708/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Health if the Government has any plans to regulate CAMHS under the Mental Health Act 2001 to give the Mental Health Commission statutory oversight of CAMHS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [40730/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Health when the management of the MRH Mullingar can expect approval to recruit the necessary staff for the new MRI scanner which has recently been commissioned. — Robert Troy. [40599/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the provision of a much-needed primary care centre for Swords in north County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [40551/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Health his views on expanding Jigsaw services on the ground into County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [40656/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Health what the key drivers of the reported overruns in health expenditure are; whether there are improvements that can be made in spending management; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [40276/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Health how many primary care centres had construction halted due to increased construction costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [40745/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Health if he will contact the Cuban Ambassador to request that Cuba assist with the provision of Cuban doctors and medical staff from to help with the staffing crisis in our health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [39627/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applicants notified to his Department in the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 for a primary medical certificate; and if he believes the system is fit for purpose as constituted. — Sean Sherlock. [32068/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the provision of a primary care centre in Youghal, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [40617/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for children with scoliosis; the number waiting 0 to 4, 4 to 12, and over 12 months, by hospital, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [40477/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of an organisation (details supplied); if so, his views on the organisation's role in assisting recovery through exercise; if he can commit to ensuring support for current classes in line with other support partners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [40548/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans in place to further restrict the sale of single-use vapes in the country, especially those aimed at children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [40618/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1625 of 11 September 2023, the reason therapists (details supplied) who have qualified in Queens University Belfast or Ulster University have to complete a compensation measure comprising either an adaptation period under supervised practice or an aptitude test before their qualification is recognised by CORU if CORU states that "the existing programmes in Northern Ireland have a good alignment with the Irish standard for these professions. — Pauline Tully. [40740/23]

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

69. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the progress to expand the current offering of student accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [40586/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to detail the projected allocation of capital funding that will be made available to the SETU Wexford campus development plan to ensure the development of new buildings and delivery of additional courses and new disciplines, whilst also ensuring the provision of adequate student accommodation to cater for the planned new campus in Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [40794/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what plans he has for the proposals outlined in his Department's recently published options paper, Funding the Future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [40587/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what measures he and his Department are putting in place to deal with the student accommodation crisis in Sligo, due to the withdrawal of two student accommodation blocks from the market. — Marian Harkin. [40622/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline what measures he is taking to assist students (details supplied)

attending colleges in Cork and Limerick, especially first-year students, in finding on-campus accommodation. — Danny Healy-Rae. [40913/23]

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

74. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the efforts that are being made to expand places in third-level courses for mental healthcare; what assistance is being given by his Department to assist third-level institutions in offering these increased places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [40606/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to report on his engagements with the management at SETU in relation to the university-enterprise quarter planned for the Waterford Crystal site; when it can be expected to see detailed capital plans for the development of the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [40035/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the up-to-date position regarding plans to redevelop the former Pretty Polly plant and site in Killarney, County Kerry, into a further education centre of excellence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [40647/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how the destination of graduates after qualification has evolved over the past five years; and whether any lessons can be drawn from the impact of the Covid experience. — Richard Bruton. [40279/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he deems it appropriate for universities and colleges to increase their cost of accommodation for this academic year while the country experiences a cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [40450/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has ever undertaken a study on the physical accessibility of third-level institutions for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [40284/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the progress made to date on Dundalk Institute of Technology becoming a technological university under the Technological Universities Act 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40334/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what plans and funding he has in place for student accommodation in Carlow, now that it is a university town and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [40746/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the average wait time for an apprentice to enter each of the taught phases, by county, in tabular

form; if he is aware of delays (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [40478/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what engagement he has had with other Ministers and Departments concerning the rising cost of living for students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [40750/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to further expand further and higher education in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [40657/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on increasing the throughput of craft apprentices through the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [40589/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his view on a phased abolition of the student contribution charge, reflected by a total reduction of €1,500 in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [40658/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider reforms of SUSI to include part-time students and better conditions for students from households in receipt of a widow’s pension or lone-parent families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [40648/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his Department’s plans to respond to and resource the Digital Inclusion Roadmap, particularly with respect to the 280,000 people over the age of 60 years who do not use the internet at all, according to CSO data, and cognisant of the Roadmap’s high-level commitment to delivering the United Nations principle of “Leave No One Behind”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [40034/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what steps his Department is undertaking to ensure that students from the Travelling community are welcomed and encouraged to progress within the third-level education sector. — Peadar Tóibín. [40283/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to increase the allocation to the Fund for Students with Disabilities in Budget 2024. — Pauline Tully. [40741/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of SUSI grants that have been granted/refused in the current year; the action proposed to ensure that grants are available to the greatest extent possible, having regard to individual circumstances and the possible necessity of improving the qualification limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40703/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the latest measures he is deploying to meet the skills shortages that Ireland faces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [40335/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which adequate higher level places have been made available to the student population in the current year, with particular reference to the identification of the sensitive areas that at present are having difficulty identifying sufficiently qualified personnel to fill the various posts at technical and academic levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40704/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide clarification on the status and cost of the student contribution fee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [40448/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, in view of the particular cost-of-living pressures at present, he will ensure that additional financial support will be provided to reduce undergraduate student contribution fees for this academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [40698/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the funding announced for Cavan IT; the plans for its development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [40749/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the action his Department is taking to improve the number of places in healthcare and therapy areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [40446/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of institution-owned accommodation places of third-level institutions in Limerick; the projected bed space demand for third-level institutions in Limerick; the steps being taken to increase the number of on and off-campus institution-owned accommodation places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [40688/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the centre of excellence for EV identified for Columb Barracks, Mullingar. — Robert Troy. [40601/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if measures are to be introduced to reduce undergraduate student contribution fees this academic year; if he will ensure that students studying outside of the State will receive such supports, as requested previously by this Deputy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [40699/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what measures are being taken to address the issue of delays for in-class progression on apprenticeship programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [40267/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will review the CAO process to ensure that students do not get excluded without warning due to clerical errors, such as missing exam numbers. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [40748/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when he expects the tender will be issued to establish a new veterinary school in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [40689/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the work that his Department is conducting with regard to technological universities; how this work is making Ireland more regionally balanced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [40743/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science pursuant to the Public Service Apprenticeship Plan, the status of the commitment for all local authorities and the HSE to recruit at least five craft apprenticeships annually; to clarify how the implementation of this commitment will be monitored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [40733/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what mechanisms, if any, are available to him to prevent third-level institutions from increasing rents in college-controlled accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [40747/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the specialist MSc in children's mental health at Trinity College Dublin (details supplied); the efforts his Department has made to enable this course to continue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [40605/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether he has considered initiating, along with the Minister for Education, a national dialogue on the reform of the Leaving Certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [40278/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he plans to put in place financial assistance for graduate entry medicine candidates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [26723/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what his plans are in relation to including graduate entry medicine within the free fees initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [40588/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 121 of 1 June 2023, for a status update on the proposed new further education college in Galway city; the status of the development of the preliminary business case; if it has been completed and returned to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [40732/23]

112. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if university-funded PhD scholarships will be allocated additional State funding for this academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [40452/23]

113. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is considering any one-off cost-of-living measures for higher education, similar to last year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [40592/23]

114. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what measures his Department has taken to improve student accommodation across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [40742/23]

115. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the action his Department is taking to recruit more women to construction, in view that the shortage of construction workers is one of the biggest challenges facing the building industry, with not enough skilled labour to meet the demand for housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [40447/23]

116. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for the number of complaints submitted concerning the SUSI application process this year by students or parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [40449/23]

117. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of delays in SOLAS in providing block release for electrician apprenticeships in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [40479/23]

118. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans, if any, he has in relation to changes to the SUSI grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [40591/23]

119. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans for increasing North-South mobility in third-level education institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [40590/23]

120. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the recommendation to increase PhD stipends to €25,000 per annum from 1 January 2024 applies to all PhDs, inclusive of SFI, IRC, and university/college-funded scholarships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [40451/23]

121. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what measures are being taken to address the shortage of third-level student accommodation for this academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [40266/23]

122. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way his Department is encouraging and supporting students to study to PhD level in Irish third-level educational institutions; the number of PhD qualifications awarded in each of these centres in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; the amount expended by his Department in each of these years in direct support to PhD students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [40386/23]

123. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how many third-level institutions have plans to provide/increase student accommodation on their campus; and the lead-in time for same. — Robert Troy. [40602/23]

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

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

*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if any chief executive of a State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department received any benefit from

taxable benefits being paid on their behalf by the body/organisation for each of the years 2019 to date; if so, the amount and details, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40760/23]

*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount of money spent on climate finance commitments in each year from 2018 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [40877/23]

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

*126. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if any chief executive of a State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department received any benefit from taxable benefits being paid on their behalf by the body/organisation for each of the years 2019 to date; if so, the amount and details, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40758/23]

*127. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address the delay in the supply of energy report which is overdue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40784/23]

*128. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total number of air quality monitoring locations throughout the country and their exact location; the extent to which air quality has deteriorated in each location over the past ten years, and the consequent risk to public health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40937/23]

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

*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if any chief executive of a State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department received any benefit from taxable benefits being paid on their behalf by the body/organisation for each of the years 2019 to date; if so, the amount and details, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40755/23]

*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the measures he is taking to guarantee the future of the fire station at the Curragh, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [40808/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*131. To ask the Minister for Transport if any chief executive of a State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department received any benefit from taxable benefits being paid on their behalf by the body/organisation for each of the years 2019 to date; if so, the amount and details, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40769/23]

*132. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of bus shelters in a town and the schedule for installation or reasons for not installing (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [40798/23]

*133. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to investing in rural transport links and providing greater supports for individualised transport, including subsidies and allowances for people with disabilities to avail of driving lessons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40821/23]

*134. To ask the Minister for Transport if a bus shelter will be placed at a stop (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [40838/23]

*135. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress being made with the plans for the Killarney bypass (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40841/23]

*136. To ask the Minister for Transport what progress has been made with regard to a proposed relief road in Killarney (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40842/23]

*137. To ask the Minister for Transport the first- and total-year cost to extend the TFI Carlow Bus CW2 route to the Circle K services at Rathcrougue, County Carlow. — Kathleen Funchion. [40894/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to extend the TFI Carlow Bus CW2 route to Circle K, Rathcrougue, County Carlow, to allow bus drivers to use services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [40895/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for Transport if a bus service from Leixlip to Maynooth can be provided, as such service currently only goes to Intel, making it difficult for elderly people who have friends and family in Maynooth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40947/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*140. To ask the Minister for Finance if any chief executive of a State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department received any benefit from taxable benefits being paid on their behalf by the body/organisation for each of the years 2019 to date; if so, the amount and details, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40759/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will devise some form of insurance support for people who own defective apartment blocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [40874/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for Finance whether his Department is in the process of carrying out gender and equality proofing of revenue and taxation proposals as part of this year's budgetary process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [40879/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the Government does not provide the same tax relief for rental costs to students and their families, regardless of where they are studying on the island of Ireland, the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [40882/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for Finance if, in light of the increasing number of popular cultural, agricultural and sporting events becoming cashless/card-only entry events, which is impacting particularly older people and new Irish arrivals, he will consider introducing regulations to ensure that these events are accessible to those who wish to pay with cash. — Sorca Clarke. [40883/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for Finance if, in relation to ‘brand ambassadors’ who received free cars from certain motor companies, and since many of these have ‘self-identified’ in public, and that there was a ‘benefit-in-kind’ liability for each of those, he will confirm that the Revenue Commissioners will be reviewing the returns from those individuals if any have already been identified as defaulters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [40889/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue to be generated by the temporary solidarity contribution and cap on market revenues in each of the years 2024 and 2025, respectively (disaggregated by each - Temporary Solidarity Contribution and Cap on Market Revenues); and if the revenue with respect to each is included in the revenue base for 2024 and 2025, as outlined in the Summer Economic Statement. — Pearse Doherty. [40896/23]

*147. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of reducing the level of excise applied to home heating oil from €122.83 to €100, €72.83, €60 and €0.00, from 12 October 2023 to end-2023 and from 1 January 2024 to end-March 2024 respectively, in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [40897/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on the Drivers and Disabled Passengers (Tax Concessions) Scheme 1994 and the disabled drivers’ medical board of appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [40904/23]

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.

*149. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if any chief executive of a State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department received any benefit from taxable benefits being paid on their behalf by the body/organisation for each of the years 2019 to date; if so, the amount and details, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [40765/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to detail all funding available through his Department for the cleaning and dredging of rivers. — Pauline Tully. [40854/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department obstructed the OPW from purchasing lands at Castletown House in 2021; if so, if he will outline the rationale for same; if the OPW presented a business case to his Department in respect of its ambition and/or intention to purchase the lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [40873/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether his Department is in the process of carrying out gender and equality proofing of expenditure proposals as part of this year’s budgetary process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [40878/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total amount received by National Lottery players in prizemoney on an annual basis over the past five years; the total spent on advertising in the same period; the number and value of prizes won in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40938/23]

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

*154. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if any chief executive of a State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department received any benefit from taxable benefits being paid on their behalf by the body/organisation for each of the years 2019 to date; if so, the amount and details, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40757/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if consideration will be given to addressing Ireland's appalling record of employment of people with disabilities by investing and developing a clear strategy to support people with disabilities to gain and retain employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40819/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if consideration will be given to an investment in the development of an Irish assistive technologies ecosystem that supports the act of inclusion and participation of disabled people in all aspects of life; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40823/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*157. To ask the Minister for Education if any chief executive of a State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of her Department received any benefit from taxable benefits being paid on their behalf by the body/organisation for each of the years 2019 to date; if so, the amount and details, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40756/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for Education if the authentic certificate of leaving certificate examination can be given to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [40782/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Education if two siblings (details supplied) in County Mayo can be accommodated on the return journey from school in view of the fact that there are four confirmed vacant seats on the bus for this specific journey and the fact that the children have always availed of school transport and the obvious need for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [40796/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for Education the actions she is taking to assist with the shrinking play area at a school (details supplied); if she will review this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [40797/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a hall at the school is inaccessible to the students attending a school (details supplied); if it will be made available to the students for use; and if so, when; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [40800/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the payment for after-school studies in DEIS schools in south County Kildare has to be paid in full, at approximately €180 per term per child, causing further financial stress on families, where no option for payment in instalments is available despite requests for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [40807/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to ensuring a first-class education experience for learners with a disability through the provision of capital investment, funding for core costs and students' extra-curricular activities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40818/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for Education to consider the appeal by a school (details supplied) to retain a teaching position; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [40826/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of reports that Tallaght Community National School has no working interconnected smoke alarms in the building; if she will ensure that immediate actions are taken to resolve this issue and if she will order and inspection to guarantee that all schools have adequate smoke alarms. — Paul Murphy. [40839/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Education to review a case (details supplied); to provide advice for any funding that could help in this particular situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [40843/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that school bus tickets are awarded to a family (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [40845/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Education to review a case regarding a school secretary (details supplied); if she will outline whether this issue can be resolved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [40847/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) will be approved for major capital works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [40855/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Education if a review of a case will take place (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [40856/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for Education if a review of a case will take place (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [40858/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Education if she can advise the procedure for a student who is unable to locate a secondary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [40860/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Education the first- and full-year cost of extending the free schoolbooks to pupils entering the Junior Certificate cycle in public post-primary schools; and the first- and full-year cost of extending the free schoolbooks to pupils entering the Leaving Certificate cycle in public post-primary schools, assuming a grant rate of €192, €200 and €220 respectively, for each student in an eligible year. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [40862/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Education if she will detail, for primary schools and second level schools, the incidents where roll numbers have been inflated for each of the past ten years, in tabular form; the action taken by her Department in such instances; the actions taken arising from such fraudulent claims; if any Board of Management or school principal has ever been prosecuted or disciplined for such submissions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [40890/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Education if she will introduce a policy in schools and colleges which will make sure that cash can be used by students for the purchase of goods and services within the school or college (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [40903/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department plans to introduce a system whereby all girls schools have a uniform choice between skirts or trousers; whether she is aware of the barriers that students face in schools where their only option is to wear a skirt, specifically related to the encouragement of physical activity (details supplied), and in the interests of equality; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [40869/23]

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

*177. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if any chief executive of a State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of her Department received any benefit from taxable benefits being paid on their behalf by the body/organisation for each of the years 2019 to date; if so, the amount and details, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [40768/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to a campaign to secure a home (details supplied) for cultural use; if her Department has been contacted with a view to the State or agencies of the State purchasing the home; if she will consider supporting the objective of purchasing the home and putting the property to appropriate cultural use; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [40844/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will ensure that pay increases due to persons in receipt of a pension from RTÉ will be issued without further delay, as requested by the trustees to her; how many persons are due this pension pay increase; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [40853/23]

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

*180. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if any chief executive of a State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department received any benefit from taxable benefits being paid on their behalf by the body/organisation for each of the years 2019 to date; if so, the amount and details, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [40763/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a project (details supplied) in County Kerry will be selected as a turn-key housing project; the current status of the application by Kerry County Council; if the case will be accelerated given the number of

units and relatively short time that would be required to complete the units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [40792/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the housing adaptation grant for older people can be used to rehabilitate a sewage system in a single house as there is no other option to remedy the issue. — Joe Flaherty. [40793/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason people availing of the derelict house grant are required to pay the money to the contractor up front and then claim back for the local authority, which makes the grant unattainable for most people as they do not have such funds available, and in those circumstances, the reason the local authority cannot be authorised to pay the contractors directly, thus making the grant more easily accessible to those who need it. — Patricia Ryan. [40810/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration will be given to increasing investment in housing provisions and housing supports to enable people with disabilities to live independent lives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40817/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority void housing units for the cities Dublin, Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford recycled per annum within each 12-month period for the years 2019 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [40827/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost and average turnaround time of local authority void housing units for the cities Dublin, Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford per annum within each 12-month period for the years 2019 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [40828/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that significant issues in the construction of phase 2C of the north west quarter regeneration in Cork have resulted in a withdrawal of construction activities for a number of months; if mediation is currently taking place with the contractor; if this mediation is funded centrally or directly by Cork City Council; the cost to date of mediation; and if alternative avenues of resolution have been discussed by his Department with Cork City Council, given these significant delays. — Thomas Gould. [40864/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the timeline for the north-west quarter regeneration in Cork city; the current spend to date; the original projected spend; and the current projected spend on completion of the project. — Thomas Gould. [40865/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on his Department's efforts to ensure the delivery of affordable purchase and cost rental accommodation in the Poolbeg west SDZ, including the number of such units that will be made available in the initial phase and the price to buy and rent those units. — Eoin Ó Broin. [40868/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on his Department's efforts to ensure the delivery of cost rental accommodation on the

O'Devaney Gardens and Oscar Traynor Road sites, including the number of such units that will be made available; and the expected rent for those units. — Eoin Ó Broin. [40870/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of requests made by South Dublin County Council to his Department to purchase land in its administrative area; where these lands were; and the response of his Department to these requests. — Eoin Ó Broin. [40871/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to publish the documents he has received on a project (details supplied); and the cost associated. — Sean Sherlock. [40872/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of money spent on leasing for social housing in each year from 2018 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [40875/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of money spent on leasing for social housing in Donegal in each year from 2018 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [40876/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide emergency funding for people who own defective apartments in order that their properties can be remediated to a safe level and they can be unburdened from paying incessant levies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [40880/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the seven local authority housing units approved for construction in a location (details supplied) have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [40907/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the four AHB units approved for construction in a location (details supplied) have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [40908/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the three AHB units approved for construction in a location (details supplied) have finished construction; if so, their completion date; the final number of units delivered; the total cost of the project; if the development was officially opened by a Minister; if so, when that happened; if not, the reasons for the project not proceeding; the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [40909/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will implement an extension to the slurry spreading deadline of 1 October 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [40954/23]

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

*200. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure that PRSI, taken in the wrong from a person (details supplied) is refunded at the earliest opportunity; the position regarding payment of PRSI after the age of 66 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [40809/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if any chief executive of a State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of her Department received any benefit from taxable benefits being paid on their behalf by the body/organisation for each of the years 2019 to date; if so, the amount and details, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40767/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to introducing a cost of a disability payment and increasing the basic rates of social welfare by at least €30 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40799/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason appeals for refusal of carer's allowance are currently taking many months to process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [40811/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 1017 of 11 September 2023, if the outcome of the review will be confirmed again as the letter of 20 July 2023 was not received by the client; and if the review is now closed. — John McGuinness. [40813/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has considered the treatment of awards made by the Courts in her Department's means tests, particularly for disability allowance, wherein awards for negligence are treated as assets resulting in refusal, even where the award was for medical negligence which has completely denied the person any ability to work or have a normal life of any sort, and bearing in mind that means tests have been waived for some means-tested supports like medical cards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [40825/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to extend child benefit for those continuing in secondary education but who have turned 18; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [40859/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the current qualifying criteria for fuel allowance, particularly in relation to households where an adult son or daughter continues to live at the property due to difficulty sourcing independent accommodation but does not contribute to the household. — Robert Troy. [40885/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will intervene in the case of a person (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [40887/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of households who currently qualify for the free television licence; the corresponding numbers for each of the past ten years, in tabular form; the resulting cost to the Exchequer for each of those years; if these monies were transferred directly to RTE on an annual basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [40888/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of providing a €100 lump-sum payment for each social welfare and social assistance scheme on 1 November 2023, 1 October 2023 and 1 March 2024 respectively, disaggregated by social welfare payment type, in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [40898/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether she expects to arrange for a child benefit payment in the case of persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40945/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the availability of sick pay/disability allowance or other such payment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40946/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if disability allowance/illness benefit or another appropriate payment is available in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40949/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which a person (details supplied) qualifies for a non-contributory top-up of their Polish pension, given that they are permanently resident here for more than three years; if they qualify on the basis of their residency here; whether the relevant period of domicile is three years or ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40952/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether fuel allowance is payable in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40953/23]

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

*216. To ask the Minister for Justice if any chief executive of a State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of her Department received any benefit from taxable benefits being paid on their behalf by the body/organisation for each of the years 2019 to date; if so, the amount and details, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40764/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Justice the process involved for individuals (details supplied) coming to Ireland to work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [40780/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for family reunification in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision is likely to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40801/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [40822/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Justice to review a case (details supplied) urgently giving the change in health of a grandparent (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [40837/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Justice when she expects to publish the recommendations of the Carlow Refuge Development Advisory Group submitted to Tulsa in June; to provide an update and published timeline in regard to progress on the Carlow women's refuge; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [40893/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 204 of 25 May 2023, the process to be followed to validate the residency of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40939/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure to be followed to upgrade a Stamp 2 to Stamp 4 to enable a person (details supplied) to work to fund their education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40940/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Justice if and when permission might be given to renew a Stamp 4 in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40941/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent of eligibility for a Stamp 4 in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40943/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Justice the current position in relation to the granting of citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40944/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Justice whether family reunification in respect of a person's four children can be provided (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40950/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Justice the current residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40951/23]

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

*229. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide on plans to target the sale and distribution of animals through illicit puppy farms, in particular a crackdown on online advertisements which are misleading the general public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40849/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if any chief executive of a State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department received any benefit from taxable benefits being paid on their behalf by the body/organisation for each of the years 2019 to date; if so, the amount and details, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40753/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the new afforestation scheme will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [40771/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the action his Department is taking to increase afforestation in view that there has been almost an 80% drop in all new forestry plantings since 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [40772/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine under the new Forestry Programme 2023-2027, if preference will be given to support the preservation of certain habitats over others like open hill, depleted upland bog and heathland, even if native woodland was the original habitat in a given area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [40773/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the action his Department is taking to increase native woodland establishment targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [40774/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the action his Department is taking to ensure that the native woodland establishment scheme is a viable options for investors, in view that the current allowable land for planting this schedule is priced above the financial return from the premiums; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [40775/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if environmental impact assessments thresholds have been reviewed before the implementation of the new Forestry Programme 2023-2027 in view that the current mandatory EIA thresholds can be extremely costly having resulted in the abandonment of potential native woodland planting applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [40776/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration is being given under the new Forestry Programme 2023-2027 to a comparison of the value of biodiversity and flora and fauna of native woodland verses the current habitat's representation of number and volume of species; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [40777/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration is being given under the new Forestry Programme 2023-2027 to a more compacted and applicant friendly planting licensing process, in view of the ever-lengthening licence application process for approval to attract more applicants and investors going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [40778/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the status of a transfer of entitlements application (details supplied) in view that it is now over eight months since the application was lodged and it has not been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [40779/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when applications will open for the voluntary dairy cow scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [40850/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will engage with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in an effort to implement a reasonable degree of regulatory flexibility with respect to slurry spreading deadline of 1 October 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [40955/23]

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

*242. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if multi-annual funding for disability organisations that are delivering vital services on behalf of the HSE and the State will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40816/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if any chief executive of a State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department received any benefit from taxable benefits being paid on their behalf by the body/organisation for each of the years 2019 to date; if so, the amount and details, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40754/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the little baby bundle pilot initiative; if an estimated timeframe will be provided for the completion of the pilot scheme; if his Department is committed to a wider roll-out of the little baby bundle scheme after it takes into account the feedback of parents participating in the pilot initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [40783/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if consideration will be given to publishing outstanding actions - implementation plans such as the cost of disability action plan, implementation plan on disability capacity or reviews UNCRPD implementation plan and invest money to resource them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40802/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the proposed Referendum on Article 41 of the Constitution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [40861/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the widespread concerns in relation to the proposed provision of services and the concerns of the local community, as outlined in representations to his Department (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [40886/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if funding has been prioritised to finalise and introduce a comprehensive disability transport support scheme for disability services and service users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [40892/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*249. To ask the Minister for Health to provide funding for a full pay restoration for all section 39 organisations and return to their alignment with HSE pay scales; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40812/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Health what action his Department is taking to ensure that cancer treatment units are adequately staffed, in view that nationally there are approximately four treatment units closed, with another three capped at 50% capacity, and a number of treatment units are understaffed wherein they are usually staffed at four but now are running with three

staff to keep the service going; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [40751/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Health what action his Department is taking to ensure that all CT planning scanners are operational nationally, in view that presently two CT planning scanners are not operational due to a staff shortage, and as a result patients have their start dates pushed out which is reflective in the National Cancer Control Programme national key performance indicators data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [40752/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Health if any chief executive of a State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department received any benefit from taxable benefits being paid on their behalf by the body/organisation for each of the years 2019 to date; if so, the amount and details, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40762/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Health his views on patient and public involvement within the health service; if the Government has plans to pay those involved in PPI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [40781/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the case of a person (details supplied). — Patricia Ryan. [40803/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Naas General Hospital does not appear to have sufficient wound dressing for their in-patients (details supplied) and are telling patients that they must bring in their own dressings from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [40804/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Health if the Sacred Heart Hospital, Roscommon can now return to the admission of new patients in view of the closure of the church in the facility which has been the reason for no intake of patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [40814/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Health when will works commence on the upgrading of facilities at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [40815/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review hidden healthcare costs by ensuring all medical needs are covered by the medical card and ensuring speedy access to mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40820/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter in relation to unregistered dentists (details supplied). — James Lawless. [40824/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to amend the Dental Act 1985; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [40829/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to give powers of investigation and sanction to the Dental Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [40830/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Health the numbers of patients who have been treated under the dental treatment service scheme for the years 2014, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [40831/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Health the spend under the dental treatment service scheme for the years 2014, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [40832/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Health what communications his Department has had with an organisation (details supplied) to date regarding reform of the Dental Act 1985; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [40833/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reform the dental treatment service scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [40834/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists registered to the dental treatment service scheme for the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [40835/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to recruit more dentists into the HSE public dental service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [40836/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to accommodate, locally, children who have been informed there will no longer be speech and language therapy available to them in Kilcock from October due to staffing issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [40840/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Health if GPs are assigned to applicants applying for medical cards who have three GPs declined to accept them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [40848/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Health to review a decision that has been made on an application for the freestyle libre device (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40851/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the reason that certain cohorts of healthcare workers are denied access to the Covid pandemic payment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [40884/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Health if policy relating to instances where a person in possession of a medical card can be assigned a GP by the HSE Primary Care Reimbursement Services following three GP refusals, has been changed; if so, the reason for the change; if another policy has replaced it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [40891/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Health when the trial 24/7 mental health de-escalation unit (community access support team) in Limerick will be launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [40899/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Health what immediate steps he is taking to address the ongoing overcrowding and capacity issues at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [40900/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the allegations in a media report in relation to spinal surgeries at Temple Street Children's Hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [40901/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish the internal and external reviews into spinal surgeries at Temple Street Children's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [40902/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Health if and when medical card eligibility income thresholds might be upgraded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40915/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which ongoing emphasis is placed on the need to reduce hospital waiting lists throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40916/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which provision is being made for patients in need of scoliosis treatment in the current year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40917/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Health the proposals to reduce waiting lists for patients expecting scoliosis treatment in the shorter term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40918/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Health what steps have been taken to ensure that patients seeking treatment for cataracts can expect to have their needs met in the shortest possible timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40919/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which he and his Department continue to evaluate the needs of patients seeking various treatments such as cardiology, oncology, endoscopy, urology and neurology treatments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40920/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts that continue to be made to review the most acute hospital waiting lists throughout the country on a regular basis, in order to target those areas particularly affected by long waiting lists/delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40921/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which adequate provision is being made to replace the number of GPs retiring/resigning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40922/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which adequate mental health provision is being made to ensure the availability of an adequate number of residential places to meet the current and ongoing requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40923/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Health the current position in regard to the upgrading of Naas Hospital, with particular reference to the intention to meet oncology and endoscopy as well as other requirements in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40924/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Health if the full extent of treatment will continue to be made available in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40948/23]

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

*288. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will make a change to the SUSI guidelines that presently penalises students who continue to work part-time outside of holidays, putting them over the threshold for the SUSI grant. — Danny Healy-Rae. [40914/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 108 of 19 May 2022, to provide an update on the long-outstanding issue of regularising the terms and conditions of adult education tutors employed by Education and Training Boards. — Marian Harkin. [40912/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what additional capacity within the further and higher education system he is planning to address the chronic shortage of healthcare professionals across all sectors of healthcare in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [40795/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if any chief executive of a State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of his Department received any benefit from taxable benefits being paid on their behalf by the body/organisation for each of the years 2019 to date; if so, the amount and details, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40761/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what discussions he has had with the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science and the Higher Education Authority with regard to allowing technological universities to borrow for the provision of student accommodation. — Robert Troy. [30960/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on discussions on pay grades for adult education tutors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [30951/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to examine a matter with a SUSI grant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [40846/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that the Government does not provide the same financial assistance to students and their families, regardless of where they are studying on the island of Ireland, the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland; and if he appreciates how unfair this discrepancy is to students who live in the border counties of the Republic of Ireland. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [40881/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which adequate third- and fourth-level higher education places are available for students at academic or technical level; the extent to which the full requirement is being met now and on an annual basis; the further action proposed in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40925/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the degree to which third-level education places remain available for students with special needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40926/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he and his Department continue to encourage cooperation between the education system and the labour market, with a view to meeting the needs of students and potential employers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40927/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which an adequacy of third- and fourth-level educational places remain available to students in all areas throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40928/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which student accommodation requirements continue to be met in all areas throughout the country, with a view to ensuring the continued availability of suitable student accommodation at a reasonable cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40929/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the degree to which adequate college places for students pursuing an academic career remain available in all areas throughout the country without exception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40930/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which technical third-level places continue to be available in adequate numbers to meet the needs of the workforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40931/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he continues to engage with the labour market, with a view to ensuring an adequate number of apprentices, with particular reference to the next academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40932/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which income qualification thresholds might be updated in respect of student SUSI grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40933/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which the various academic lecturing posts are filled to the extent required to meet the needs of student in the forthcoming academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40934/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of lecturing posts, if any, yet to be filled in order to meet the needs of the current academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40935/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which the educational needs of apprentices can be matched to the availability of instructors/lecturers in order to meet the requirements of the industry and apprentices in the shortest time possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40936/23]

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

*308. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if any chief executive of a State/semi-State body or other public body under the aegis of her Department received any benefit from taxable benefits being paid on their behalf by the body/organisation for each of the years 2019 to date; if so, the amount and details, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40766/23]