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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with culture, arts and the audio-visual sector will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32551/23]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with culture, arts and the audio-visual sector will next meet. — Mick Barry. [34046/23]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Public Services will meet next. — Paul McAuliffe. [37778/23]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with social protection will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41218/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Alan Dillon. [34060/23]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Cian O’Callaghan. [36120/23]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Cian O’Callaghan. [36121/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with Housing will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41208/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [41212/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the next Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41349/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his attendance at the third EU-CELAC summit in Brussels in July 2023. — Seán Haughey. [36286/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach his response to the NESC’s report ‘Just Transition in Agriculture and Land Use’. — Barry Cowen. [36287/23]

13. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of the ‘Inequality and Well-being Frameworks’ report published by the NESC, an organisation under the remit of his Department. — Aindrias Moynihan. [37571/23]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department’s Climate Action Roadmap 2023. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [36289/23]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the energy summit he convened at Government Buildings in the summer. — Barry Cowen. [36290/23]

16. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of the Quarter 2 Progress Report of the 2023 Climate Action Plan. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [37575/23]

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [41221/23]

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-Ordination last met. — Cian O’Callaghan. [36398/23]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on “From Poverty to Potential: A Programme Plan for Child Well-being 2023-2025”, published by his Department on 1 August 2023. — Aindrias Moynihan. [37563/23]

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21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on “From Poverty to Potential: A Programme Plan for Child Well-being 2023-2025”, published by his Department on 1 August 2023. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [37565/23]

22. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the child poverty and well-being unit. — Mark Ward. [41222/23]

23. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the Shared Island Youth Forum. — Brendan Smith. [37572/23]

24. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work of his Department’s shared island unit. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [41329/23]

25. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the National Risk Assessment 2023 and the top strategic risks facing Ireland. — Brendan Smith. [37573/23]

26. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the National Risk Assessment 2023 and the top strategic risks facing Ireland. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [37574/23]

27. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his recent discussions with the political parties in Northern Ireland. — Brendan Smith. [37714/23]

28. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his recent discussions with the political parties in Northern Ireland. — Cathal Crowe. [37715/23]

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with disability will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41209/23]

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [41213/23]

31. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Gino Kenny. [41214/23]

32. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with disability will next meet. — Gino Kenny. [41215/23]

33. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Alan Dillon. [41424/23]

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [41533/23]

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41575/23]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will meet next. — Alan Dillon. [41423/23]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41576/23]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the recent UN Summit in New York, with particular reference to discussions he had with representatives of other countries. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41347/23]

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent discussions with President Biden. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41348/23]

40. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the UN General Assembly. — Ivana Bacik. [41531/23]

41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Children and Education will meet next. — Alan Dillon. [41425/23]

42. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41217/23]

43. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [41220/23]

44. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [41532/23]

45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41577/23]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

46. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development how her Department will work with local authorities to encourage them to apply for new funding for the town and village renewal scheme; if there will be a minimum submission requirement for each local authority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [41426/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development what additional funding and resources she will provide to help create inclusive communities and to combat the influence of far right individuals and groups in communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [41606/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development given that the community, voluntary and charity sector have expressed deep concerns about the recruitment and retention of staff, the measures that are being taken by her to deal with this crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [41496/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will outline the present and proposed spending in outdoor recreation measures in relation to Waterford city and county; and what future projects are under consideration by her Department. — Matt Shanahan. [41578/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

50. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if Cork county and city councils have provided for the expenditure of the full €2,755,923 local improvement scheme allocations for 2023, and if so, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [41293/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 1394 of 13 June 2023, for an update on the rural-proofing model promised in Our Rural Future; the details of the engagement her Department has had with other departments to progress work in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41371/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has considered allocating extra funding to Cork county for local improvement schemes for private roads and laneways; if her Department has considered allocating additional funding for Cork

county to repair many regional roads across Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [41417/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will ensure that any local improvement scheme work not undertaken by Cork county or city councils will be contracted out thus ensuring the full value of this year's allocations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [41294/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there will be another round of the community recognition fund in 2024. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [41410/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has any plans to review the CLÁR areas in Cavan to include areas not currently included; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41198/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her intended timeframe to implement an effective rural proofing model as committed in the 'Our Rural Future' policy. — Matt Carthy. [41278/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to provide additional funding to local development companies to support the increased demand they are experiencing for training, language and employment services, which are vital to the integration of new communities. — Pauline Tully. [41338/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when she will publish a new policy and action plan for the development of our offshore islands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [41172/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of funding drawn down from the rural regeneration and development fund in each month since she took office. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [41414/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the number of days subsidised for heavy cargo to Cape Clear and Sherkin Islands can be increased to 85 days per year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [41351/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to clarify how a rural, sparsely populated area within an illegible electoral division, adjacent to an already-eligible electoral division, can apply to be covered by the next Leader Programme. — Emer Higgins. [41375/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question Nos. and 2104 and 2105 of 11 September 2023, the number of meetings to date in 2023 of the steering committee tasked with monitoring progress on the development of the piers on Inis Oírr and Inis Meáin, and the dates of same; if minutes are kept in respect of these meetings; the date of the next meeting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41369/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will report on her Department's new Statement of Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [41171/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if consideration has been given to the request for subvention for travel on the Dursey cable car for people within the community with links to the island; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [41352/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department would consider banning dangerous dog breeds, such as the American Bully XL; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [41374/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the measures being examined by her Department to address loneliness and social isolation in rural areas and communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [41158/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development about the internships, apprenticeships and graduate schemes run by her Department; if any of these are focused in the green economy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [41183/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the strategies she will employ with respect to reducing the rate of commercial vacancies in Kilrush and Shannon towns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [41415/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has any plans to run another scheme for refurbishment of community centres across the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [41416/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 309 of 23 February 2023, to provide an update on funding for a project (details supplied) under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [41155/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will report on the work being done by the stakeholders’ group on control of dogs issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [41341/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development about initiatives in County Meath as part of her Departments strategy 2023-2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [41182/23]

73. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail cad é líon na n-iarratas a fuarthas faoin nglaoch do thograí nua faoin gClár CSP; cén uair a dhéanfar cinneadh cé acu tograí a thiocfaidh ar aghaidh; cad é an líon tograí atá i gceist a cheadú; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [41289/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 103 of 13 June 2023, the status of the monitoring committee for the implementation of the new policy for the islands; the membership of the committee; the terms of reference of the committee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41372/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding allocated for the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [41170/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for an update on the roll-out of remote working hubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [41418/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the next tranche of successful CLÁR funding allocations will be announced; the amount he expects to be able to allocate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41327/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the support her Department is providing for the proposed Water Hub in Carlow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [41336/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when new projects will be approved this year under the Community Centre Investment Fund 2023 (New Build) scheme; when the next call will be made under this scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [41290/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she continues to assess the rural and community needs in both urban and rural settings with a view to addressing the obvious requirements at the present time; if she continues to liaise with people in such setting with a view to address their concerns on an ongoing basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41343/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the roll-out of the towns First policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [41411/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for an update on the delivery of the 2023-2027 LEADER programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [41169/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to reduce the LIS list in County Kerry; if she appreciates how long it will take to clear the overall list in Kerry at the current rate of works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41328/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there has been progress in relation to the multi-annual funding of community projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [41241/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will advise the recent engagement her Department had with the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment on remote working to support rural workers and communities, in view of the recent passing of legislation that will provide the legal right to request remote working; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [41413/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the key capital investments being made by her Department in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41335/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 2101 of 11 September 2023, the details of the State-funded bodies in respect of whom applications for the 2023 community centres investment fund were received by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41373/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps being taken to deal with the retention of staff in community development projects in view of the fact that large numbers of staff are leaving to take up employment in statutory organisations; if there is a plan to introduce pay parity to encourage more people to join the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [41242/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the support her Department is providing for the Tullow Road Community Hub in Carlow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [41337/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to consider establishing a dedicated grant scheme for the maintenance and upgrading of community playgrounds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [41419/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 107 of 13 June 2023, for a status update on the transfer to her Department of land on Inisbofin on which the airstrip is situated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41370/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will outline the engagement her Department has had with other Departments, agencies and local authorities in relation to delivering schemes to facilitate capital projects such as sports and community facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [41340/23]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*93. To ask the Taoiseach 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. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40770/23]

*94. To ask the Taoiseach if he will clarify a matter (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [40957/23]

*95. To ask the Taoiseach whether data is collected on rates of child poverty, particularly in areas of deprivation, as defined by Pobal, by his Department or any relevant bodies; the methods used; and the subsets under which this data is collected. — Neasa Hourigan. [41134/23]

*96. To ask the Taoiseach the number of Bills prepared by his Department in the 33rd Dáil to date; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessment; and the title of the RIAs published by his Department. — Catherine Connolly. [41598/23]

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

*97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the timescale for the processing of an application for inclusion on the foreign births register (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [40985/23]

*98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of outstanding applicants for foreign birth registration in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023; the average waiting time for applicants in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; the number of applicants waiting longer than a year for their application to be processed; and the reason for delays in processing foreign birth registrations. — Ivana Bacik. [41042/23]

*99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to outline Ireland's position on the need to reopen the Lachin corridor route between Nagorno- Karabach and Armenia; if Ireland would raise the issue directly with our European partners and the United Nations, with a view towards ensuring through passage by means of humanitarian corridors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [41057/23]

*100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to outline the assistance which Irish citizens can expect to receive from his Department or from Irish embassies or consulates abroad in the event of an emergency hospitalisation while abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [41086/23]

*101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will recognise the State of Palestine in the lifetime of this Government; and if so, if he will lay out a timeline for this to happen. — Patrick Costello. [41124/23]

*102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Government will pursue legal action against the British government over the passing of the Legacy Bill in Westminster; if he has consulted the Attorney General on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [41161/23]

*103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of Bills prepared by his Department in the 33rd Dáil to date; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessment; the title of the RIAs published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41590/23]

*104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on recent representations with the Government of Colombia; and if he will make a statement on reported threats of violence against teachers unions, including the Colombian Federation of Educators in Colombia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [41612/23]

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

*105. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how the NIS2 Directive on cybersecurity will be implemented in Ireland; and whether consultation and an information campaign are planned to better inform the public and affected bodies. — Richard Bruton. [40990/23]

*106. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to state all detail in relation to the decision to pay taxable benefits to the CEO of €64,000 which have been included in the 2002 annual returns for Bord na Móna, in particular how the decision was made; and by whom; if he was consulted in relation to it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41052/23]

*107. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his Department will support Inland Fisheries Ireland in any potential marketing campaign to promote Lough Corrib SAC as a carp fishery for angling tourism-purposes, considering the recent finding of carp in the lake; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [41091/23]

*108. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the National Cyber Security Centre has taken advice in respect of the use of artificial intelligence (A.I.) within the NCSC; if any section of the NCSC currently makes use of A.I.; if he can outline the purposes it is utilised for and costs associated with same; and if NCSC has consulted with any consultancy firms in respect of the use of A.I. — Catherine Murphy. [41116/23]

*109. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to outline Ireland's position on the establishment of a loss and damage fund at COP-28, including whether the Government is pushing for it to be widely available to all countries in the Global South impacted by climate change, for contributions to be the responsibility of countries of the Global North with historical responsibility for the climate crisis; if he will advocate that market-based mechanisms, such as GlobalShield, will not be included as loss and damage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [41126/23]

*110. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he supports Ireland becoming part of the group of the states advocating for a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty; if he will outline Ireland's policy on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [41127/23]

*111. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide an update on Climate Action Fund contributions in the years 2020 to 2023 inclusive, to break these contributions down by industry and by sector within each industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [41229/23]

*112. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the Environmental Protection Agency is involved in the issuing of all waste licences for landfill sites, or if it is only involved in the issuing of licences for larger landfill sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41292/23]

*113. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a person (details supplied) will be facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [41388/23]

*114. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline the details of those companies who are obligated entities in terms of energy savings; the extent of the obligation in each case; the opportunities for charitable bodies to seek support from such bodies to improve their energy consumption; and whether each entity has published contact details for those who wish to participate. — Richard Bruton. [41395/23]

*115. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress to date regarding the small-scale generation scheme; when it will be published and launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [41436/23]

*116. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason a property (details supplied) where the present supplier say they cannot provide 30Mbps was not included in the National Broadband roll-out; the steps now intended to be taken to rectify this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [41544/23]

*117. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of Bills prepared by his Department in the 33rd Dáil to date; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessment; the title of the RIAs published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41588/23]

*118. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will make a statement on projections by the CRU that energy prices are unlikely to return to 2020 levels; and if he plans to legislate to require energy providers to pass on the benefit of reduced wholesale prices to consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [41619/23]

*119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide an update on Climate Action Fund contributions in each of the years 2020 to 2023 inclusive; to break these contributions down, by industry and by sector within each industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [41623/23]

*120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when an address (details supplied) will have fibre broadband; the reason that they are being told the year 2027 is when they will receive it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [41657/23]

*121. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if any progress has been made in securing payment for those who were connected to the microgeneration pilot scheme (2009 – 2014) who are continuing to export excess electricity back into the grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [41661/23]

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

*122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the health services provided to members of the Defence Forces includes covering the cost of getting a second medical opinion if requested by the patient or the doctor, should the need arise; if Defence Forces personnel will be given the option of a free eye test under the PRSI scheme should they have the contributions rather than the military optician; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [41039/23]

*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of Bills prepared by his Department in the 33rd Dáil to date; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessment; the title of the RIAs published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41585/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*124. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the analysis of the breakdown of underspend by the Department of Transport contained in the fiscal monitor report of August 2023, conducted by the Parliamentary Budget Office (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [41264/23]

*125. To ask the Minister for Transport for a breakdown, figures and details of semi-State CEO remuneration and benefit details, broken down under five specific headings (details supplied) for each of the years 2020 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41556/23]

*126. To ask the Minister for Transport the average wait times for driving tests in eight testing centres (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [40959/23]

*127. To ask the Minister for Transport with regard to Kerry Airport which is vital to Kerry tourism, and where we urgently need more flights to Kerry airport to connect other parts of the EU; if there any plans in the near future to ensure this would happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41003/23]

*128. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on additional funding being made available for Connecting Ireland to ensure that as passenger numbers are growing on our public transport services, capacity is being optimised through additional service provision, as evidenced by the oversubscription on the 874 route from Hacketstown to Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [41011/23]

*129. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that people are being turned away on bus services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [41032/23]

*130. To ask the Minister for Transport the waiting time for NCT tests in each test centre in September 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; the waiting time for those on the priority list in each test centre in September 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will report on his representations to the National Car Testing Service in relation to long waiting times in certain areas. — Ivana Bacik. [41041/23]

*131. To ask the Minister for Transport whether public service bodies who have outreach services delivered by employees using their personal cars are obliged to count the carbon impact of these journeys in their carbon impact; whether there are initiatives in place to facilitate the switch of this necessary mileage to electric vehicles; if there is a role for a centralised scheme to promote such shifts across the public service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [41053/23]

*132. To ask the Minister for Transport if the National Transport Authority will sanction additional capacity on a bus route in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41056/23]

*133. To ask the Minister for Transport what procedures are in place to ensure that people living in apartments and duplexes in estates with management companies can have a charging point installed at their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [41077/23]

*134. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are any proposals to put in proper stops along our motorways (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41092/23]

*135. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider the installation of average speed zone cameras on stretches of national, national secondary and regional roads where speeding is more of a routine driver behaviour than the exception; if locations that are treated like ‘fly through’ localities would be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41096/23]

*136. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to staffing and hiring issues affecting the current operation of, and the planned extension of, public bus services in the Cork metropolitan area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [41101/23]

*137. To ask the Minister for Transport if, when the withdrawal of the 68, 69 and 13 bus routes running through Bluebell, Inchicore, Kilmainham, the South Circular Road and Thomas Street takes place, his Department will ensure that the NTA/Dublin Bus adequately services this route at a frequency the same as, if not more frequent, than the existing services. — Patrick Costello. [41150/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for Transport if a local link service (details supplied) could be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41224/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for Transport about an issue regarding bus transport for students travelling to MTU Tralee (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41313/23]

*140. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure adequate road maintenance funding is in place in Budget 2024 to ensure the safety of roads for road users. — Robert Troy. [41323/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for Transport to review correspondence (details supplied); if he will provide clarity regarding the questions that have been asked; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41400/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that a person (details supplied) is waiting on their driving test for over seven months now; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41401/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the number of public car parking spaces, per head of population, in each county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [41422/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for Transport if it is the policy to seek increases in fuel excise on petrol and diesel as a demand management strategy to reduce the number of vehicles on the road; if so, how many times he sought Government approval for increases in fuel excise; the number of increases he has sought; from what period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [41430/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will liaise with the NTA around the issue of direct bus services from Chapelizod to the city centre, which, up until BusConnects, had six

services in total, and currently only has one service (the number 26), and under upcoming plans to implement the S Spine, will have no direct routes to the city centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [41439/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can clarify what changes are proposed for the bus services in Crumlin, specifically routes 83, 17 and 18, and when they will be implemented; if he can detail the proposed replacement routes that the NTA is currently planning to introduce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [41446/23]

*147. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline all of the current services linking Athlone with Tullamore, via Moate, following the withdrawal of a private service on this route earlier in the year. — Robert Troy. [41456/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the operation of the average speed safety camera system which has been in operation on the M7 in Tipperary for almost 18 months in terms of road safety policy; if it is envisaged that this system will be extended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [41509/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm that the new provider for the search-and-rescue helicopter service in Ireland will retain the existing crews, along with their existing terms and conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [41510/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 89 of 20 September 2023, what time and date an airline (details supplied) submitted the original request; what time and date the airline informed his Department that the US military informed them that the aircraft was not carrying munitions; to clarify whether his Department is aware as to who or what was being transported on this flight; if his is not aware, to request this information from the airline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41539/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for Transport what proposals he is working on to assist the Irish haulage industry to reduce their costs as fuel prices continue to soar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41548/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for Transport what improvements are being undertaken to improve the waiting times for driving test appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41549/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for Transport to examine an issue on the train service from Sallins to Grand Canal Dock (details supplied), and where the amount of carriages have been decreased, where there is a greater need for more carriages to be added due to the amount of users of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [41563/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of Bills prepared by his Department in the 33rd Dáil to date; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessment; the title of the RIAs published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41600/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*155. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of exemptions in respect of local property tax, and the number of deferrals sought and granted in respect of local property tax, in 2022

and to date in 2023; the value of LPT forgone as a consequence; and if he will provide the information in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [40956/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for Finance to respond to concerns raised by a person (details supplied) in respect of what they believe is holding up the supply of properties above shops and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40982/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for Finance whether his Department proposes to increase the pension threshold from €2 million to €2.4 million (details supplied); if he agrees that this proposed increase would support middle-income earners in maintaining their current standard of living and incentivise greater participation in private pension schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [40997/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 321 of 7 March 2023, to estimate the cost to the Exchequer if the planned increase in excise duty on petrol and diesel does not go ahead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [41089/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason capital gains tax is applicable (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [41097/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for Finance when the EU's 'Right to be Forgotten' clause for cancer survivors as applied consumer credit will be placed on a legislative setting in the State. — Patrick Costello. [41117/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Finance what actions he has taken to prevent discrimination by financial institutions in providing mortgage protection to individuals who have had previous illnesses, such as cancer; what options such individuals have to seek mortgage protection and a mortgage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [41118/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide details of the costs to the Exchequer each year, in tabular form for the diesel rebate scheme since its inception in 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [41141/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to undertake a review of the VAT classification of hairdressers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [41143/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of individuals who paid any amount of income tax, PRSI, USC, income levy or health levy in each year from 2007 to date. — John Paul Phelan. [41187/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Finance the total receipts of each of income tax, PRSI, USC, income levy and health levy in each year from 2007 to date. — John Paul Phelan. [41188/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of individuals who worked part-time or full-time in 2022 but who did not pay any income tax, USC or PRSI due to their level of income falling below the relevant thresholds or their tax liability being offset by their tax credits. — John Paul Phelan. [41190/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on reports and complaints of card processing fees that have been levied by a company (details supplied) on businesses credit card accounts in the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [41253/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of reports and complaints with regard to alleged increase in credit card (merchant charges) in a nine-month period by up to 134% by a company (details supplied), which have clear and adverse consequences for the businesses concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [41256/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has any plans to make changes to the rent-a-room scheme with regard to taxable income (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [41257/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of complaints and reports of increases in the cost of processing VISA commercial debit cards, the year-on-year cost of which have increased by 385% for some businesses; what action he might consider taking in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [41258/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the National Risk Assessment published in July 2023 by the Department of An Taoiseach which identified that there needs to be a phased withdrawal of substantial resources allocated to the war in Ukraine, Brexit and the cost of living, which is essential to ensuring Ireland's public finances remain sustainable into the future (details supplied); the total amount allocated to each of these supports for the years 2022 and 2023; the estimated cost for each in Budget 2024; and if he will provide the total cost, per Ireland's GDP, in financial supports to Ukraine for 2022 and 2023, ranking in order of each OECD country, by GDP. — Peadar Tóibín. [41265/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Finance to respond to concerns and proposals from a person (details supplied) in respect of the exclusion of permanent fillings on root canals from the MED2 process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41267/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will respond to concerns raised by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41288/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify who in the State is responsible for assessing the performance of the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman with respect to Directive 2013/11/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on alternative dispute resolution (ADR) for consumer disputes (the ADR Directive). — Robert Troy. [41298/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Finance if he can clarify which Oireachtas Committee is responsible with respect to the workings of the FSPO and the protection of consumers who have purchased financial products in the State (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [41299/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify who is responsible for ensuring that the changes introduced by section 51(2) of the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman Act 2017, extending the statute of limitations beyond six years, are implemented in the manner anticipated by the Houses of the Oireachtas when making those changes; and who is charged with ensuring that the EU Community Principle of Effectiveness is being met by Ireland and that consumers are not precluded from rights granted to them under European law. — Robert Troy. [41300/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will confirm that the FSPO rejected/refused to investigate 2,296 consumer complaints in 2022, which represents 49% of complaints, i.e., complaints that did not go to investigation in any form; and if he is surprised at the level of rejections/refusals given, that it is also the responsibility of the FSPO to educate the consumer as to what complaints can be processed. — Robert Troy. [41301/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Finance of the 2,296 complaints rejected/refused by the FSPO, how many of these complainants were actually advised/directed to the FSPO in 2022, by the financial institution processing the complaint in question. — Robert Troy. [41302/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that the FSPO, when reporting under S.I. No. 343/2015, does not report the required, under EU law, statistic “(e) the average time taken to resolve disputes”, and instead uses a fabricated statistic, “closed”, which is a term not recognised or defined (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [41303/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Finance if, given that the ADR Directive recommends that “A properly functioning ADR entity should conclude online and offline dispute resolution proceedings expeditiously within a timeframe of 90 calendar days...”, and that the FSPO has the option to refuse complex cases or redirect them to the Courts, he is not surprised by this statistic of 934 days versus the EU-recommended 90 days. — Robert Troy. [41304/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will explain the term “closed”, which is most commonly utilised by the FSPO when assessing its complaint handling performance, as it is not a term used or defined by the European Commission when assessing the performance of Alternative Dispute Resolution entities in Member States. — Robert Troy. [41305/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will explain how, when reporting to the EU for the year 2021, the FSPO reported that 4,279 complaints were “accepted for handling” with only 130 identified as “refused” or “rejected” against its own published “Overview of Complaints 2021”, which showed that only 2,676 complaints were handled through investigation or mediation. — Robert Troy. [41306/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that the FSPO, when rejecting/refusing consumer complaints, makes no reference to relevant European Law, such as the Unfair Terms in consumer contracts Directive (UCTD) when raising opinions on its jurisdiction to investigate. — Robert Troy. [41307/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41314/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are any current schemes or plans to introduce schemes to help people who, due to serious medical illness and history of same, have failed to obtain mortgages from banks and other lending institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [41326/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 434 of 11 September 2023, if he can clarify if bonuses are permitted for semi-State companies (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [41429/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has reviewed the value of the thresholds set out for tax relief on pensions; and if he will consider adjusting them, in view of the substantial inflation since they were set almost ten years ago. — Richard Bruton. [41437/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will adjust the cap on pension contributions in Budget 2024 (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [41438/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are any circumstances by which a rebate of capital gains tax is available (details supplied) when not eligible for farm restructuring relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [41440/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review correspondence on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41466/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review correspondence on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41467/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Finance to confirm that the Central Bank was kept abreast of the previous Mica redress scheme (Statutory Instrument - €2.3 billion) and the current Mica redress scheme (legislative - €3 billion) at all times; whether he will confirm that if, once the remedial option, as prescribed by the Housing Agency, is agreed, all remediated homes will be fully mortgageable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [41559/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Bills prepared by his Department in the 33rd Dáil to date; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessment; the title of the RIAs published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41589/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of renters who have claimed the renters tax credit. — Ivana Bacik. [41618/23]

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.

*195. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on the ESB's plans and ongoing work to prepare for floods along the River Shannon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [41561/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if an application for funding for a flood relief scheme for Freshford, County Kilkenny has been approved by his Department; and if there is a timeframe for the commencement of the project. — John McGuinness. [40960/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to publish all the documentation relating to contacts between his Department, the Departments of Finance and the owners past and present in the matter of lands at Castletown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [40963/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department will sanction the acquisition of the lands around Castletown House for

the public and in the public interest, given these lands are not simply an amenity but regarded by the wider community as a cultural, social and environmental inheritance that is to be held in trust for future generations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [40964/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform about progress to date in developing and implementing a system to track and report expenditure allocations that may adversely impact biodiversity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [41016/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the status of the proposed bridge across the River Liffey at the War Memorial Gardens; the timeline for construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [41094/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will liaise with his counterparts in OPW, Arts, Finance and Public Expenditure to secure the lands adjoining Castletown House for the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [41226/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will liaise with his counterparts in OPW, Finance and Heritage to secure for the public, the cultural inheritance that are the Castletown Lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [41227/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the average cost of producing an IGEES report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [41283/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the average cost of a private consultant report for his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [41284/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of TFS office spot-checks and infringements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [41285/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the cost of backdating the planned pay increase associated with the grade review of the Secretaries General of the Departments of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [41286/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the date on which OPW and or a contractor engaged by them inspected the mature trees at the Kildare Street gate entrance and Merrion side of Leinster House; if it has been established whether the trees are in a stable condition and are disease-free; and if there are future plans to inspect the trees in the context of their long-term preservation. — Catherine Murphy. [41315/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when retired OPW staff will receive a raise in their pension and arrears in relation to the

recent raise in their pension; what is causing the current delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [41346/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will clarify whether the OPW has entered into a mediation process with landowners at Castletown House and boundary lands. — Catherine Murphy. [41362/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the actions being taken by his Department to make Dame Lane more aesthetically pleasing and welcoming in relation to the Dublin Castle-owned property and walls. — Patrick Costello. [41403/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the actions being taken to reduce the hostile architecture on Castle Street and Ship Street to make it more welcoming and safe, namely by reducing the height of the tall surrounding walls (details supplied). — Patrick Costello. [41404/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the plans and current use for buildings on Ship Street Great, which currently have smashed windows and appear derelict. — Patrick Costello. [41405/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 196 of 20 September 2023, if he will outline a timeline for submission of planning mission; and the total allocated funding to the project. — Patrick Costello. [41491/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the status of the Shannon Flood Risk State Agency Co-Ordination Working Group, which was established in 2016; the current membership of the group; the last time the group met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [41545/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an overview of the work done by the Shannon Flood Risk State Agency Co-Ordination Working Group since 2020; an overview of the work scheduled for 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [41546/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on the €7 million provided to remove the pinch points on the River Shannon; the amount of funding drawn down to date; the progress made to date; the works planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [41557/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update from the Office of Public Works regarding its plans and works to prepare for floods along the River Shannon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [41560/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of Bills prepared by his Department in the 33rd Dáil to date; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessment; the title of the RIAs published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41595/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if there are any positions currently open within the OPW in the north Tipperary area for digger and track machine operators; if the OPW is hiring people for these positions at present; if so, how one might apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [41642/23]

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

*220. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how the sustainability loan scheme is being implemented to fund biodiversity initiatives; the number of successful applicants sought to address biodiversity, in tabular form per year since the schemes inception and in Q1, Q2 and Q3 2023. — Darren O'Rourke. [41004/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to introduce a framework whereby corporations and large businesses can help to address nature conservation and the restoration of biodiversity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [41005/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what mechanisms he is examining to make it easier for teachers from outside Ireland to access teaching positions, in view of the current shortage of teachers; if teaching can be added to the critical skills list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [41012/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will move urgently to extend the current work permits/visa requirements to allow farm operatives to be employed under the work permit scheme to alleviate the crisis facing the pig industry and their inability to recruit staff; if he is aware of the research showing that almost 50% of pig farmers will be forced to exit the market if the acute staff shortages cannot be sorted as a matter of urgency; if he is aware that 48% of pig farmers have vacancies which they cannot fill and are prevented from recruiting outside the State due to the restrictions on the work permits scheme; what steps he will take to alleviate this crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41176/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to outline the next steps in developing a National position in respect of the proposed EU Product Liability Directive; if he will report on the public consultation which was carried out by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [41228/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of Bills prepared by his Department in the 33rd Dáil to date; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessment; the title of the RIAs published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41587/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is responsible for approving any increases in the pensions paid to former employees of IDA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [41610/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*227. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the application for major capital works submitted to her Department by the Board of Management of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [40958/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Education whether her Department has undertaken an audit of HEPA filters introduced in schools, including those provided privately by parents, if the schools themselves is able to provide such detail; if not, why not; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [40962/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to address the serious health and safety issues at a school (details supplied). — Ciarán Cannon. [40973/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of an application for emergency works (details supplied); when a decision is likely to be made in this case, in view of the fact that these facilities are urgently required as the leaks are deteriorating; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [40986/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a list of sites acquired for second level education institutions aided by her Department since 2000, in tabular form, indicating in each case the total expenditure on the acquisition of the site, the total area of the site, and the year of acquisition; the location by Eircode, the roll number(s) of school(s) built therein, and the relevant school planning area. — Patrick Costello. [40991/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Education what mechanisms she is examining to make it easier for teachers from outside Ireland to access teaching positions, in view of the current shortage of teachers; if teaching can be added to the critical skills list; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [41013/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to ensure special education teachers for a DEIS school (details supplied) in Dublin 11; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41038/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Education the reasons that a Ukrainian child (details supplied) did not receive their school bus ticket for the 2023/2024 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [41040/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to extend the Teaching Council (Registration) (Amendment) Regulation 2023 which enables primary and post-primary teachers who qualified outside of Ireland to apply to register as a teacher here, so as to mitigate against teacher supply challenges. — Pauline Tully. [41055/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Education if the emergency works required at a school (details supplied) as outlined and costed in the engineer's report, will be approved immediately, as it is a health and safety issue. — John McGuinness. [41058/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a child (details supplied) did not receive their school bus ticket for the 2023/24 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [41062/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a child (details supplied) did not receive their school bus ticket for the 2023/2024 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [41063/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a child (details supplied) did not receive their school bus ticket for the 2023/2024 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [41064/23]

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*242. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a child (details supplied) did not receive their school bus ticket for the 2023/2024 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [41067/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a child (details supplied) did not receive their school bus ticket for the 2023/2024 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [41068/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a child (details supplied) did not receive their school bus ticket for the 2023/2024 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [41069/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update regarding an additional school accommodation application for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [41079/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update (details supplied) regarding an application for the provision of school transport; the time to assess this application and make a decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [41093/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a remote area grant for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41098/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) will receive payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41109/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Education to make provision for additional school bus places for secondary school students travelling from Collon to Ardee, County Louth, as the number of students requiring school bus places exceeds the required minimum number of ten eligible children residing in a distinct locality; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [41138/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 602 of 11 September 2023, (details supplied) if she will clarify if ‘individualised data is not available for primary pupils years prior to 2015’; and how do the patronage assessment reports from 2012, for

example, have ‘detailed enrolment’ data for individual schools by year (i.e. 6th class, etc.) for 2011-2012.’. — Patrick Costello. [41152/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Education if the building unit within her Department will meet with a school (details supplied) which has an outstanding meeting request since September 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [41153/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Education for a progress update on the various school projects (both primary and secondary level) that are either in planning or construction stage in Dublin bay north; to provide a provisional timeline for when these projects are due to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [41163/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Education whether her Department has undertaken any analysis of the potential cost to State of prohibiting second-level schools from charging fees, and the likely need to provide additional exchequer funding to those schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [41189/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ask her Department to investigate the case of a post primary teacher (details supplied) whose request for incremental credits was refused in view of the fact that incremental credit have been allowed to primary teachers for service within the same school; and if she will review the procedures concerned to give equality between primary and post primary awards for incremental credit in view of the shortage of teachers. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [41205/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 505 of 13 June 2023, the outcome of the teacher’s union claim at the TCC in relation to incremental credit, specifically relating to private post-primary teaching service outside the EU; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [41223/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Education the current situation regarding additional classroom accommodation at a primary school in County Cork, (details supplied); if this project can proceed in the circumstances, the alternatives being considered by the Department in this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [41235/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the case of a pupil (details supplied) whose school place has been delayed opening of their class but is currently not receiving any tuition as home tuition is not suitable or available; if she will confirm if the school will open in November 2023; and if an SNA in a mainstream school could be made available in the meantime. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [41247/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the delay in issuing teacher registration numbers across the State (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [41259/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [41272/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Education the responsibility of a school in situation (details supplied); if the school is responsible for arranging alternative education or supervision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [41275/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Education for an update in relation to the provision of phase 2 of school accommodation at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [41287/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Education for an update in relation to the provision of school accommodation at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [41291/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that an application for additional accommodation by a school (details supplied) will be progressed without delay; and if she will provide an update as to the current status of same. — Robert Troy. [41322/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Education the reasons that a child (details supplied) did not receive the correct school bus ticket for the 2023/2024 academic year; when this issue will be resolved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [41342/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Education the up-to-date position with an appeal for a school bus in County Kildare (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [41396/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Education the up-to-date position with an appeal for a school bus in County Kildare (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [41397/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Education the number of school bus routes currently not in operation in County Kildare; the reasons for these routes not operating; the expected re-commencement date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [41398/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Education if she has discussed the urgent need for those over 70 years of age to be allowed, if they desire, to drive school buses once again, given the crisis with school transport at this time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [41399/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Education if she will intervene, as a matter of urgency, in the case of an applicant (details supplied) for teacher registration to have their application completed as a matter of urgency and a registration issued to them for interview-purposes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [41408/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Education when the ICT will grant be paid to primary schools for 2023/2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [41432/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the commitments made in the Programme for Government around education policy for the Irish language; what has been done to date to honour those commitments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [41441/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) will see work commence on its new school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [41450/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport can be made available for a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [41463/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the case of a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [41464/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Education if she will advise a family (details supplied) on a school transport matter. — Sean Sherlock. [41465/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Education if an update is available on the urgent repairs required to the roof at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [41468/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Education what action her Department is taking to ensure that all pupils who require school transport at both primary and post-primary level are facilitated in view that school transport is an essential service for families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [41486/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the review of the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [41487/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Education to set out in tabular form the number of pupils in Cork who applied for school transport under the primary school transport scheme for 2023/2024, who are regarded as concessionary and who have been refused school transport for the coming year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [41488/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Education to set out in tabular form the number of pupils in Cork who applied for school transport under the post-primary school transport scheme for 2023/2024, who are regarded as concessionary and who have been refused school transport for the coming year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [41489/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Education what action her Department is taking to assist families who are regarded as concessionary under the current school transport scheme and who have not been awarded tickets for this coming year (details supplied), taking into account that these families rely solely on the school bus to take their children to/from school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [41490/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Education when tickets for school transport will issue to a child (details supplied) who has no other means of getting to school, and who applied and paid for their annual school bus tickets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [41505/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Education when she expects to roll-out a retrofit scheme for schools, including a provision for the installation of solar panels; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [41511/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Education if she will urgently fast-track, on health and safety grounds, the application made by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [41521/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Education if she can provide a status update on the application for teaching council registration made by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [41522/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Education how many school bus tickets applications were declined in County Wexford for the academic year 2023/2024 compared to the previous 2022/2023 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [41524/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 629 of 11 September 2023, the total number of school transport applications deemed as concessionary applications in County Wexford for the 2023/2024 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [41525/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Education to clarify who is eligible as a TAM (Temporary Alleviation Measure) pupil under the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [41526/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Education the number of Bills prepared by her Department in the 33rd Dáil to date; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessment; the title of the RIAs published by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41586/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Education if she will make a statement on varying admissions criteria for primary and secondary schools. — Ivana Bacik. [41615/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of school transport for a school pupil (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [41625/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of school transport for a school pupil (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [41626/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of school transport for a school pupil (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [41627/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of school transport for a school pupil (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [41628/23]

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*296. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of school transport for a school pupil (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [41630/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of school transport for a school pupil (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [41631/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of school transport for a school pupil (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [41632/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of school transport for a school pupil (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [41633/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of school transport for a school pupil (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [41634/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the recruitment of a NEPS psychologist to service schools in Westmeath; if she is aware that multiple schools in south Westmeath have been informed that they will not have access to a NEPS psychologist for the foreseeable future; and if she agrees that this will have a hugely adverse impact on the possible supports and educational progression of many students in the area. — Robert Troy. [41649/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a permanent school building (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [41659/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied) that had been due to be in place in advance of the return to school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [41660/23]

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

*304. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to detail the funding streams an organisation (details supplied) can apply to for a mobile wheelchair pool hoist, which costs approximately €12,000; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [41662/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there are any plans for a disability sport-focused club fund, similar to the funding launched in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [40995/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media whether she is aware of an Irish-grown app (details supplied); and whether funding is available to increase the availability of the project. — Thomas Gould. [40998/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the review of the large-scale sport infrastructure fund will be completed; when the scheme will be open for new applications; what the budget for the scheme is for 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [41076/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason that tens of thousands of children in Ireland are denied access to State funding in the practice of taekwondo due to the exclusive and exclusionary practices of organisations (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [41110/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason that Sports Ireland has allowed organisations (details supplied) to develop exclusionary practises that exclude taekwon-do practitioners in clubs all over the country from accessing supports from Sports Ireland that they should be entitled to. — Louise O'Reilly. [41111/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the issues that arose in a report (details supplied) on the audit of Covid and capital grants to IMAC have been remediated to the satisfaction of Sport Ireland (specifically the IMAC procurement process and related party terms that were highlighted in the audit report). — Louise O'Reilly. [41112/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason that the Sports Ireland NGB model for non-Olympic martial arts has taken a more severe exclusionary approach in the taekwondo area, allowing only one association to join in its entirety, whereas the UK model for taekwondo is much more inclusive and has several groups. — Louise O'Reilly. [41113/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason that the Irish Martial Arts Commission taekwondo NGB model approach is so different to the IMAC Karate NGB model, which is more inclusive with a membership of multiple different types and styles of karate. — Louise O'Reilly. [41114/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason that Sport Ireland has not taken a more proactive role in supervising governance and oversight in an organisation (details supplied) that has allowed a situation to develop such that 100+ taekwondo clubs spread throughout the country do not have access to Government grants and other supports for their adult, youth, and child members. — Louise O'Reilly. [41115/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the cost of increasing the funding for Údarás na Gaeltachta by 10%, 20% and 50%, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [41273/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider implementing a business support scheme for the tourism and hospitality businesses that have been negatively impacted with reduced footfall and tourist visits due to the State's over-reliance on tourist accommodation in popular destinations in response to the emergency need to cater for Ukrainians and international protection applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [41390/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of Bills prepared by her Department in the 33rd Dáil to date; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessment; the title of the RIAs published by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41599/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is responsible for approving index linked or any other increases to pensions paid by the RTÉ superannuation scheme, and if so, to outline what approvals have been made each year since 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [41611/23]

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

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department plans included plans to develop serviced parking for touring motorhomes close to sites and town in the overall tourism strategy; if, given the popularity of touring both inside and outside the State, he can elaborate on the number of these sites that are in the State; and to outline any

proposed initiatives via local authorities where these serviced areas could be developed. — Gino Kenny. [41243/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the multi-annual rural water programme will be open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [41602/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on a matter (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [41664/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what interventions his Department have made in the matter of FORSA and its industrial action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [40966/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a facilitator has been appointed to oversee the roll-out of his Department's defective concrete block redress scheme in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [40968/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on progress to support the National Parks and Wildlife Service's farm plan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [40977/23]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the establishment of a youth biodiversity forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [40978/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his role in co-ordinating the states response to the biodiversity emergency. — Darren O'Rourke. [40979/23]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his role in co-ordinating the states response to the biodiversity emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [40980/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage which Minister and Department is responsible for co-ordinating the response to the national biodiversity emergency. — Darren O'Rourke. [40981/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a circular to local authorities in relation to the administration of housing adaptation grants, given that different local authorities are administering the scheme to different grant caps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [40987/23]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that some local authorities do not cover tiling in relation to the construction of downstairs bathrooms, adaptation of bathrooms, is not covered by the housing adaptation grants scheme and that this actually means a price increase for the end user who requires their home adapted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [40988/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that Revenue is now requiring applicants of the housing adaptation grants scheme to furnish medical evidence and a full break down of costs; if he can clarify whether there has been a change to the

system, whereby grant allocations were based on net costs given that the applicant could reclaim VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [40989/23]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify whether both South Dublin County Council and Dublin City County Council are applying the clawback the same way for previously purchased homes under the affordable housing scheme part V. — Emer Higgins. [40992/23]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress to date on his Department's review of current and future taxation and levy policies, regulations and incentives to assess their impact on biodiversity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [41010/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline what legal obligation the State has to provide emergency accommodation to persons who are citizens of countries outside the UK or EEA; whether his Department has examined the reasons for the disproportionate increase in the number of such persons entering emergency accommodation in recent months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [41080/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to intervene with the Approved Housing Body, Clúid Housing, regarding a stipulation in their tenancy agreement (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [41139/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what progress is being made with resolving industrial action (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [41174/23]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can clarify which functions have been delegated under legislation (details supplied); if an order is still in place; if not, when it expired and what has replaced it; if he or named persons consulted with the Commission for Public Service Appointments prior to issuing said order; if so, if there is any documentation evidencing of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [41181/23]

*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to state whether his Department centrally monitors the number of tenants of local authorities or approved housing bodies who are in arrears of rent, and the total amount due in arrears; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [41184/23]

*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to state or estimate the number of housing units in the State in each year from 2010 to date. — John Paul Phelan. [41185/23]

*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the assistance available, if any, to a person (details supplied) who suspects the issue of pyrite in their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41202/23]

*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what supports are available for homeowners whose houses are affected by pyrite but were built prior to 1997; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41274/23]

*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what oversight, if any, his Department has in the awarding of public contracts by Uisce Éireann, particularly in relation to the Hybrid 2 project at Ringsend, which has been awarded to a company (details supplied); and if he is satisfied that this company is complying with obligations under public procurement regulations, Statutory Instrument no. 284/2016 Section 18 subsection (4) (a), in the fields of ‘Environmental, Social and Labour Law’. — Joan Collins. [41364/23]

*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has launched an investigation into the incident (details supplied) that took place in a homeless hostel on 2 August 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [41407/23]

*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Section 28 planning guidelines for Gaeltacht areas will be published; for an update on the interdepartmental group’s progress on these guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [41443/23]

*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he will consider expanding the working group on planning and housing in Gaeltacht areas, to include representatives from the Irish-language community which has not yet been given this opportunity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [41444/23]

*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to set out, in tabular form, a list of centres in Dublin that are used exclusively for homeless accommodation on behalf of the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive, and are operated by private operators, from 2020 to date, including the address of each centre; the type of accommodation provided; and the name of the operator; and to set out a schedule of dates on which any of the above centres have been inspected either by the DHRE or by agents acting on its behalf. — Thomas Gould. [41451/23]

*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Waterways Ireland has entered into any contracts of confidentiality with land owners, jetty owners or marina owners in the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [41497/23]

*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to supply the number of contracts of confidentiality that were signed between Waterways Ireland and landowners, jetty owners, and marina owners, in tabular form for the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [41498/23]

*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many serving members are presently on the Board of Waterways Ireland, and if he will provide contact details for each member; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [41499/23]

*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will extend the slurry spreading deadline of 1 October 2023, to enable farmers to spread when conditions allow, in view of the extremely wet weather conditions in parts of the country over the past six to eight weeks which has prevented the spread of slurry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [41503/23]

*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether plans to extend the first-home scheme to self-build units can be applied retrospectively to homes currently under construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41507/23]

*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether there is support available for those who self-build but exceed the help-to-buy threshold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41508/23]

*352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Waterways Ireland are intending to bring forward new bye-laws pertaining to the Shannon river and, if so, if he will provide an update on the progression of these and how stakeholders have been consulted thus far; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [41523/23]

*353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of contracts containing confidentiality clauses of non-disclosure agreements that Waterways Ireland have entered into in the years 2021, 2022 and 2023 by county, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [41534/23]

*354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details of the current Board of Waterways Ireland, and where that information is publicly available for members of the public. — Sorca Clarke. [41535/23]

*355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are rules in place in respect of the rents charged by approved housing bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [41536/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if approved housing bodies can apply 'key money' or entrance charges to new residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [41537/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm what version of a document is a local authority using (details supplied); when was the last time this document was reviewed; if this document will be revised in view of increasing construction costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [41547/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on Waterways Ireland's plans and ongoing work to prepare for floods along the River Shannon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [41562/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Bills prepared by his Department in the 33rd Dáil to date; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessment; the title of the RIAs published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41593/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage why an individual's land (details supplied) was delisted and how it can be designated again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [41653/23]

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

*361. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she or officials from her Department will meet with representatives of a group (details supplied) regarding their pensions. — Paul Murphy. [41452/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her continued plans to address the needs of older people in rural or urban settings in the context of the Budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41567/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which she is aware of the ongoing needs of people dependent on fixed salaries or payments in the face of cost-of-living increases; whether she can envisage the situation whereby urgent needs can be met; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41568/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the special needs school transport grant is counted as means or income for carers allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [41006/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is any way for a school (details supplied) to be added to the hot school meals programme for primary schools for this year. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [41019/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the State pension (contributory) will be approved immediately for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [41059/23]

*367. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether her Department conducts any research or compiles estimates of the number of people who are entitled to payments under schemes administered by her Department but who have not applied for them; if so, the total savings to the State as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [41085/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether data is collected on rates of child poverty, particularly in areas of deprivation, as defined by Pobal, by her Department or any relevant bodies; the methods used; the subsets under which this data is collected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [41135/23]

*369. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether it is possible to set up a trust for a person with a severe disability, without undermining their eligibility for disability allowance, which normally assesses a nominal weekly means to all capital exceeding €50,000. — Richard Bruton. [41173/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of people who have been in receipt of jobseeker's allowance or jobseeker's benefit continuously since December 2019; and to state the ages and geographical locations of these recipients. — John Paul Phelan. [41186/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) was refused a widow's pension; if her application will be reviewed with a view to granting payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41206/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views with regard to the blind pension (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41236/23]

*373. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to increase statutory maternity and paternity benefit and to increase the length of paid leave available to both parents, in line with recommendations of the Citizen's Assembly on Gender Equality and Joint Committee on Gender Equality; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [41248/23]

*374. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the assistance that is available in the form of financial supports or grants for women who wish to return to the workforce, having been out of the workforce for a prolonged period of time to rear their young children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41250/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a travel allowance paid in respect of travel for dialysis treatment is counted as means in an assessment for disability allowance; the plans she has, if any, to review this situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [41311/23]

*376. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how much it would cost to increase the rate of jobseeker's benefit by €80 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [41376/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how much of an extra cost to the Exchequer would have been incurred if each claimant of jobseeker's benefit in 2022 and to date in 2023 received an increase of €80 per week for the duration of their payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [41377/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current total number of recipients of child benefit payments. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [41378/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current total amount of jobseeker's allowance claimants; how many of those are on the reduced rate of €129.70 on account of being aged 18-24 and not living independently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [41379/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current total number of recipients of fuel allowance payments. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [41380/23]

*381. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current total number of recipients of working family payments. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [41381/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current total number of recipients of carer's allowance and carer's benefit payments. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [41382/23]

*383. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to respond to concerns raised (details supplied) in respect of a foster carer's difficulties in accessing certain social protection supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41394/23]

*384. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is an entitlement to PRSI benefits for a Hungarian national who is working part-time during the college term and full-time on holidays in order that his contribution record whilst here is kept up to date. — Robert Troy. [41409/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in the interests of promoting the Irish language and boosting employment opportunities, she will consider introducing a new Irish-language training course for people in receipt of social welfare payments, as no such course currently exists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [41445/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there will be a provision for an increase in optical benefit (eye examinations) payments claims by dispensing opticians and optometrists under the treatment benefit scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [41481/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline the criteria and policy for which a parent is paid children’s allowance where custody is shared, with particular reference to instances where children spend equal time with each parent; and to outline the reasoning behind the policy. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [41500/23]

*388. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the projected yield in 2024 from increasing the employers PRSI rate of 11.05% by 1%, and what the full year yield in 2025 would be; how many would be impacted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [41538/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure that those in receipt of the disability allowance payment do not lose their current level of payment when they choose to marry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [41558/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of Bills prepared by her Department in the 33rd Dáil to date; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessment; the title of the RIAs published by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41597/23]

*391. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41605/23]

*392. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for DCA now under appeal in the name of a person (details supplied) will be expedited and approved. — John McGuinness. [41643/23]

*393. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 501 of 13 July 2023, if she will explain the ongoing delay in processing an application for DA in the name of a person (details supplied); if the appeal lodged by this Deputy will be expedited and approved; if, in the event of a negative response, she will arrange an oral hearing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [41646/23]

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

*394. To ask the Minister for Justice when she plans to address the serious issues raised by the Bar Council in relation to the need for fees paid to barristers practicing criminal law in respect of

the legal aid scheme to be increased in the context of cuts to the fees schedule which were first introduced in 2008; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [41204/23]

*395. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the critical skills employment visa application of (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [40974/23]

*396. To ask the Minister for Justice the number and name of each of the Garda Youth Diversion programs currently operating in each of the Garda divisions in the Dublin Metropolitan area; the number of officers assigned to the juvenile liaison teams and to set out in tabular form the numbers for each of the following years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [40983/23]

*397. To ask the Minister for Justice when the review of the Multi-Unit Developments (MUD) Act 2011 will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [40984/23]

*398. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress made in establishing an environmental court within the High Court; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [41001/23]

*399. To ask the Minister for Justice when the next citizenship ceremony will take place; the venue where this ceremony will be held; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [41009/23]

*400. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who are currently suspended from duty; to provide a breakdown of how long they have been suspended; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [41081/23]

*401. To ask the Minister for Justice the total cost, by month, from May 2023 to date, of television advertising in relation to her Department's public information campaign in relation to threatening to share intimate images; to estimate the cost, by month, for the remainder of 2023; the total number of individual advertisements that appeared on television, by month; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [41088/23]

*402. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the provision of a domestic violence refuge in County Laois; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [41105/23]

*403. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the provision of a domestic violence refuge in County Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [41106/23]

*404. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1391 of 27 July 2021, if she will provide an update on the parental alienation research mentioned; if she will clarify how far advanced the research is; when the results will be published, given the urgency and number of families affected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [41133/23]

*405. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide a breakdown, in tabular form of all funding received by Drogheda Implementation Board; the source of the funding and detailing if it is

new funding specifically for Drogheda or funding from previously existing government funding streams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [41140/23]

*406. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide a timeline for the legislative process for the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2023. — Patrick Costello. [41159/23]

*407. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will introduce legislation to give effect to the Government commitment to legislate for an independent commission on information retrieval as part of our legacy commitments in relation to the Troubles. — Patrick Costello. [41162/23]

*408. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason a person's (details supplied) family reunification application was refused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [41167/23]

*409. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department will carry out a review of the Family Law Act 2019 with a view to reducing the time period after which couples can get divorced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [41193/23]

*410. To ask the Minister for Justice the current position in the application of a person (details supplied) for naturalisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41199/23]

*411. To ask the Minister for Justice the current position in the application of a person (details supplied) for naturalisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41200/23]

*412. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and/or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied) who has been in this jurisdiction for a number of years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41225/23]

*413. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of drivers listed in court for speeding by District Court in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 which resulted in the case being struck out or dismissed due to the driver making a contribution to the court poor box; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41230/23]

*414. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of drivers listed in court for holding a mobile phone while driving by District Court in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 which resulted in the case being struck out or dismissed due to the driver making a contribution to the court poor box; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41231/23]

*415. To ask the Minister for Justice if Ukrainians can work longer than 20 hours if the work is being offered to them, as it would benefit businesses who are struggling to find staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41245/23]

*416. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of fatal road traffic collisions each year in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 in which the surviving driver was injured in the crash; the number of injured drivers involved, by year; the number taken to hospital; the number of these drivers that were not tested for intoxicants each year in hospital; the reason these drivers were not tested for intoxicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [41246/23]

*417. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41249/23]

*418. To ask the Minister for Justice if, given the recent ballot by the GRA, she will acknowledge that morale within An Garda Síochána is low; if she will consider using the mechanism of the Workplace Relations Commission to address issues between management and rank-and-file gardaí; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [41316/23]

*419. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of serving gardaí as of 1 September 2023, in comparison to September 2021; how many retirements in that period; and how many recruitments. — Robert Troy. [41317/23]

*420. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide, in tabular form, the current waiting and number of applicants for a first appointment with a solicitor at each Legal Aid Board Law Centre. — Peadar Tóibín. [41365/23]

*421. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide, in tabular form, the number of qualified solicitors per each Legal Aid Board Law Centre for each of the past five years to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [41366/23]

*422. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide, in tabular form, the numbers seeking legal advice from a qualified solicitor for each Legal Aid Board Law Centre for each of the past five years to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [41367/23]

*423. To ask the Minister for Justice the total amount of public funding allocated to the cost of Legal Aid Board Law Centre services for each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [41368/23]

*424. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the supports in Kildare for men who are victims of domestic violence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [41454/23]

*425. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the rationale for changing the requirements and procedures for visas for those from Bolivia; the reason for the short notice of same; what measures she intends to put in place to facilitate those who had already booked flights and made plans under the old rules; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41473/23]

*426. To ask the Minister for Justice what she and her Department are doing to combat a problem (details supplied); if she is aware of the problem; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41477/23]

*427. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Bills prepared by her Department in the 33rd Dáil to date; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessment; the title of the RIAs published by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41594/23]

*428. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will make a statement on the adequacy of community policing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [41617/23]

*429. To ask the Minister for Justice if any plans are in place to deal with the continuing backlog of cases in Donegal courts that are continuing to cause significant delays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [41648/23]

*430. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on an application by a person (details supplied) for a de-facto visa; to provide, if possible, an indication on when a decision might be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [41658/23]

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

*431. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide the cause of death in the case of the 1,241 non-coursing greyhounds classified as deaths notified by ICC as recorded on the RCETS in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [41047/23]

*432. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds rehomed for each of the years 2021 and 2022, listed in tabular form with last recorded status on the RCETS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [41048/23]

*433. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of licences that have been issued for the burial of racing, non-coursing greyhounds by district veterinary offices for each of the years 2018 to 2022 in tabular form, including by district veterinary office given that racing greyhounds are classified as farm animals, and as such on-farm burial is required to be authorised via district veterinary offices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [41049/23]

*434. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is considering a scheme whereby farmers and land owners would be compensated for safely felling ash trees which have been infected by *hymenoscyphus fraxinus* leading to ash dieback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [41050/23]

*435. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether he has been approached by any farming organisations regarding compensation for farmers after the bad harvest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [41107/23]

*436. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether anyone in his Department is looking into actions to mitigate the damage caused by adverse weather events (hail) in Wexford in June 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [41119/23]

*437. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a numerical breakdown, in tabular form, of the approximate herd sizes of, and hectares farmed by, the roughly 3,000 farmers affected by the reduction in the nitrates derogation limit to 220kg per hectare; whether they are dairy or beef farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [41125/23]

*438. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what immediate efforts he is taking to help reduce the acute staff shortages being experienced by pig farms; if he has engaged with the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment to have the current work permits/visa

requirements extended to allow farm operatives to be employed under the work permit scheme; his views on the risk of closure by many pig farms unless this matter is resolved; what steps he will take as Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to alleviate this crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [41175/23]

*439. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [41194/23]

*440. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1315 of 11 September 2023, if he will advise on additional correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41254/23]

*441. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide clarity in relation to the discrepancies found in the figures provided by him in relation to thoroughbred slaughter figures in Ireland; if he will confirm the reason for the difference in the figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [41266/23]

*442. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the legal division within his Department will make a decision in respect of a request made by a person (details supplied) in December 2021 seeking its consent and/or agreement to discharge a right of way from their folio in order to facilitate the sale of said person's lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [41361/23]

*443. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider setting up a specific dedicated phone help line in the nitrates section of his Department, to assist and prioritise farmers who are facing extreme wet conditions, especially in County Wexford, given the havoc created in the timescale allowed for the spreading of slurry on their farms and causing animal welfare concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [41389/23]

*444. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the up-to-date position on the review of the Ash dieback RUS scheme; when he expects to make the review public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [41447/23]

*445. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the deer tree shelter, hare and deer fencing scheme will be available to existing sites not yet passed the form 3 inspection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [41448/23]

*446. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the deer tree shelter, hare and deer fencing scheme will be available for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [41449/23]

*447. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 2518 of 21 April 2021, if he could update the table provided to include 2021 and 2022 figures and using the same methods as before to calculate the CO2 missed capture due to failed afforestation targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [41471/23]

*448. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if officials from his Department have carried out analyses on the afforestation files on hand which will be affected by new restrictions relating to peat, high nature value farmlands and extended bird exclusion

zones; to detail the overall number of applications affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [41472/23]

*449. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is accommodating all forestry stakeholder groups equally in terms of facilitating meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [41474/23]

*450. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there have been any changes within his Department at Assistant Secretary-level with responsibility for forestry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [41475/23]

*451. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) will receive payment under the fodder scheme for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [41493/23]

*452. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will extend the slurry spreading deadline of 1 October 2023, to enable farmers to spread when conditions allow, in view of the extremely wet weather conditions in parts of the country over the past six to eight weeks which has prevented the spread of slurry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [41504/23]

*453. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to publish the full list, in tabular form, by vessel name, registered owner, vessel size, quota attached to the vessel, tonnage and port of all participants in the fishing boat decommissioning scheme approved through the Brexit adjustment reserve funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [41512/23]

*454. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the additional supporting measures that he is considering introducing through the Brexit adjustment reserve fund to assist the Irish fishing, aquaculture and processing industries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [41513/23]

*455. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to publish a full list of prawn catch, broken down by port location and vessel, in the State for the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [41514/23]

*456. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to publish a full list of fishing vessels in the State, by registered owner, name of vessel and port location, licensed to fish razor clams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [41515/23]

*457. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied that the current regulations for the fishing of razor clams in Ireland are sustainable; if he has given any consideration to capping the number of boats/registered vessels allowable to fish the species; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [41516/23]

*458. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of a proposed 700-tonne limit for the fishing of razor clams in Ireland that is intended to be introduced from 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [41517/23]

*459. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what engagements he has had with the British government in relation to any plans it may have for development of offshore

renewable energy in areas 7G and 7F that will potentially impact Irish fishing waters and the Irish fishing industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [41518/23]

*460. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has given any consideration in communication with Bord Iascaigh Mhara to opening a processing plant for the Irish inshore shellfish fisheries industry, and namely, the cockle industry, following market and regulatory disruption due to Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [41519/23]

*461. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what plans he and his Department have to renew a long-term lease on the Bord Iascaigh Mhara coastal training centre based in Howth, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [41520/23]

*462. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that islanders whose only mainland vehicle is taxed as a “motor caravan” are not allowed free parking in the island reserved Department car park in Ros a Mhíl, Co. na Gaillimhe, on the grounds of health and safety, when they are allowed park in the adjacent Department public car park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [41540/23]

*463. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of Bills prepared by his Department in the 33rd Dáil to date; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessment; the title of the RIAs published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41583/23]

*464. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the money awarded for the repair of four piers and harbours (details supplied) will be ringfenced while the foreshore licences are being sought; if the foreshore licences are not in place by the end of 2023, if he will guarantee that this money will still be available to complete the works in 2024, or at whatever point the foreshore licences are granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [41601/23]

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

*465. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what funding has been provided for MS sufferers in Budget 2024; if he has included a request from an organisation (details supplied) for additional funding from the HSE to provide a national MS respite centre and expand its opening to 350 days per annum, providing an additional 1,248 bed nights annually; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [41383/23]

*466. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the all-in cost of delivering modular homes for people from Ukraine, with a breakdown of purchase cost, and site-servicing cost. — Eoin Ó Broin. [41433/23]

*467. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if, under the child poverty unit, he plans to address the financial challenges being experienced by community childcare providers in disadvantaged areas which have a very high level of sponsored places and have no additional parental income associated with these places and therefore are operating each place below the cost of provision (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [41485/23]

*468. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to set out, in tabular form, the number of community neurorehabilitation teams across the country, per CHO area; to detail the extent to which each team is operating with staff vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [41495/23]

*469. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are any plans in place to address the unfair pay disparity between staff employed by Section 39 organisations, such as those working with an organisation (details supplied) and those in equivalent positions within the HSE; if he will commit to allocating increased funding to Section 39 organisations in Budget 2024 to rectify this wage gap for section 39 organisation employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [41621/23]

*470. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide all documents and relevant information on the timing and pathway to the designation and development of the Waterways Sallins, as a centre for those seeking international protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [40961/23]

*471. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are any plans for additional funding for the disability participation and awareness fund in 2023/2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [41002/23]

*472. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when funding will be provided for support staff to enable a person to live independently (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [41008/23]

*473. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the contingencies in place for refugees and international protection applicants who are being accommodated in tents when a weather warning is in place, or where heavy rain downpours occur. — Ivana Bacik. [41043/23]

*474. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 980 of 21 March 2023 and No. 153 of 31 May 2023, if he will report on progress to address the matters raised (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [41044/23]

*475. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the location of each assistive technology and specialised seating department (ATSS) in the state; which CHO area they cover; whether they are directly run by the HSE or are run on behalf of the HSE by another organisation; the number and role of staff employed in each of these services; and the average timeframe from application to receiving an appointment with the ATSS. — Pauline Tully. [41054/23]

*476. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether data is collected on rates of child poverty, particularly in areas of deprivation, as defined by Pobal, by his Department or any relevant bodies; the methods used; the subsets under which this data is collected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [41136/23]

*477. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a personal assistant will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [41147/23]

*478. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the Roadmap for Progressing Disability Services; when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [41149/23]

*479. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what action is taken when a vulnerability assessment is received on behalf of an individual in IPAS accommodation; how long it takes for that action to be taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [41166/23]

*480. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the mother and baby scheme will open for applications; if his Department is aware that some legal firms are advertising services to assist in applying for the scheme; if it is anticipated that legal support or advice is required to submit an application; if there will be a requirement for applicants to supply their records when they are submitting an application; if his Department has a timeline on when information and supports will be available to assist with the application process. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [41192/23]

*481. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason that full-time AIM supports were initially granted to a child (details supplied) and subsequently withdrawn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [41252/23]

*482. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update for a person (details supplied) regarding the mother and baby redress scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [41255/23]

*483. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the analysis of the breakdown of the overspend by the Department contained in the fiscal monitor report of August 2023, conducted by the Parliamentary Budget Office (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [41263/23]

*484. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he intends to increase funding to disability services in CH07 in order to provide badly needed residential care places to adults with complex needs, who currently have been recommended for such care but cannot be accommodated due to a lack of funding; and if he will do so in the case of a person (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [41295/23]

*485. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the case of adoptees, illegally adopted in the past, who are now being offered €3,000 in compensation, and not €4,000, as had been agreed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [41312/23]

*486. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if, as part of Budget 2024, he will ensure that sufficient funding is in place for an organisation (details supplied) opening the remaining four beds in their respite facility and ensure that all beds are open 52 weeks in the year. — Robert Troy. [41319/23]

*487. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if, as part of Budget 2024, he will ensure that sufficient funding is in place for MS to replicate the physio offering of CHO2 region across all CHO regions. — Robert Troy. [41320/23]

*488. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding the personalised budget to support a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [41324/23]

*489. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount of funding that has been spent by children's disability network teams on outsourcing to private providers in order to maintain a level of service provision in 2022 and to date in 2023; if this data can be provided for every CHO and for each year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [41354/23]

*490. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what funding is available for an organisation (details supplied) through his Department or the organisation's respective local authority. — Denise Mitchell. [41356/23]

*491. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the case of a child (details supplied) who, having been referred by their GP in October 2021 to attend the St. Gabriel's early intervention team, Limerick, for assessment, has yet to receive an appointment date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [41387/23]

*492. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of adults and children seeking international protection, not including those with status or leave to remain, with a breakdown by local authority area and by household size, one- and two-adult households with no children, households with one child, two children, three children, and with more than three children. — Eoin Ó Broin. [41402/23]

*493. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide information on a matter (details supplied). — Réada Cronin. [41434/23]

*494. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the numbers of naíonraí being forced to close due to increasing costs and lack of supports; what support his Department offers specifically for naíonraí that are struggling to stay open; what his Department will do to reduce the numbers of naíonraí closing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [41442/23]

*495. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if consideration would be given to classifying long-Covid as a disability, in view that long-Covid is characterised by extreme exhaustion after minimal exertion, cardiovascular issues including MI, myocarditis/pericarditis, clots, arrhythmias, and neurological issues such as cognitive impairment, stroke, and ultimately that there is no treatment for the condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [41455/23]

*496. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when an assessment of need will take place for a child (details supplied) who is showing signs of special needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [41457/23]

*497. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to address the financial challenges being experienced by community childcare providers in disadvantaged areas who have a very high level of sponsored places and have no additional parental income associated with these places and therefore are operating each place below the cost of provision (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [41483/23]

*498. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to account for the reason that no community neurorehabilitation team is in place in CH09; to set out his plans to establish one; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [41494/23]

*499. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Bills prepared by his Department in the 33rd Dáil to date; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessment; the title of the RIAs published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41584/23]

*500. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the request from a person (details supplied) to have their two children included in the ECCE scheme this year. — Joe Flaherty. [41603/23]

*501. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of reports made of early years facilities in breach of the Core Funding Agreement for failing to pass on the benefit to employees; and the number of reports made of early years facilities in breach of the Core Funding Agreement for failing to comply with requirements on fees charged to parents. — Ivana Bacik. [41613/23]

*502. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will make a statement on the practice of childcare operators who are signed up to core funding charging parents administrative costs and for purchase and use of equipment at early years facilities. — Ivana Bacik. [41614/23]

*503. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if it is anticipated that the Pregnancy Loss in Workplaces project will report in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [41616/23]

*504. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has conducted a review of the funding streams for family resource centres; whether he is committed to allocating additional funding in Budget 2024 to family resource centres, considering the profoundly positive impact that increased funding would have on the valuable work these centres provide in supporting families and local communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [41645/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*505. To ask the Minister for Health what solution will be in place for new patients seeking a GP to apply for a medical card and to sign social welfare forms, given that the HSE has indicated that it will now not assign a GP after a patient receives three or more refusals from GPs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [40967/23]

*506. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on the progress that has been made by his Department since the formation of the Government to develop and fully efficient and modern eHealth and ICT infrastructure. — Emer Higgins. [40969/23]

*507. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on the progress that has been made by his Department since the formation of the Government to promote women's health. — Emer Higgins. [40970/23]

*508. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the status of an application for funding submitted by (details supplied); if a positive decision will be expedited as there is an immediate and urgent requirement to provide extra space and services based on the growing numbers attending the centre and the range of services required by patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [40975/23]

*509. To ask the Minister for Health what measures he will take to increase the awareness of the danger for abuse and misuse of the drug pregabalin among the medical community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [40993/23]

*510. To ask the Minister for Health if she will make pregabalin a controlled substance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [40994/23]

*511. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the process through which a person (details supplied) can obtain a medical card without having already been accepted by a GP, where their current GP does not accept medical cards and no other GPs are taking on new medical card patients and where the person is reliant on medical care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [40996/23]

*512. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the average waiting list timeframe for adults for referral to specialist eating disorder services both at a national level and specifically for County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [41015/23]

*513. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding funding for specialist support for adults with eating disorders; if funding was cut for the National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders (NCPED) this year compared to previous years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [41017/23]

*514. To ask the Minister for Health if he can confirm if his Department or the HSE maintain a national statistical breakdown of the types of eating disorders that adults are presenting with (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [41020/23]

*515. To ask the Minister for Health what assistance is in place to assist parents who paid for orthodontic treatment with a registered orthodontist, but the practice closed; what insurances are in place to assist parents to recover their money; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [41021/23]

*516. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of rolling out the proposed National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders; the projected year on year cost of maintaining this service thereafter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [41022/23]

*517. To ask the Minister for Health if all of his Department's records relating to a constitutional action (details supplied) in relation to the criminalisation of homosexuality have been transferred to the national archives. — Patrick Costello. [41023/23]

*518. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the value of the contracts awarded to companies for the provision of homecare services in each of the past five years and the names of the successful companies; if robust due diligence was carried out on each company; if the successful companies can flip the contract once awarded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [41024/23]

*519. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41025/23]

*520. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long on a right hip replacement in Cappagh hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41027/23]

*521. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the numbers of dentists around the State still treating medical card patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [41030/23]

*522. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the automatic provision of medical cards to people with a spinal cord injury based on certified medical needs, rather than means; whether there are plans to extend the review cycle for medical card holders with a spinal cord injury to ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [41031/23]

*523. To ask the Minister for Health if he has examined the reports of elevated death rates; and whether any research is being undertaken to evaluate underlying factors. — Richard Bruton. [41033/23]

*524. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical card patient should be charged for an MRI with a healthcare provider (details supplied) following a contract change on 1 August 2023, which would previously have been covered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [41034/23]

*525. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment can be given to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41035/23]

*526. To ask the Minister for Health if he has made representations to the Health Service Executive in relation to the exclusion of graduates of medicine in Northern Ireland from working in hospitals here by reason of the Health Service Executive requiring a transcript from their higher education institution at an earlier date than is possible to arrange; and if he will make a statement on recruitment of healthcare staff from Northern Ireland more generally. — Ivana Bacik. [41046/23]

*527. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the provision of x-ray facilities at Tuam primary care centre; when work will commence and when the facility will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [41070/23]

*528. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing levels within the Wexford CAMHS services; the current vacancies that are presently available within the Wexford CAMHS services, in tabular form; the vacancies that are currently with the national recruitment services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [41071/23]

*529. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of referrals for support services to Wexford CAMHS services awaiting assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [41072/23]

*530. To ask the Minister for Health the acceptance rate for referrals to Wexford CAMHS to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [41073/23]

*531. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently awaiting an initial assessment for support services in Wexford CAMHS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [41074/23]

*532. To ask the Minister for Health what options are available to a person who needs work carried out on their teeth under their medical card (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41075/23]

*533. To ask the Minister for Health if the Government has any plans to introduce the shingles vaccine shingrix for free for over-65s (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41078/23]

*534. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of a recent study (details supplied) that has found strong evidence of a link between autism and gender dysphoria and gender/body incongruence; whether his Department or the HSE has conducted any research into a link between these conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [41082/23]

*535. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the policy change implemented in Denmark this summer whereby teenagers who present with gender dysphoria for the first time will be offered counselling rather than be prescribed medication such as ‘puberty blockers’; whether this development will inform the policy of his Department or the HSE on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [41084/23]

*536. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that several MRI scans (details supplied) are no longer covered on CHO5 or medical card in Wexford MRI unit, operated by a healthcare provider; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [41090/23]

*537. To ask the Minister for Health when HSE-contracted home care visit staff in Laois and Offaly will resume evening and weekend hours to ensure that a full complement of service is available to patients and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [41100/23]

*538. To ask the Minister for Health what services are currently provided in Balbriggan primary care centre; what additional services are planned to be introduced in the centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [41102/23]

*539. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CHOs currently prescribing suboxone to those experiencing opioid addiction; and the number of prescriptions prescribed in respect of each CHO in 2022, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [41128/23]

*540. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CHOs currently prescribing methadone to those experiencing opioid addiction; and the number of prescriptions prescribed in respect of each CHO in 2022, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [41129/23]

*541. To ask the Minister for Health his plans over the next three years to optimise accessibility to suboxone to those experiencing opioid addiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [41130/23]

*542. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the CHOs that currently provide rapid access stabilisation units; his plans to provide future funding for such units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [41131/23]

*543. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on an appointment for surgery (details supplied); if he realises that the surgery was scheduled for 18 September 2023 and cancelled again; if he will expedite same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41132/23]

*544. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services (Safe Access Zones)) Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [41137/23]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health the data being collected on the effects of the marketing of zero-alcohol products with the same branding, logos and colours as their parent alcoholic counterparts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [41146/23]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for expanding the current number of minor injury clinics nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [41148/23]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health to provide full clarity on the very welcome €445,000 awarded to CHO8 for drugs and inclusion health services announced in August 2023; to seek the details on how the funds will be distributed to key frontline drug addiction organisations who are facing very difficult winter periods in terms of funding shortfalls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41164/23]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health if he has examined the reports of elevated death rates; and whether any research is being undertaken to evaluate underlying factors. — Richard Bruton. [41165/23]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure the automatic provision of medical cards to people with a spinal cord injury based on certified medical needs, rather than means (details supplied); and if he will extend the review cycle for medical card holders with a spinal cord injury to ten years. — Robert Troy. [41177/23]

*550. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale behind the policy of allowing only one funded respiratory mask per annum for people suffering with chronic respiratory disease and using BiPAP machines; if there is a process for application for replacement masks if it is the case a replacement is necessary; if there is a process of reimbursement for the substantial cost of €250 in cases where patients have had to pay to replace a mask themselves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [41178/23]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be reimbursed by the HSE for the cost of replacing necessary medical equipment; and if so, if he will outline the process through which the person can apply for reimbursement. — Eoin Ó Broin. [41179/23]

*552. To ask the Minister for Health the process through which a couple (details supplied) can obtain a new GP accepting medical cards; where the relationship with their current GP is irretrievably broken but all attempts at sourcing a new GP have been exhausted without success;

and where the PCRS advise they cannot appoint a GP for the patients involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [41191/23]

*553. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts being made to ensure the continuation of speech and language services at Kilcock primary healthcare centre given the local demand for the continuation of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41195/23]

*554. To ask the Minister for Health when a homecare package will be reinstated in the case of a person (details supplied); if the necessary arrangements can be put in place as soon as possible to facilitate their return home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41197/23]

*555. To ask the Minister for Health to review a case (details supplied); if he will ensure that this matter is dealt with speedily; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41201/23]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health if he and or the HSE have developed guidance for end users in respect of blue light from computer screens and digital devices in the context of eye health; and the number of persons in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 with eye complaints as a result of prolonged exposure to blue light. — Catherine Murphy. [41244/23]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health how many patients are on the orthodontic assessment waiting list in Galway; how long the current waiting time is; how many patients are on the orthodontic treatment waiting list; what the current wait time is; if there are currently any unfilled clinical positions in the Galway service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [41260/23]

*558. To ask the Minister for Health how many patients are on the podiatry waiting list in Galway; how long the current waiting time is; if the interval between appointments between patients has been shortened or lengthened in the past year; if there are currently any unfilled clinical positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [41261/23]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41262/23]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health what mediation process is in place for developers and contractors who cannot fulfil their signed agreements in capital building projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [41268/23]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health what contingency plans are in place for developers who cannot fulfil their obligations due to rising construction costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [41269/23]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health what steps his Department and the HSE can take when a contracted developer fails to complete a project due to cost inflation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [41270/23]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the pandemic special recognition payment is not being paid to haematology staff, given the heroic work that they performed in keeping the service open and operational for patients during the Covid-19 pandemic; if he is aware that

blood transfusions were made available to cancer patients throughout the course of the various lockdowns; if he will reverse this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [41271/23]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has started to recruit to the position of physician associates; whether the extent of the responsibility of such posts have been defined; and whether there is a need for registration and regulation of such posts by an appropriate body to ensure that they only work within their area of established qualifications. — Richard Bruton. [41276/23]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health if a multidisciplinary medical team can be assembled at University Hospital Galway to assess the case of a 17-year-old (details supplied) who is wheelchair- and bed-bound, seven months after an acute viral illness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [41280/23]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that a patient is being asked to wait until 15 January 2025 for an dermatology consultation in St. James's Hospital (details supplied) for treatment of severe hyperhidrosis which requires urgent intervention; if he will arrange to expedite this appointment, or if not, if he will make arrangements to fund Botox treatment for the condition privately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [41308/23]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) is waiting five years on a hospital appointment in Cavan General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41345/23]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health if an interview taken in April 1994 in a hospital setting will be released to the patient involved (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [41350/23]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health when a support worker (details supplied) who worked in a healthcare facility during the pandemic can expect their pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [41355/23]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) has been refused a drug prescribed by their GP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [41384/23]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health if he will agree to the automatic provision of medical cards to people with a spinal cord injury based on certified medical needs, rather than means; if he will extend the review cycle for medical card holders with a spinal cord injury to ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [41385/23]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health when the clinical review of the future of the medical cannabis access programme will be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [41391/23]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health how many patients to date have been enrolled in the medical cannabis access programme; if he will provide a breakdown, on those enrolments, of the conditions for which they have been prescribed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [41392/23]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for surgery for a child (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [41406/23]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people approved under a scheme (detailed supplied), by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [41420/23]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on a waiting list (details supplied), by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [41421/23]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given in Budget 2024 to increase funding for people with diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [41435/23]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health if the pay of a worker in the health service will be rectified to their correct scale (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [41453/23]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health if he will fast-track the creation of a quiet/sensory waiting room in the Tallaght Hospital accident and emergency department where autistic people and people with intellectual disabilities can retreat to when feeling overstimulated, helping to maintain their dignity and de-escalate potential personal crisis situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [41470/23]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health if there is any further update regarding providing retinal screening facilities in locations in County Laois (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [41476/23]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE is planning to increase investment and promotion of menopause services in Louth; if the HSE will consider the creation of a new complex menopause clinic at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [41478/23]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will consider pancreatic adenocarcinoma as an eligible illness under the long-term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [41479/23]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health when the commitment to increase the fees payable to contractors for a standard eye examination under the community ophthalmic services scheme will occur; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [41480/23]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health the financial assistance, if any, available to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41482/23]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 658 of 7 March 2023, when staff from a nursing home (details supplied), which has since closed down will receive their Covid-19 special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [41484/23]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the evaluation of the sugar sweetened drinks tax; if he will provide a timeline for the evaluation process, including completion and publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41501/23]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health if the recommendation of the Committee on Budgetary Oversight report on the Examination of the Commission on Taxation and Welfare Report that completion and the publication of the evaluation of the sugar sweetened drinks tax be prioritised, will be considered and prioritised in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41502/23]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health if an injection (details supplied) which lessens the chances of contracting shingles is covered under the GMS; if not the reason it is not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [41542/23]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health if a pension payslip would be sent to a person (details supplied) in County Cork, previously employed by the HSE, in hard copy form by post. — Sean Sherlock. [41543/23]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite a HSE Covid payment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41564/23]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Bills prepared by his Department in the 33rd Dáil to date; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessment; the title of the RIAs published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41592/23]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite a hospital appointment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41604/23]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health when the rapid HTA, undertaken by HIQA in November 2022, reviewing the evidence of the clinical and cost-effectiveness of continuous (including the Dexcom, Medtronic & GlucoRx CGMs) and intermittent (Freestyle Libre) glucose monitoring systems for people with type 1 diabetes, will be published; if it recommends the widening of access to these devices, if funding will be provided to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [41624/23]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health the number of operating theatres open in each of the Dublin hospitals respectively, by day, for the past 60 days, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [41635/23]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health the number of elective surgery cancellations, by week, in each of the Dublin hospitals respectively, since 1 August 2023 to date, in tabular form, by reason for cancellation. — Louise O'Reilly. [41636/23]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health the number of operating theatre closures in each of the Dublin hospitals respectively by week since 1 August 2023 to date, in tabular form, by reason for closure. — Louise O'Reilly. [41637/23]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health the spending on pest control in hospitals, by week, since 1 August 2023 to date, in tabular form, by hospital. — Louise O'Reilly. [41638/23]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and when the person concerned can expect an appointment in the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin. — Barry Cowen. [41639/23]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health the engagements that he has had with the HSE CEO regarding the recent testimony by a safeguarding expert that they were instructed by senior HSE managers to halt an investigation into the possible sexual abuse of residents in a nursing-home associated with the ‘Emily’ case; what actions are being taken on foot of this testimony; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [41640/23]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41644/23]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a fair deal application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41654/23]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health to consider additional investment in the mental health budget to provide more supports and measures in Donegal and across the country to ensure that people are provided with the vital and adequate services that are necessary to sustain and grow their mental well-being; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [41655/23]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the total provision to date made in the HSE budget in respect of its liability for unpaid Report 42 pay awards and arrears which were approved by the Government of the day with effect from 14 September 2007, sixteen years ago; the specific Department that is preventing the payment being made, his Department or the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform; what actions he has taken or intends to take to expedite payment and deal with this obvious injustice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [41663/23]

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

*604. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures and policies his Department has in place to promote gender balance in apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [40971/23]

*605. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether he has contemplated exploring alternative measures to the one-time €1,000 tuition fee reduction that was introduced in 2022; and if, in the event that he decides to proceed with the €1,000 fee reduction, he is considering directing these funds solely toward recipients of the full SUSI grant, who would derive the greatest benefit from such a measure. — Emer Higgins. [40972/23]

*606. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the plans he has in improving pay and conditions for personal assistants working in further education settings and to provide an update on the development of the FE disability framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [41028/23]

*607. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will make a statement on the exclusion of graduates of medicine in Northern Ireland from working in hospitals here by reason of the Health Service Executive requiring a transcript from their higher education institution at an earlier date than is possible to arrange; and if he will report on his representations to the Minister for Health on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [41045/23]

*608. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are any procedures being put in place to ensure that the SUSI grant applications involving temporarily laid-off workers from Tara Mines can be appropriately assessed given the fact those workers cannot get a letter of job cessation from Revenue; if he will provide an update on these procedures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [41061/23]

*609. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether his Department is aware of any practice in third-level institutions whereby complaints of bullying or harassment are resolved informally by means of non-disclosure agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [41083/23]

*610. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science can he outline what impact the increase in the state contribution for new places for graduate entry medicine (details supplied) will have on reducing fees in the academic year 2023/24, disaggregated by new entrants, second year students, third year students, and fourth year students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [41099/23]

*611. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update in respect of the case of a person (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [41104/23]

*612. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to support industry-led apprenticeships in hairdressing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [41144/23]

*613. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of the issue created by the technological universities where posts in disciplines which are heavily industry focused remain unfilled due to targets set for PhD-qualified staff (details supplied); if he will review the TU legislation to see whether a more appropriate balance between professionally experienced staff requirements and those for PhD is restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [41237/23]

*614. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of plans to cut up to 20 courses from the Technical University Dublin; what support can be given to ensure that courses with strategic importance, such as geospatial surveying or architectural timber technology, can be identified and protected, even where there are lower numbers of students at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [41238/23]

*615. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the SALI professorship awarded to TU Dublin has been advertised and filled. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [41239/23]

*616. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the policy concerning the use of the title 'Professor' by adjunct professors of university

departments who are full-time public servants and not directly employed by the university; the policy concerning whether the title 'Professor' can be used by public servants outside their university roles on official documents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [41331/23]

*617. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are plans for the expansion of pre-apprenticeship courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [41332/23]

*618. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the work that his Department is doing with Government and the FHE sector to get more students with socio-economic difficulties into FE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [41333/23]

*619. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the work that his Department is doing with Government and the FHE sector to get more students with disabilities into FE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [41334/23]

*620. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of Bills prepared by his Department in the 33rd Dáil to date; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessment; the title of the RIAs published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41591/23]

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

*621. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will consider any initiatives by her Department to support rural and community security and home living, such as disbursements to text alert and home security areas. — Matt Shanahan. [41579/23]

*622. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the date on which the schedule of the restricted and specifically banned dog breeds was updated; if she has added the Presa Canario; if not, if she will outline the reason for same; if she has given consideration to adding and/or evaluating the need to add the American bully XL as a prescribed ban-dog to the schedule or restricted and or banned breeds; and if she will provide a schedule of the number of dogs that are exempt of The Control of Dogs Regulations, by breed and organisation that is responsible for the dogs. — Catherine Murphy. [41122/23]

*623. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the date on which her officials last engaged with their counterparts in Northern Ireland in respect of developing an all-island schedule of the restricted dog breeds. — Catherine Murphy. [41123/23]

*624. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for an update on the Empowering Communities programme and its implementation in Finglas south, Dublin 11. — Paul McAuliffe. [41180/23]

*625. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has any plans to review the CLÁR areas in Cavan to include areas (details supplied) not currently included; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41233/23]

*626. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide details of all the funding schemes currently open to community groups by her Department; if she will outline other schemes available also and give details of when they will open in 2023/2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41234/23]

*627. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development what funding or resources can be provided from her Department to assist community centres (details supplied) in County Tipperary; when the next open call for applications to the Community Services Programme is; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [41240/23]

*628. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has calculated a multiplier for the knock-on value within the community of the different schemes under which she allocates funds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [41309/23]

*629. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has analysed trends in remote working as the economy has fully reopened again; and if there are areas of initiative to help embed this as a pattern to bring new activity to rural Ireland. — Richard Bruton. [41310/23]

*630. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 2105 of 11 September 2023, the expected timeline for the completion of the phase 3 development of Caladh Mór on Inis Meáin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41363/23]

*631. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she proposes to expand and extend the role of her Department in addressing issues of rural and/or urban isolation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41565/23]

*632. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the degree to which she continues to interact with rural and urban communities with a view to her proposals to address any deficiencies in terms of support or new services as might be determined from her interaction with the communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41566/23]

*633. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her ongoing development of digital hubs throughout the country, with a view to increased and ready access to such facilities in both urban and rural areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41569/23]

*634. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she continues to adopt rural and community programmes specifically aimed at the particular needs of relevant communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41570/23]

*635. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total value of assistance offered to rural and community groups throughout Kildare north and throughout the country in each of the past three years to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41571/23]

*636. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her intentions for the future of the Leader Programme; whether she intends to introduce any modifications to the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41572/23]

*637. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development whether she intends to expand the mission statement of her Department to meet particular areas that did not previously qualify for assistance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41573/23]

*638. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she proposes to liaise with the community sector throughout the country with a view to identifying and addressing issues as they arise in early date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41574/23]

*639. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of Bills prepared by her Department in the 33rd Dáil to date; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessment; the title of the RIAs published by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41596/23]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41216/23]