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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. 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]

2. To ask the Taoiseach his response to the NESC's report 'Just Transition in Agriculture and Land Use'. — Barry Cowen. [36287/23]

3. 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]

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

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

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

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

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

9. 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]

10. 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. — Paul McAuliffe. [37564/23]

11. 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]

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

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

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

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

16. 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]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28. 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]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*37. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the status of the project to develop a national model that will help support communication with communities where accommodation centres are opening. — Neasa Hourigan. [41723/23]

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

*38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when he expects the report from the fora on international security policy to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [41694/23]

*39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is aware of the complaint submitted by an organisation (details supplied) about the ESB's relationship with the Cerrejón mine in northern Colombia, which is linked to human rights abuses, including the forced displacement of indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities and widespread, persistent and extreme pollution of air and water; if he agrees with the steps set out in the organisation's complaints; if he will ensure that this abuse of human rights is addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [41713/23]

*40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the timeline for the formal recognition by Ireland of the state of Palestine; the details of any analysis underway by his Department in preparation for this step; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41736/23]

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

*41. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to resolve a fisheries issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41846/23]

*42. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide an update on progress to develop carbon capture storage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [41672/23]

*43. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications whether he would consider extending the free energy upgrades provided under the warmer homes scheme to automatically encompass applicants who are over 66 years of age (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [41701/23]

*44. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to clarify how the revenues raised from the temporary solidarity contribution in the energy sector will be allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41737/23]

*45. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the projected yield respectively in 2022 and 2023 from the temporary solidarity contribution on fossil fuel production and oil refining sectors; if he will outline the formula applied for determining the amount; what the projected estimates provided to him by officials in his Department for the amount to be raised were; when the last estimate was made; what the additional revenue would be if extended to end of 2023 and 2024 respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [41837/23]

*46. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the projected yield respectively in 2022 and 2023 from the price cap on non-gas electricity generators; if he will outline the formula applied for determining the amount; what the projected estimates provided to him by officials in his Department for the amount to be raised were; when the last estimate was made; what the additional revenue would be if extended to end of 2023, and 2024 respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [41838/23]

*47. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of generators purchased to provide dispatchable power to the grid when other sources are not supplying sufficient quantities; to set out the fuel type they use; and the cost of purchasing them. — Brian Stanley. [41849/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*48. To ask the Minister for Transport when a driving licence will issue for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [41677/23]

*49. To ask the Minister for Transport how many Bus Éireann and Dublin Bus services have failed to arrive over the past year; if he will detail the top-ten worst Bus Éireann and Dublin Bus routes for dropped routes; and how many runs were dropped in percentage terms on each of these routes. — Peadar Tóibín. [41690/23]

*50. To ask the Minister for Transport to detail how long it takes to get driving tests for bus drivers in each region in the country. — Peadar Tóibín. [41691/23]

*51. To ask the Minister for Transport how many drivers are needed to reach a full complement in both Bus Éireann and Dublin Bus; and how many mechanics are needed to reach a full complement in both Bus Éireann and Dublin Bus. — Peadar Tóibín. [41692/23]

*52. To ask the Minister for Transport the total value of fines that have been issued to bus service providers in the past five years was; and to detail to whom these fines were applied. — Peadar Tóibín. [41695/23]

*53. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driving test can be expedited for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [41700/23]

*54. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the most industrious bus routes in Cork city are under-resourced and unable to fulfil their obligations at peak times; the reason school children are waiting up to two hours to get on a bus (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [41725/23]

*55. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 82 of 20 September 2023, to provide the name of each attendee at the ten Ministerial Committee on Road meetings referenced in the reply – the names of officials and Ministers that were present. — Robert Troy. [41815/23]

*56. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding the N70 Milltown Relief Road project; the preferred route for the project; the up-to-date timeline for the completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41842/23]

*57. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be provided for a bus shelter (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41844/23]

*58. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be provided for a bus shelter in a town in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41845/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*59. To ask the Minister for Finance whether consideration can be given to altering the rent-a-room scheme so that if a person earns more than €14,000, they are not taxed on the entire amount of €14,000 but instead only on the excess; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [41735/23]

*60. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of not proceeding with the legislated increase in excise duty on petrol and diesel to take effect on 31 October 2023, for 2023 and 2024, respectively, VAT inclusive. — Pearse Doherty. [41671/23]

*61. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will respond to a range of queries concerning the Budget Oversight Committee's recent recommendations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [41684/23]

*62. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 160 of 20 September 2023, if he can provide a timeline for the completion of the Departmental review of inheritance tax implications for foster children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [41717/23]

*63. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised by the domicile levy for the past three years, in tabular form; the estimated revenue that would be raised from doubling the domicile levy from €200,000 to €400,000 under the existing criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [41758/23]

*64. To ask the Minister for Finance the numbers of individuals subject to the domicile levy in 2021, 2022 and 2023; if he is considering any reforms in the structure and implementation of the levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [41759/23]

*65. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider extending the rental tax credit to children of landlords renting from parents, in the instance of full compliance with all taxes and RTB and market value rent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [41817/23]

*66. To ask the Minister for Finance if the yield from the two measures targeted at windfall gains in the energy sector has been included in the Budget exchequer revenue figures for 2024; if not what the projected yield his Department expects to receive, and if not accounted for in 2024, he will confirm if it is included in Exchequer accounts for 2022 or 2023; what the estimated amount in each year is; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [41839/23]

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.

*67. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on the OECD report on strengthening environmental considerations in public investment management; how he plans to work with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications to respond to its recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [41670/23]

*68. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on the body being set up to examine remuneration for senior posts across the civil service and semi-State sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [41682/23]

*69. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he intends to extend the civil service mobility scheme to professional and technical personnel; if he will provide the rationale behind the original decision not to include professional and technical personnel; the number of professional and technical personnel that have expressed an interest in a transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [41738/23]

*70. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the estimated number of deer in the Phoenix Park annually from 2010 to date and the number culled by the OPW for each year, in tabular form. — Patrick Costello. [41836/23]

*71. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on the issue of public access from the N4 to Castletown House; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [41847/23]

*72. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will consider a CPO over the roadway that provides access from the N4 to Castletown House; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [41848/23]

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

*73. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how many job losses have been reported to his Department from 1 January 2023 to date (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [41843/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*74. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department is dealing with any applications from second-level schools in Tallaght for additional autism classroom accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [41673/23]

*75. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration would be given to extending a bus route to allow for a child (details supplied) to be picked up outside their home, as had been the case some years back; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [41697/23]

*76. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 308 of 20 September 2023, if she will acknowledge that relative to the 149,000 students transported for the 2022/2023 school year that to date only 132,000 tickets have issued; if she is anticipating an increase in the number of children transported in 2023/2024 over the previous year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [41711/23]

*77. To ask the Minister for Education if, concerning the OECD report into the DEIS system, she will assure schools in areas of acute disadvantage that such schools will be included in any OECD report and will be visited as part of any such report. — John Lahart. [41714/23]

*78. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update in relation to the status of a project for a school (details supplied); if planning permission has been granted; if there is a timeline available for the commencement of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [41720/23]

*79. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a school transport matter in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [41721/23]

*80. To ask the Minister for Education how a parent goes about filling home tuition hours when a student cannot get a place in their local school; if there is a database of retired teachers who offer this service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41740/23]

*81. To ask the Minister for Education if a facility (details supplied) can be opened early; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41850/23]

*82. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made on a school transport access case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [41851/23]

*83. To ask the Minister for Education following harassment, threats, intimidation and assaults directed towards librarians, health care workers, staff in bookshops, activists and elected politicians, what steps she is taking to ensure the safety of teachers and students from such threats; what steps she is talking to prepare schools to recognise and respond to such threats; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [41894/23]

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

*84. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when former RTÉ staff members, who now receive the RTÉ pension, will be given an increase in their pension payments; what the increase will be; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [41668/23]

*85. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to the report of the Commission on the Future of Media, which identified the taxpayer contribution to public service media in 2020 as being €106 million, comprised of funding for free TV licences under the household benefits package worth €69.8 million and direct funding to TG4 worth €37.2 million, if she will provide the equivalent figures for 2022 and the estimates for 2023, in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [41874/23]

*86. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to the report of the Commission on the Future of Media, which identified the funding contributed by TV licence payers to public service media as being €143.8 million in 2020, if she will provide the equivalent figure in 2022 and the projected figure for 2023. — Imelda Munster. [41875/23]

*87. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide, in tabular form, the monthly or, if available, weekly amount of funding for public service media provided by TV licence payers in 2022; and the equivalent projected figures for 2023. — Imelda Munster. [41876/23]

*88. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if, in relation to Table 5-2 in the report of the Commission on the Future of Media, which sets out recommended public funding levels for 2022 and 2023, she will provide a table with the same line items, setting out the actual provisions in 2022 and the estimates and projected figures for 2023. — Imelda Munster. [41877/23]

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

*89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a monument (details supplied) is included on the scheduled list of protected structures; if so, the funding that might

be available for repair works to this monument; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [41710/23]

*90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to detail, in tabular form, the number of tenant-in-situ applications made to Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council; the number approved, rejected and still under consideration, since the introduction of the scheme to 21 September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [41667/23]

*91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to amend The Housing (Sale of Local Authority Houses) Regulations 2015, to allow for tenants residing in dwellings provided by local authorities under Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000, to purchase their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [41702/23]

*92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding that might be available for an iconic structure (details supplied) in County Cork. — Michael Creed. [41709/23]

*93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to engage with the National Association of Regional Game Council to explore how it can assist with the protection of wildlife. — Robert Troy. [41779/23]

*94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider apportioning a percentage of the revenue generated from gun licence fees to NARGC with criteria based on wildlife protection enhancements given their nationwide coverage. — Robert Troy. [41780/23]

*95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can give an undertaking that a marina (details supplied) will not be given a commercial licence until such time as it has been regulated through a lease or encroachment licence with Waterways Ireland and planning permission from Westmeath County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [41782/23]

*96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can give an undertaking that all dealings with any unauthorised development coming under Waterways Ireland jurisdiction regarding the regularising of the said development will be done in an open and transparent manner and that no funding will be provided by Waterways Ireland to any unauthorised developers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [41783/23]

*97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has received a report from the review into the derelict sites levy; and if so, if he will publish the review. — Thomas Gould. [41800/23]

*98. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify if a housing estate in County Roscommon (details supplied) can be included in the resolution programme under the National Development Plan for the period 2021-2025, to address legacy water services issues; if any of the existing allocated €68.5 million funding will be allocated to estates not viable to connect to the public water supply; and if it is not, if he can confirm

whether any other funding can be considered or made available before 2025. — Frankie Feighan. [41863/23]

*99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a copy of a circular (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [41865/23]

*100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason a circular (details supplied) was not published on the official Government website; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [41866/23]

*101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason he will not publish a report of a review (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [41868/23]

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

*102. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider those suffering from a medical condition (details supplied) for the national fuel allowance, given the need for heat as part of their treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [41674/23]

*103. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the status of an application for carer's allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41678/23]

*104. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to explain the reason that a person (details supplied) has had their jobseeker's allowance reduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41679/23]

*105. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in respect of an appeal for carer's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41683/23]

*106. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a domiciliary care allowance appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41698/23]

*107. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on the review of a decision on an illness benefit application in respect of a person in County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41840/23]

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

*108. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline, in tabular form, what options are available to a person (details supplied) seeking to join family living in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [41727/23]

*109. To ask the Minister for Justice if all information requested was received on time in the case of a person (details supplied) in respect of their pending application for residency status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41699/23]

*110. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has considered introducing a registration of wills; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [41722/23]

*111. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41726/23]

*112. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a list of the populations of each division in the Garda Dublin metropolitan region as of the 2022 census; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [41739/23]

*113. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has confidence in the Garda Commissioner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [41867/23]

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

*114. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a person (details supplied) did not qualify for compensation for cattle they sent to the factory that were discovered to have lesions, the same as he would have received compensation if the cattle were found to have lesions on the farm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [41689/23]

*115. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department has considered the introduction of a support scheme for fishers operating small boats who are struggling due to increased fuel prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [41794/23]

*116. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he can detail any work ongoing in his Department in relation to transitioning fishers from fossil fuels towards electric engines. — Holly Cairns. [41796/23]

*117. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department would consider the introduction of a young fishers scheme, similar to the young farmers scheme; to detail what financial supports are available for new entrants to the fishing sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [41797/23]

*118. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will work to provide access to fishing quotas to small boat and new entrant fishers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [41798/23]

*119. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to difficulties experienced by new producer organisations (details supplied) under the current financing arrangements; whether he would consider the introduction of partial upfront funding, such as is in operation in Denmark; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [41799/23]

*120. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an ACRES payment will issue to a person in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41841/23]

*121. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what measures his Department has in place to protect people from the bark beetle (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41864/23]

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

*122. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if, following on from his statement in the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Children on 20 September 2023, relating to his current lack of confidence in the child safeguarding measures of an organisation (details supplied), and subsequent media coverage of same, he will detail his role and remit, and that of agencies under his Department, in respect of ensuring that children are currently safeguarded when engaged by the staff of the organisation; to detail his role and remit in ensuring that the organisation is adhering to the State's child safeguarding and reporting requirements; to detail his powers where he does not have confidence in such an organisation for these reasons; and what role the State can play to ensure that current children are not at risk where such an organisation is not fulfilling its function to the confidence of the Minister. — Chris Andrews. [41696/23]

*123. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if she will ensure that a child (details supplied) will have their speech and language/OT and psychology assessment carried out without delay. — Robert Troy. [41781/23]

*124. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to ensure in the context of budget 2024 that all 121 FRCs are brought up to the optimum level of €220,000 funding per annum, in recognition of their increased service provision and in acknowledgement of a raise in costs. — Robert Troy. [41816/23]

*125. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can confirm whether the six planned regional assessment teams were fully established and operational by 1 August 2023 to address the significant waiting lists for assessments of needs; if, in the event that the teams were not fully operational by this date, he has considered allowing for the full reimbursement of private treatment expenses for children with disabilities and special education needs assessment from the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [41878/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*126. To ask the Minister for Health if he would consider reviewing the medical card guidelines for individuals with spinal injuries; if he will contemplate the automatic provision of medical cards to individuals with a spinal cord injury based on certified medical needs, rather than financial means; if he will explore the possibility of extending 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. — Michael Lowry. [41666/23]

*127. To ask the Minister for Health if he has any plans to assist those suffering from a medical condition (details supplied); if he will consider providing assistance with the insulation

of their houses, given the need for heat as part of their treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [41675/23]

*128. 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. [41680/23]

*129. To ask the Minister for Health when a Cross Border Directive NIPHCS appeal decision will be made (details supplied); the average waiting times for such decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [41681/23]

*130. To ask the Minister for Health if, arising from the recruitment and retention difficulties faced in the public health service in the context of nursing post, if he will outline the proposals, if any, for an overview of this issue by the Health and Safety Authority in terms of our public hospitals; the interaction, if any, that has taken place between the HSE and the HSA in this regard; the Health and Safety skillset requirements in the public health service required to address this problem going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [41712/23]

*131. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical card holders in each county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [41718/23]

*132. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists in each county who are currently part of the DTSS, in tabular form; if he will provide an update on the work he and his Department are doing to ensure access to dental care for medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [41719/23]

*133. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the development of a national diabetes register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [41724/23]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider including all glaucoma eye drop medication in the long-term illness scheme for people with diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [41728/23]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health if the 6,000 additional staff across acute and social care services announced in Budget 2023 have been recruited; to provide a breakdown, in tabular form, by discipline and recruitment status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41733/23]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health if, following the outsourcing of children's incontinence wear to a private provider (details supplied), the HSE can compel the provider to supply the same brand that was issued by the primary care service, as opposed to the less effective product now being supplied to parents of children with complex and special needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [41751/23]

*137. To ask the Minister for Health if the numerous referrals issued by GPs in the case of a person (details supplied) are being given adequate priority given their recurrent tonsillitis; his views on the fact that no appointment date has been given to the patient, despite a number of referral letters indicating the persistent and painful nature of their tonsillitis being issued to the hospital concerned; and his views on how the family concerned is faced with the prospect of having to avail of a private service in order to have the child's tonsillectomy carried out. — Martin Browne. [41753/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for Health whether he is aware of issues with staff car parking in Cork University Hospital and Cork University Maternity Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [41801/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm how cases at a hospital (details supplied) will be decided; and if a lottery system will be used. — Mairéad Farrell. [41879/23]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for a decision (details supplied). — Mairéad Farrell. [41880/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for Health if he has plans to expand capacity at a hospice (details supplied). — Mairéad Farrell. [41881/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for Health what plans there are to increase the availability of staff to increase care hours for patients (details supplied). — Mairéad Farrell. [41882/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for Health whether it is the policy of his Department that a patient who has been on long-term palliative care and whose fragility puts them at particular risk of bedsores and dermatological breakdown, cannot have access to an airbed in hospital, despite relying on one at home; the reason, given that such a bed would need to be rented by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [41883/23]

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

*144. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what SUSI financial supports are available for single parents (details supplied) that have a personal insolvency arrangement, who are just over the income threshold but cannot afford college fees for their child, and are restricted from applying for loans from banks and credit unions when under a PIA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [41734/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how many students were registered in TU Dublin (headcount and full-time equivalent) at the annual census dates (details supplied), based on returns by the university to his Department and to the HEA, since its establishment in 2019. — Paul Murphy. [41764/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, in light of the larger than expected drop in FTE student numbers in 2022/2023 compared to 2021/2022 reported by TU Dublin to the HEA, he could confirm whether the HEA or his Department validate census data submitted by the universities. — Paul Murphy. [41765/23]

*147. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the university census data returned to the HEA is validated, if he could outline the process involved. — Paul Murphy. [41766/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how many full-time equivalent staff in TU Dublin were remunerated at the grades listed (details supplied) and on the following dates 01/01/2019, 01/01/2020, 01/01/2021, 01/10/2021, 01/01/2022, 01/06/2022. — Paul Murphy. [41767/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will indicate the substantive grades of those remunerated at the grades listed in the table at each time point in the table (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [41768/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he can confirm whether approval was sought by TU Dublin for the appointment of a Chief Operations Officer and of a Deputy President and University Registrar in advance of these positions being advertised in June 2019. — Paul Murphy. [41769/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he can confirm that his Department had approved the appointments by TU Dublin of a Chief Operations Officer and of a Deputy President/University Registrar in 2019. — Paul Murphy. [41770/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he can confirm the grade and salary at which TU Dublin's Chief Operations Officer was appointed in 2019. — Paul Murphy. [41771/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he can confirm the grade and salary at which TU Dublin's Deputy President and Registrar was appointed in 2019. — Paul Murphy. [41772/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he can confirm that his Department approved an increase in the salary of the Chief Operations Officer and of the Deputy President and Registrar this year, and that this increase was backdated to their appointments in 2019. — Paul Murphy. [41773/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he can confirm the salary level approved for the position of Deputy President and Registrar by his Department this year. — Paul Murphy. [41774/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he can confirm the salary level approved for the position of Chief Operations Officer by his Department this year. — Paul Murphy. [41775/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he can confirm whether approval was sought from his Department by TU Dublin for the appointment of Vice Presidents and Deans in advance of the positions being advertised in December 2020. — Paul Murphy. [41776/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he can confirm that approval had been granted by his Department for the recruitment of Vice Presidents and Deans in advance of posts being advertised and interviewed for between December 2020 and March 2021. — Paul Murphy. [41777/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to give a comprehensive update on the ransomware attack on TU Dublin's Tallaght campus in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [41778/23]

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

*160. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the CLÁR 2024 programme will open to applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41748/23]

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gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAIN, 28 MEÁN FÓMHAIR, 2023
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 2023**

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

1. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs following his recent trip to the Middle East, if he believes that a two state solution is still possible, and what steps Ireland will take individually and at a European level to realise a two state solution in the face of continued breaches of international law by Israel, ongoing illegal settlement building and expansion, forcible transfer of the Palestinian population by Israel and escalating settler violence with Government support. — Patrick Costello. [41757/23]

2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018 will be examined at committee stage. — Gary Gannon. [41910/23]

3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the engagements associated with his attendance at the United Nations seminar on Sustainable Development Goals. — Matt Carthy. [41462/23]

4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has received the report on the consultative forum on international security policy; the expected timeline for the publication of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41731/23]

5. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has discussed the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 with any of his counterparts in Britain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [41527/23]

6. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs how many passports applications were processed over June, July and August 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [41708/23]

7. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will set out the matters discussed and the responses received in his discussions with the President of the State of Palestine Mr Mahmoud Abbas; if the issue of the recognition of the State of Palestine by Ireland was discussed; if he raised the issue of holding elections in Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [39899/23]

8. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what supports the Government is providing for the people of Morocco following its recent earthquake; and what actions his Department is taking to ensure the supports reach the people on the ground. — Gary Gannon. [41912/23]

9. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on his recent engagements at the UN; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [41807/23]

10. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has any concerns that the support of some EU states for Ukraine might be wavering; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [41706/23]

11. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will give details of the humanitarian and institutional support for Ukraine and Moldova which he announced at the UN General Assembly in September; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [41296/23]

12. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to report on the engagements with the British Government and the parties in the North in relation to the resumption of the Executive.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [41330/23]

13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to make a statement on the submission by the Irish Government to the International Criminal Court of Justice on the legal consequences arising from Israel's occupation of Palestinian territory; and to confirm if the submission will be published. — Matt Carthy. [41458/23]

14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to report on his attendance at the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy. — Mick Barry. [30625/23]

15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will consider establishing an embassy in Iraq; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [41887/23]

16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will make a statement on the Irish Government's position on the recent Azeri military operation in Nagorno-Karabakh. — Matt Carthy. [41461/23]

17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent trips to Israel and Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [41752/23]

18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the support Ireland is providing for Ukraine and Moldova; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [41704/23]

19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to report on his recent visit to the UN as it relates to the SDG Declaration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [41608/23]

20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when he expects to receive legal advice in relation to the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [41857/23]

21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will update members on what role Ireland will play in providing support and relief following the floods in Libya; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [41809/23]

22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will set out his views on the prospects for the restoration of the Northern Ireland Assembly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [41903/23]

23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what actions he will take given the accelerating illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank of Palestine. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [41763/23]

24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he supports a renegotiation of the United Kingdom's Brexit arrangements with the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [41703/23]

25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will ask the British government to posthumously pardon all Irish people convicted for food theft and other hunger related crimes during the Great Famine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [41685/23]

26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to report on his recent UN visit with respect to Climate Finance and in anticipation of COP 28; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [41609/23]

27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans for a formal recognition of the state of Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [41715/23]

28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent attendance at the UN General Assembly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [41716/23]

29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he sees the need for change and improvements in the structure and operation of the United Nations in order to meet any challenges of the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41804/23]

30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the progress being made in reforming the operation of the United Nations. — Richard Bruton. [41750/23]

31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what action he plans to take in regard to the British government's legacy Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [41869/23]

32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when he expects to receive the report of the Consultative Forum on International Security Policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [41687/23]

33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the supports and resources that Ireland has provided to the people of Morocco and Libya following recent natural disasters. — Matt Carthy. [41460/23]

34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the details of any engagement he has had with his US counterpart with regard to the provision by the US of cluster bombs to Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41732/23]

35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to recent comments by the leader of the British Labour Party in relation to the United Kingdom and the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [41705/23]

36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent visit to Palestine and Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [41688/23]

37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what supports the Government is providing for the people of Libya following Storm Daniel; and what actions his Department is taking to ensure the supports reach the people on the ground. — Gary Gannon. [41911/23]

38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the latest breakdown of known Russian presence at the Russian embassy in Dublin, if a person (details supplied) is still in situ; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41760/23]

39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of his most recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and the Foreign Secretary concerning legacy issues with particular reference to the totally unacceptable legacy Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41854/23]

40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what action Ireland will take individually and at a European level in response to renewed aggression by Azerbaijan against Armenia, including military attacks on civilian areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [41756/23]

41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on passport applications and processing times presently; how many applications were processed this year; how many are outstanding and currently in waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41555/23]

42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on his recent engagement with EU leaders with regard to the war in Ukraine. — Alan Farrell. [33475/23]

43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an overview of the Treaty on Marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction which he recently signed on behalf of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [41871/23]

44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on progress to EU membership of each of the Western Balkan state applicants, the issues to be resolved by each country to advance their applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [41901/23]

45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the future of EU support for Ukraine following his recent visit to the United Nations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41761/23]

46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagement with the British Government on issues relating to the 1974 Dublin and Monaghan bombings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41554/23]

47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he can provide an update on the situation facing women in Iran; if he can outline what steps Ireland is taking at an international level regarding this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [41810/23]

48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he proposes to open a new consulate in Australia, in recognition of the growing Irish population in that country and the strengthening relationship between Ireland and Australia. — Matt Carthy. [41459/23]

49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to further deepen and develop Ireland's relations with Canada; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [41154/23]

50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will set out the matters raised by him and the responses received, in his meeting with the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu; if he specifically raised the continued annexation of Palestinian land by Israeli settlers and the treatment of Palestinians in the occupied territories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [39898/23]

51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to set out his views on the EU reform proposals from the Franco-German expert group which were presented to the General Affairs Council on 19 September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [41902/23]

52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what Ireland's response is to the escalating situation in the Nagorno-Karabakh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [41762/23]

53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what recent engagement he has had with the British government in relation to the legacy Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [41707/23]

54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when the next meeting of the British/Irish Intergovernmental Conference will take place; the issues to be discussed at that meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41855/23]

55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason a passport renewal is not considered on an emergency basis for employment purposes when the applicant is not currently resident in the State; if he will consider making changes to this procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [41108/23]

56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the work of the Irish Embassy in London. — Peadar Tóibín. [41528/23]

57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he anticipates the need for a seriously coordinated and structured response to recent natural and man-made disasters across the globe including recent events in Libya, Morocco and the invasion of Ukraine, if such a response can be delivered through existing structures or otherwise as required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41805/23]

58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for a report on his attendance at the UN Sustainable Development Goals summit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [41870/23]

59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent visit to the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Israel and Jordan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [41297/23]

60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if, in light of yet more new evidence emerging regarding the 1973 killing of a person (details supplied), he will make the family’s desire for a public inquiry clear to the British government; to outline the steps that the Irish Government is taking to aid the family in their quest for justice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39081/23]

61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his attendance at the British-Irish Association 2023 Conference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [41856/23]

62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the details of any meetings he had at the UN regarding Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [41808/23]

63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for a detailed itinerary of his recent visit to Israel. — Gary Gannon. [41909/23]

64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will take a lead role at the United Nations in terms of diplomatically seeking the return of all Ukrainian children who have been abducted by Russian military forces over the course of the Russo-Ukrainian War; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [41686/23]

65. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there has been an increase in applications to the Domestic Solar PV Programme since the 0% VAT on the supply and installation of solar panels was introduced. — Seán Haughey. [41861/23]

66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to provide funding to increase the number of traffic-sited air pollution monitors in towns and cities, particularly on high-traffic streets to gather data to help raise awareness of the harm of car fumes and the need for modal shift to active and public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [41651/23]

67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications on what date he or his office received, in any format, the review of security of energy supply, the reason/s for the delay in his publication of the review of security of energy supply; if he misled Dáil Éireann in June 2023 with comments on his commitment to publish the review; if he will explain why these

commitments were not met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41873/23]

68. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for an update on the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan particularly in relation to counties Cavan and Monaghan. — Niamh Smyth. [41552/23]

69. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide details on the practice of virement within his Department; and provide specific detail of instances where funding was transferred from one fund to another in his Department, in each year since he took office. — Peadar Tóibín. [41530/23]

70. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to confirm that the Irish Government will support the establishment of a loss and damage fund at COP28 in November, that is obligatory and compensatory and grant based and non-debt creating funded by the wealthiest states and corporations that have increased greenhouse gases in our atmosphere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [41790/23]

71. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to report on his most recent engagements with An Post management; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [41156/23]

72. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what engagement he or his Department have had with a company (details supplied) with regard to plans for the building of three new data centres in Dublin; if he or his Department has raised energy security concerns in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41745/23]

73. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which progress towards emission targets are being met in such a way as to achieve the desired result without damage to the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41803/23]

74. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 146 of 25 July 2023, to provide an update on the progress of the publication of review of the SEAI study into Carlinn Hall, Dundalk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [41755/23]

75. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the timeline for the establishment of the Just Transition Commission, as committed to in the Climate Action Plan 2023 Annex of Actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41744/23]

76. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 46 of 3 May 2023, the status of the development of the updated long-term strategy on greenhouse gas emissions reductions; the timeline for publication of the updated strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41743/23]

77. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for an update on the reason the decommissioned Bord na Móna, Derryadd peat bog, at Mid Shannon Wilderness

Park, County Longford, continues to have large volumes of water drained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [41814/23]

78. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of a recent report that found that 98% of people in Europe are living in areas with highly damaging particulate pollution; if he is further aware that it is estimated that up to 1,400 people die in Ireland every year because of poor air quality and that the streets along the quays on either side of the River Liffey in Dublin city centre show relatively elevated nitrogen dioxide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [41793/23]

79. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if will he bring a proposal to Cabinet for Ireland to support the establishment of a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [41789/23]

80. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for an update on the community projects successful in RESS1; the MW that will be delivered from these projects; if he is aware of the challenges these projects face in planning and grid access in particular; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [41785/23]

81. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which sufficient progress is being made in the provision of broadband throughout the country in both urban and rural areas and in such a way as to meet the ever-growing demands in a competitive worldwide market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41802/23]

82. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications why projects approved under the Just Transition Fund cannot qualify for an increase under building inflation costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [41853/23]

83. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he envisages the consultation on private wires will conclude and a report from same will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [41885/23]

84. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the rationale for his intervention in the Shannon LNG planning application; how many other planning applications has he intervened in since his appointment in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [41872/23]

85. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the up-to-date position on national broadband plan roll-out across County Cork when (details supplied) can expect the service to be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [41607/23]

86. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extra renewable energy generation capacity that has come on stream connected to the national grid in the last year broken down between wind, solar and other technologies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [41813/23]

87. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 106 of 15 June 2023, the status of the review of the security of energy supply of Ireland’s electricity and natural gas systems for the period to 2030; the timeline

for the publication of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41741/23]

88. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the development of the terms and conditions for the small-scale renewable electricity support scheme; the timeline for the publication of the terms and conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41742/23]

89. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to improve the monitoring of polluted air at school gates, beyond the GLOBE citizen-science project which is limited by its voluntary participation, monitoring period, methodology and indicative results; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [41650/23]

90. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when funding will be approved for the community climate action programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [41852/23]

91. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the additional measures, if any, that will be introduced to deal with littering problems throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41859/23]

92. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he or his officials in his Department have held any meetings with a company (details supplied) or any other individuals or companies representing another company in relation to the prospect off Corrib, also referred to as the Inishkea gas prospect since January 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [38747/23]

93. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the Energy Security Review. — Richard Bruton. [41746/23]

94. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he can provide a timeline for the ORESS 2.1; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [41806/23]

95. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to report on his recent UN visit with respect to climate finance and in anticipation of COP 28; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [41884/23]

96. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what efforts are being made by his Department to reduce the 24 month waiting period for the warmer home schemes; if he will outline any further plans to review solar grants for young couples wishing to implement same. — Niamh Smyth. [41553/23]

97. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to outline the current position with regard to developing a policy on ‘private wires’; the number of applications made, refused and granted since the transposition into Irish law of the Internal Market in Electricity Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [41157/23]

98. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for an update on the National Broadband Plan in County Meath; the number of premises passed to date; the

number of connections; the planned schedule for the remainder of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [41788/23]

99. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to prohibit the sale and distribution of single use disposable vapes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [41795/23]

100. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he or his Department had any input into a paper produced by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine on culling the national herd (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [41529/23]

101. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures that are being taken to ensure grid capacity to achieve our 2030 renewable targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [41787/23]

102. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the proposals, if any, there are to have additional publicity programmes regarding the need to deal with the proliferation of littering problems throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41858/23]

103. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of a recent report from global NGO Corporate Accountability that found that a majority of carbon offset projects that have sold the most carbon credits are 'likely junk'; what implications this has for Ireland's emission reduction targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [41792/23]

104. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider extending the approach used for oversight of the Climate Action Plan to the complementary strategies for the circular economy and biodiversity. — Richard Bruton. [41747/23]

105. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the timeframe for the adoption of the Code of Practice that will provide for local authorities to install CCTV cameras in the vicinity of 'bottle banks' and other waste collection locations. — Matt Carthy. [41281/23]

106. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the work of the Heat and Built Environment Delivery Taskforce will look at solving issues with existing district and communal heating systems such as Carlinn Hall in Dundalk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [41754/23]

107. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide an update on the Celtic Interconnector; and to state if the project is on track to meet the target of a 2026 completion date. — Seán Haughey. [41860/23]

108. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what measures he is taking to identify and address the underlying causes of high electricity prices here and the fact that Irish retail energy prices are falling more slowly in Ireland than in other EU member states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [41784/23]