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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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 if the Government intends to take legal action to the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) in response to the ‘Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill’ adopted by the British parliament. — Matt Carthy. [41427/23]

2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the contribution made by Ireland to address the humanitarian crises following the earthquake in Morocco and the floods in Libya; if our emergency response capabilities need to be upgraded in the face of growing climate disasters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [41906/23]

3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions he proposes to take further to his visit to Palestine and Israel; and if such actions will include the recognition of the state of Palestine. — Matt Carthy. [41428/23]

4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he used the phrase “apartheid” in any formal engagement during his recent visit to Israel. — Gary Gannon. [41913/23]

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OTHER QUESTIONS

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

5. 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]

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

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

68. 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]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

69. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the risk of blackouts and brownouts this winter, in light of media reports that back-up generation will not be delivered on time; if this risk has been assessed, and what contingency is in place; the date on which the energy security review and a report (details supplied) will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [42053/23]

70. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the plans he is putting in place to reduce the waiting time for householders under the warmer homes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [42047/23]

71. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has met with renewable energy stakeholders regarding publicly expressed concerns about the latest renewable energy support scheme auction; if he will outline the measures he is taking in this regard to ensure that renewables targets are met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [42054/23]

72. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to outline the work underway by his Department to support community-led renewable energy generation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [41917/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

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

*117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which his office is aware of and concerned with the recent statement from the former President of the Russian Federation effectively legitimising the targeting of vital subterranean and submarine infrastructure; and if he has had, or proposes to have, discussions at international level to investigate the possibility of an international response. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29516/23]

*118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department has studied polling (details supplied) reporting that 10% of the State's population were victims of the Troubles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [41904/23]

*119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he intends to raise the recent statement by the former President of the Russian Federation in respect of vital subterranean and submarine infrastructure at the next European Council meeting. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29517/23]

*120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the rebellion in Russia affects European defence security, as observed in the course of any meetings he has had at European level. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32446/23]

*121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent, if any, to which his fellow European leaders have indicated concern at the recent rebellion in Russia; and whether any particular security threats have been highlighted as a result. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32447/23]

*122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which recent events in Russia have affected EU solidarity, as evidenced through his recent attendance at the EU Council. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32746/23]

*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to indicate, given recent events in Russia and indications at the recent European Council meeting which he attended, how it was concluded that Russia, in the aftermath of recent events, was deemed less stable from a European context; and if all EU leaders agree with the summation. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33082/23]

*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which reform of the UN and its charter can be undertaken in the shorter term, given the many challenges presenting in recent times; if Ireland can make specific suggestions in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42078/23]

*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which EU enlargement continues, with particular reference to the Western Balkans, Ukraine or other nations likely to be threatened by similar aggressive action to that used by Russia against Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42079/23]

*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which provision is being made at both EU and UN level to address the needs of people in Libya, Morocco, Maui and other locations that recently experienced devastation from natural disasters or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42080/23]

*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what efforts if any, are in hand in the EU and/or UN to intercede/accommodate the situation between Azerbaijan and Armenia, with particular reference to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42081/23]

*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the current position of the activity of warlords in Africa, with particular reference to the activities of Al Shabaab and Boko Haram; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42085/23]

*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps that continue to be taken at EU and UN level to ban the use of child soldiers at the various locations of such activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42086/23]

*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps that are ongoing to provide assistance by way of Irish bilateral or multilateral aid, with particular focus on starvation/famine, at the most prominent locations in Africa currently in need of appropriate assistance in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42087/23]

*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which all governments have made commitments to the various countries that have recently suffered through natural or manmade disasters; the extent to which aid through the EU or UN has been delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42088/23]

*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if it might be possible through the EU or UN to offer large-scale emergency assistance to countries/populations that have recently suffered disasters such as flooding, earthquakes and other natural disasters, with particular reference to the need to coordinate international help; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42089/23]

*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which post-Brexit agreements are in hand or in force, with particular reference to the need to ensure that whatever arrangements agreed are put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42090/23]

*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which community groups in Northern Ireland continue to receive assistance and support as envisaged arising from the Good Friday Agreement, and more recently through subsequent agreements arising from Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42091/23]

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

*135. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are any financial allowances/credits provided to people who have to use high-energy medical equipment, for example, oxygen tanks, 24 hours per day, towards the cost of their electricity bills. — Alan Kelly. [41926/23]

*136. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the name of organisations who have been approved for one stop shop services for retrofitting homes; the expected number of upgrades which is expected to be able to complete per year when fully operational, and if the level of national coverage has yet been achieved. — Richard Bruton. [41985/23]

*137. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the latest position in relation to the proposed loan for retrofitting being developed with the EIB; whether it is intended that this will only be available for works above a certain threshold, or achieving a certain standard of BER; the likely maximum term of the loan and the prospective interest rate range which will apply and if it is expected it will be open to the public before the end of the year. — Richard Bruton. [41986/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of solar panel installations which are now selling surplus power back to the grid, distinguishing household suppliers, farm or business suppliers; if he has conducted a survey of the price being earned per kilowatt hour, and if he will indicate how he expects this practice to evolve in the coming years. — Richard Bruton. [41987/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to alter any of the conditions or the grant payments available from SEAI for different elements of retrofitting for the coming year, based on evolving take-up of the various schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [41988/23]

*140. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his Department are aware that invasive carp have been found in Lough Corrib SAC, considering that on 26 July 2023, Inland Fisheries Ireland acknowledged through its social media platforms that a carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) was found in the lake (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [42026/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his Department will provide additional financial support to Inland Fisheries Ireland in its stock management efforts to deal with a potential population explosion of recently introduced highly fecund carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) in Lough Corrib SAC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [42027/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures he will consider to reduce the costs to householders who wish to undertake retrofit measures in their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [42048/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will ensure that every applicant under the warmer homes scheme will have measures carried out, regardless of whether these premises are deemed suitable for the deep retrofit scheme or not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [42049/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider putting in place another national used tyre collection scheme to clean up the environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [42050/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is satisfied with the rate of progress being made in the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [42051/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he agrees with proposals to develop windfarms close to residential settings where there is a negative impact on visual amenity, landscape and a risk of white noise and flicker affecting householders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [42052/23]

*147. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the degree to which the programme for the roll-out of broadband throughout the country continues in such a way as to ensure that all areas have access to modern high-speed broadband, in order to facilitate education and industry to the greatest possible extent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42068/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which efforts continue to be made to identify areas where no broadband service exists, with a view to provision of same at the earliest possible date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42069/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what further steps he can take to ensure the elimination of broadband blackspots in all areas throughout the country, with particular reference to those areas adjacent to but not receiving service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42070/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he is satisfied regarding investment in broadband infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42071/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he intends to take to ensure an acceleration of the national broadband programme, given the extent to which many customers feel neglected, particularly in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42072/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he continues to liaise with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to ensure that climate emission reduction requirements are met alongside agri-food objectives, thereby protecting a major national industry of food production, together with the need to observe best practice in emission reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42073/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the degree to which this country continues to meet its various obligations in respect of the attainment of emission targets along with other countries throughout the EU; whether Ireland is being particularly targeted, given the sparse and specific emissions from heavy industry in this country; how the efforts here compare with those in other countries, with particular reference to sensitive production areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42074/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he remains satisfied that conversion to modern manufacturing methods in this country is sufficient to ensure

achievements in terms of emission reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42075/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the universally accepted methods for the disposal of plastics including recycling and the ongoing need to ensure that the public have sufficient ways and means of contributing to reduction in use, disposal and reuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42076/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how he views the adequacy of this country's efforts to meet emission reduction/climate protection proposals/objectives in this country; the extent to which he remains satisfied that the efforts here are comparable to others throughout Europe and in competing market places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42077/23]

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

*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what steps have been taken at national and/or EU level to protect undersea cabling in the Atlantic or elsewhere, which might have an impact on EU and international security; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42084/23]

*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which Irish troops are likely to be called upon to continue to serve overseas in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42083/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*159. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider amending the Road Traffic (National Car Test) Regulations 2017 so that NCT tests would fall due 12 months after a subject vehicle has successfully passed a test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [41890/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for Transport if he considers it acceptable that a young person in Donegal (details supplied) who needs a car for getting to and from work, but lives in a rural area with little or no public transport options, should wait approximately seven months before they can book a test date, then face other possible delays before the test is conducted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [41907/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider establishing a rural link service between Maynooth/Celbridge in County Kildare and Newcastle, County Dublin, to serve the community of Newcastle, as they await the establishment of an orbital route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [41919/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the establishment of the W6 orbital bus route which is currently operating in two sections, as the W61 and W62; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [41920/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are any subsidies for driving lessons for those on disability allowance, particularly for those who attend a training centre (details supplied),

which is a considerable distance away from their homes, and who have no access to public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [41924/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for Transport the percentage of NX bus services from Navan to Dublin and Dublin to Navan that failed to complete their journeys in the past four months; the number that failed to complete their journeys on time; the number of service users who were left behind for each service; what level of fines have been levied against Bus Éireann for under-delivery of services; the average age of the NX fleet; the number of days lost by service drivers not being available for work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [41949/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that the concerns of a trade union in relation to the retention of jobs and terms and conditions are given detailed and urgent consideration (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [41951/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*166. To ask the Minister for Finance if the full value of help to buy support combined with equity support, through either first homes or a local authority's affordable purchase, continues to be constrained by ceilings on permitted ratios to valuation; if he has considered easing this constraint; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [41976/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered extending the help to buy tax relief for affordable purchase beyond new homes; if he has plans to extend the availability of this scheme beyond 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [41984/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will detail the tax reliefs or incentives that are currently in place with regard to the purchase, rental or renovation of property for residential use; the date of which each relief or incentive commenced; if any cost-benefit analysis or review of each relief or incentive has been conducted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [41997/23]

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.

*169. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on the flood scheme for Rosslare Strand, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [41893/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when retired OPW workers will receive increases on their pension in relation to backpay due to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [41947/23]

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

*171. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of work permits that have been issued to date in 2023 for work riders (stable staff that are employed and qualified to exercise horses and bring them out to the gallops); if he has plans to issue more work permits for this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [41940/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 238 of 20 September 2023, if, given that he outlined how the small claims procedure is available to those individuals impacted by the closure of a clinic (details supplied), he can confirm that this means of address does not require the business to still be operating so that claims papers need to be served; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [42057/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*173. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of school transport for two school pupils (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [41918/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children in north Kildare who are without a designated secondary school place at present and in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [41932/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Education how the cost of the free schoolbook grant for primary schools was categorised in terms of capital and current expenditure. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [41933/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the total expenditure in 2023 on payment of funding to be allocated to schools to provide assistance for books for post primary DEIS and non-DEIS schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [41934/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Education when a school transport appeal will be finalised by the school transport appeals board for a person in County Mayo (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [41942/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 770 of 11 September 2023, if the inquiry team will be asked to respond to the survivor's request; her views on whether the emphasis on "recompense" in the guidance booklet is likely to steer survivors in that direction; if the inquiry team will proactively explore options for a "learning-oriented" approach in its future work (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41946/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of a shortage of places in primary schools that teach through the medium of Irish in the Clontarf, Killester and Raheny catchment area; if she has any plans to increase the availability of places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [41972/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 161 of 21 September 2023, if pupils attending a school (details supplied) have access to an indoor play area;

what arrangements are in place for physical education for pupils on days when the weather is bad; if indoor play areas were considered in the design and refurbishment of the building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [42013/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify the steps that are being taken to provide the school bus route for children from Shinrone, County Offaly, to Borrisokane, as children were only informed the evening before school started that there was no driver for this route; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [42031/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education what can be done to assist a child (details supplied) in finding a designated place in secondary school in north Kildare, as this child is missing out so much of the vital social aspect of school and learning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [42036/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 370 of 20 September 2023, the reason that her Department refers to the fact that a maximum amount of home tuition hours for primary school pupils has been allocated to a pupil, as the student in question (details supplied) is a secondary school student; if further hours could be allocated on this basis and due to the fact that there will be only two ASD places available in secondary schools in the Ballincollig area in September 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [42040/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that a person (details supplied) was not consulted regarding the placement of their daughter in respect of her second-level education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42099/23]

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

*185. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way she is supporting children under 16 who have remarkable athletic potential; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [41953/23]

*186. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le ceist 74 ar an 21 Feabhra 2023, an bhfuil dáta ar fáil don athrú ar na cuaillí a bhí geallta laistigh den bhliain ag na Pointí Grianghrafadóireachta ar Shlí an Atlantaigh Fhiáin (details supplied); agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Mairéad Farrell. [41954/23]

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

*187. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to detail any investigation into the potential use of the Baltimore Station House by the OPW; and to provide the reasoning behind the Land Development Agency's refusal to use the Baltimore Station House for its own purposes. — Holly Cairns. [41889/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if affordable homes for purchase or cost rental, developed by the LDA or by AHBs, will be allocated to prospective clients through the local authorities; if the mix between cost rental and affordable purchase will

be a matter for the local authorities or the respective developer, and if the retained equity share will be held by the Council or by the LDA or AHB. — Richard Bruton. [41975/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the increase in the Central Bank recommendation on raising the ratio of mortgage to income from 3.5 to 4.0 has been fully carried over into the terms of first homes and of a local authority's affordable purchase schemes, and if he will outline how the approved equity injection is now calculated. — Richard Bruton. [41977/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered extending the equity supports for affordable purchase beyond new homes. — Richard Bruton. [41978/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will indicate whether the interest rates charged on loans under the local authority home loan have been increased to reflect rising ECB rates; if he will indicate what is the current rate charged, with and without mortgage protection insurance; the total payment which has to be paid per month per €1000 of loan, and whether this rate has incorporated all the prospective changes based on the most recently set ECB rate. — Richard Bruton. [41979/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the interest rates charged on the equity in later years under the first homes scheme have been altered in the face of rising ECB rates; if he will indicate what is the current rate chargeable, and if this rate has incorporated all the prospective changes based on the most recently set ECB rate. — Richard Bruton. [41980/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the ceiling for income which he has set for the following respective housing supports: a local authority home loan, a social tenancy and a cost rental tenancy; if he has plans to review these thresholds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [41981/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current ceiling for the purchase of a home using a local authority home loan and if he has plans to review this ceiling. — Richard Bruton. [41982/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the ceilings on rents supported by HAP for different household composition, different areas, and for those at risk of homelessness, and if he has plans to alter these ceilings. — Richard Bruton. [41983/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that the timeframe for the approval to completion of works under the croí cónaithe (towns) fund was reduced from 18 months to 13 months; what the rationale behind this decision was, especially considering that the initial 18-month timeframe was already proving difficult to achieve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [42004/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans to ban the shooting of woodcock and snipe; if so, the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [42019/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the year-long guarantee to landlords of the State element of HAP payments when the tenant has defaulted on

their contribution, can be backdated to cover the period when the eviction moratorium due to Covid-19 was in place, as landlords were faced with no income and were precluded from issuing a Notice to Quit during that period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [42029/23]

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

*199. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she can confirm the status of the review and appeal of the disability allowance application for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [41900/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what measures she can implement to end the discrimination against many disabled people in receipt of disability allowance, a benefit paid to disabled people directly, who are at risk of losing the benefit should they marry because the benefit is means tested. — Patricia Ryan. [41936/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider increasing the income threshold for fuel allowance for those in receipt of the living alone allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [41939/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on the social welfare appeal of a person (details supplied) in County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [41941/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an exceptional needs payment will be approved for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [41952/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to clarify whether or not, in a situation such as that of a person (details supplied), where the 24/7 care of a person is split between their three children, each of whom is working full-time, even one of those three carers could be eligible for carer's allowance; if not, the other financial supports that are in place for such a family; and how they should apply for free incontinence pads. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [41960/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of the contributory pension for a person (details supplied); when a decision can be made on this application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [41962/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Cork is entitled to the respite grant for 2023. — Michael Creed. [41967/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Cork has an entitlement to arrears of carer's allowance from 17 April 2023 up to 17 August 2023. — Michael Creed. [41968/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 712 of 25 July 2023, the status of her Department's consideration of the European Commission's recommendation to recognise Covid-19 as an occupational illness; if she has concluded her engagements with other Departments and Ministers; the timeline she is working towards in making her decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [42008/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider changing the criteria regarding the living alone allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42020/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is considering changing disability allowance to a three-tier system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [42033/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider lifting a cap on a school (details supplied) for the school meals programme. — Cathal Crowe. [42058/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on the review of a disability allowance payment to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [42061/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if and when carer's allowance in respect of her mother and father might be awarded in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42092/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if and when a PPS number might issue in the case of a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42094/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if and when a basic supplementary welfare payment might be made available, while awaiting disability allowance, in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42096/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) might qualify for an exceptional needs payment given the traumatic situation they have experienced, and continue to experience, including suffering from depression; if urgent arrangements can be made to make an ENP available in their case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42101/23]

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

*217. To ask the Minister for Justice the specific supports available for victims of the Troubles resident in this State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [41914/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Justice if his Department has studied polling (details supplied) reporting that 10% of the State's population were victims of the Troubles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [41915/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will introduce a specific 'Troubles pension', similar to the one available to people in Northern Ireland and Britain. — Patrick Costello. [41916/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Justice the current status of an application (details supplied) for citizenship; when a decision is likely to be reached, in view of the fact that the application was submitted over two years ago; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [41958/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Justice if a service has met an organisation (details supplied) as committed to previously; what the outcome of this meeting was; if supports be provided to this organisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [41959/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of her Department's review of eligibility requirements for family reunification; the timeline she is working towards; if this review will address issues related to family reunification for non-EEA healthcare assistants under the general employment permit (details supplied); the engagements she has had with the Minister for Health and the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment regarding non-EEA healthcare assistants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41971/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí stationed at Pearse Street Garda station in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, across each unit from the community policing, traffic, drugs, and regular units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [42015/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí stationed at Kevin Street Garda station in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, across each unit from the community policing, traffic, drugs, and regular units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [42016/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí stationed at Irishtown Garda station in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, across each unit from the community policing, traffic, drugs, and regular units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [42017/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the procedure to be followed to apply for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42093/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the current and expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42095/23]

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

*228. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook; whether the draft rules submitted by HSI have been ratified by him; and if not, when they will be ratified by him. — Sean Sherlock. [41935/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 785 of 20 September 2023, to confirm that occupancy is based on employment at the location. — Emer Higgins. [41957/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if farmers who applied for the eco scheme and who are now being asked for invoices for planting of trees can have that deadline extended to the end of the calendar year, considering that nurseries currently do not have any saplings available and will not have them until November or December, meaning it is impossible to supply such invoices at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [42005/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether the Brexit aquaculture growth scheme, Brexit blue economy enterprise development scheme and Brexit processing capital support scheme are current or capital expenditure. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [42007/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 755 of 20 September 2023, and specifically his reply that “although other fence types can be more expensive to erect than stock fences, the financial cap of €880 per hectare still applies when IS436 fences are erected”, if he will clarify whether the fencing grant and cap does not cover 160m of fencing other than stock fencing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [42021/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 755 of 20 September 2023, if it is still a pillar of the afforestation scheme that afforestation grants cover the full costs of establishing and maintaining a plantation for the first four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [42022/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 755 of 20 September 2023, if it is accurate for his Department to advertise afforestation grants as covering 100% of the full costs to establish and maintain a forest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [42023/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 751 and 752 of 20 September 2023, to explain the difference in the grant rates detailed in the COFORD report: “Economic Activity and Employment levels in the Irish forestry Sector”, and the rates set out in the report “The Economics of Afforestation and management in Ireland”, specifically Chapter 4 where the author (details supplied) arrives at significantly higher rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [42024/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 749 of 20 September 2023, if he acknowledges that in stating that the 20% broadleaf requirement will be achievable on the vast majority of sites, this leads to a possible situation that some sites will not be suitable for 20% broadleaf afforestation; what the situation is with such sites; if they are excluded from the afforestation scheme or if such sites can enter the afforestation scheme with less than 20% broadleaf component by area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [42032/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if any licence has been issued for the management of the goat herd at Passage East, County Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [42037/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 776 and 778 of 20 September 2023, to detail, in tabular form, the number of farmers or landowners who are not members of BISS and do not claim BISS or BPS, but are recognised as carrying out a farming activity by other sections of his Department; the associated area of land that is now definitively excluded from the farmer rate of premium for such landowners and farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42038/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the significance of greyhound owners listed as ‘GRI-SALES’ for dozens of Irish greyhounds on a website (details supplied); how such greyhounds are recorded on the Rásaíocht Con Éireann traceability system;

the current location of a particular greyhound; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [42042/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the circumstances of the export of an Irish greyhound (details supplied) to China and his current status on the Rásaíocht Con Éireann traceability system; if he is aware that the greyhound set a new track record at Lifford stadium on 4 June 2023 but did not finish (DNF) his last recorded race at Dundalk stadium on 15 July 2023, suggesting serious injury; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [42059/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of greyhounds yearly from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2023 who were traced on the Rásaíocht Con Éireann traceability system (RCÉTS); to provide a yearly breakdown, in tabular form, of the number of greyhounds on RCÉTS who normally reside at registered kennels in Northern Ireland or elsewhere, outside Greyhound Racing Ireland's jurisdiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [42060/23]

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

*242. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans for HSE properties (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [41943/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of specialists (details supplied) working within the HSE in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [41925/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children under the age of eighteen years with a diagnosis (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [41930/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children waiting on an assessment of need (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [41931/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how the hours provided for respite care are arrived at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [41938/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to detail all funding streams available to youth clubs, administered either by his Department or by outside agencies on behalf of his Department, that can contribute towards capital, staff and operating expenses. — Pauline Tully. [42006/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will confirm the number of contracts issued to property owners in County Kilkenny for the purpose of accommodating those fleeing the war in Ukraine and separately the number of contracts for the accommodation of asylum seekers; if he will state whether the contracts are for accommodation and food or accommodation only and if payment is based on the number of beds available or occupancy; if he will set out the payment history for each contract since commencement in

tabular form and where there are arrears to confirm when payments will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [42009/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what funding is available through his Department for refurbishment and upgrades in naíonra childcare facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [42028/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of first assessments for speech and language therapy provided in each local health office area in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [42062/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of treatments for speech and language therapy provided in each local health office area in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [42063/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of first assessments for occupational therapy provided in each local health office area in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [42064/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of first assessments for physiotherapy provided in each local health office area in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [42065/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of assessments of need under the Disability Act 2005 provided in each local health office area in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [42066/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what plans he has to review childcare facilities guidelines for planning authorities that have been in situ since 2001; whether he agrees that a comprehensive review be undertaken so that a new set of guidelines be prepared for the sector, that reflects the current policy and regulatory context and gives relevant direction and guidance to local authorities and landowners alike; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42103/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*256. To ask the Minister for Health if he can confirm whether children were automatically tested for SARSCoV2 on their arrival to ED and for admission at Crumlin Children's Hospital, Tallaght Children's Hospital and Temple Street in the past eight weeks; if so, the positivity rate for both sectors; how many children have been hospitalised for Covid-19; how many subsequently became Covid-positive in hospital; how many, if any, are in ICU or other high dependency; how many outbreaks of Covid-19 there have been in each facility; to provide all information in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [41891/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department is satisfied that all hospitals and public-health facilities are operating to the required statutory standard of ventilation; to publish the audits his Department has undertaken to establish same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [41892/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received important email correspondence from an individual (details supplied); when he intends to respond to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [41895/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Health when the primary care centre in Clondalkin will be opened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [41896/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the number of occupational therapists based in Rowlagh health centre, Clondalkin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [41897/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of all hospitals in the State which provide pain management services; and their staff complement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [41944/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Health what pain management services and staff complement exist in a hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [41945/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Health the current and planned eating disorder services for adults and CAMHS in CHO8 under the National Model of Care for Eating Disorders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [41948/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine appeals lodged by employees of the HSE for the pandemic recognition payment (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [41950/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Health if discussion is expected to make available the current HTA on all CGM and intermittent glucose monitors available to those living with type 1 diabetes in Ireland (details supplied). — Richard O'Donoghue. [41955/23]

*266. 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 and intermittent glucose monitoring systems for people with type 1 diabetes, will be published; and if it recommends the widening of access to these devices, if funding will be provided. — Richard O'Donoghue. [41956/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify, in a situation such as that of a person (details supplied), where the care of a person is split between their three children, each of whom is working full-time, how they should apply for free incontinence pads. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [41961/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Health the number of attendances to the minor injury unit in County Monaghan, per month, from January 2019 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41963/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Health how many voluntary and Section 39-funded organisations have been refused the pandemic special recognition payment; and to outline the reasons for refusals. — Pauline Tully. [41964/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the outstanding requests for the pandemic special recognition payment from voluntary and Section 39-funded organisations; and if he will provide an explanation for delays on these payments for staff members. — Pauline Tully. [41965/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Health if the national cancer screening taskforce intends to update the screening guidelines to reduce the age of bowel cancer screening; the timeline the taskforce is working towards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41969/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to improve the bowel screening programme; his plans to improve GP access to the programme for patient referrals, particularly younger cohorts of patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41970/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Health the means thresholds and savings thresholds for medical card, and for GP only cards, both for those under 70 years and those aged 70 and over, when the recently announced extension of GP cards is complete; his plans to index either or both to the trend in any income indicator for future years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [41989/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Health the circumstances in which a charge will be made to a patient visiting the casualty department, visiting an outpatient department or obtaining a blood test, and the level of charge in each case, and the circumstance in which a patient may apply to have such charges waived. — Richard Bruton. [41990/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Health the concessions offered under the fair deal scheme within the means-testing arrangements where homes of patients have been sold, and where homes of patients have been rented, and if he will indicate the number of instances where this option has been taken up in each case since the concession was put in place. — Richard Bruton. [41991/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Health the prescription charges now paid by medical card holders and if the level of these thresholds is under review. — Richard Bruton. [41992/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Health the threshold for drug refund which is now in place and if the level of this threshold is under review. — Richard Bruton. [41993/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Treatment Purchase Fund is on track to deliver the targeted level of procedures, scopes, diagnostic tests and outpatient appointment during 2023, and whether target waiting times for arranging different interventions have been set. — Richard Bruton. [41994/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of patients who have been treated abroad under different options in the year to date; if he has any breakdown of this number by procedure or specialty, and if the conditions for obtaining treatment in the UK and Northern

Ireland, or in other member states of the EU is likely to change in the coming year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [41995/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Health if he has set prospective dates by which he expects to extend the age groups who qualify for free GP services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [41996/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Health how many recruitment processes for a clinical lead in any area of the health service since 8 February 2020 to date have not included among the job specifications a requirement of clinical experience in that area; if he will list the recruitment processes that did not include the requirement of clinical experience; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [42010/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Health what funding is available to older persons seeking support to adapt their homes via the health-age-friendly-homes programme; what steps older persons seeking support should take to access this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [42011/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that referrals for occupational therapy in the Dublin south, Kildare and west Wicklow primary care region are taking 26 months from the original date of referral, for both assessment and issuing of equipment; his views on whether this is acceptable; what efforts the HSE is making to ensure a timely service in occupational therapy in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [42012/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an urgent appointment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42014/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Health if he will investigate serious concerns regarding a lack of information raised by the parents of a child (details supplied) who has undergone treatment at Temple Street Hospital for hip dysplasia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [42025/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Health the current progress regarding the HSE recognising the NASRA as a union with collective bargaining rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [42030/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Health if he is concerned at the increase in the death rate in this country since 2021; if he will undertake a review of the increased number to determine the cause of deaths; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [42034/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Health when a person in County Meath (details supplied) will receive an appointment with a consultant psychiatrist at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [42035/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Health to arrange for the publication of the review of spinal surgeries in Crumlin Hospital, which has been completed for some time; to commit to publishing that review during the week commencing 25 September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [42039/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the development of the national diabetes registry, which received funding in Budget 2023; the status of the project manager post; the timeline for the recruitment of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [42041/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CAMHS appointments provided in each local health office area in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [42044/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychology appointments in primary care provided in each local health office area in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [42045/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ophthalmology appointments in primary care provided in each local health office area in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [42046/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Health if and when a school dental check-up will take place in the case of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42097/23]

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

*295. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he can explain the ongoing delay in the rollout of professorships in the technological universities; if he will provide a timeline on when this will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [41921/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the executive board structure for each of the technological universities will be rolled out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [41922/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, following on from his comments made on 21 September 2023, he can outline the criteria which technological universities must satisfy in order to be deemed off balance sheet for the purposes of borrowing for student accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [41923/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the concessions made on the student registration fee and the bonus payment on maintenance have been continued into the new academic year; if so, if he will indicate on what terms the concessions are available in the academic year 2023/2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [41974/23]

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

*299. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the assessment of all CLÁR applications; and when she expects to announce the funding. — Robert Troy. [41998/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the assessment of all town-and-village scheme applications; and when she expects to announce the funding. — Robert Troy. [41999/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will approve a CLÁR application for four groups (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [42000/23]

