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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the energy summit he convened at Government Buildings in the summer. — Barry Cowen. [36290/23]
2. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of the Quarter 2 Progress Report of the 2023 Climate Action Plan. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [37575/23]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [41221/23]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Mattie McGrath. [42249/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42341/23]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Mick Barry. [42484/23]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-Ordination last met. — Cian O’Callaghan. [36398/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42342/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination unit will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [42344/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination last met. — Mick Barry. [42485/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination last met. — Cian O’Callaghan. [42507/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on “From Poverty to Potential: A Programme Plan for Child Well-being 2023-2025”, published by his Department on 1 August 2023. — Aindrias Moynihan. [37563/23]

13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on “From Poverty to Potential: A Programme Plan for Child Well-being 2023-2025”, published by his Department on 1 August 2023. — Paul McAuliffe. [37564/23]

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

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

16. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the child poverty unit in his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42343/23]

17. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the child poverty unit in his Department. — Paul Murphy. [42345/23]

18. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the child poverty and well-being unit. — Mick Barry. [42486/23]

19. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the child poverty and well-being unit. — Cian O'Callaghan. [42508/23]

20. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the work of the child poverty unit in his Department. — Peadar Kirby. [42620/23]

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

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

23. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the shared island unit in his Department. — Paul Murphy. [42346/23]

24. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the shared island unit in his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42347/23]

25. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work of his Department's shared island unit. — Mick Barry. [42617/23]

26. To ask the Taoiseach the extent of his interaction with all parties in Northern Ireland in the context of shared island initiative. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42808/23]

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

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

29. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the National Risk Assessment 2023 in his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42348/23]

30. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the National Risk Assessment 2023 in his Department. — Paul Murphy. [42351/23]

31. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the National Risk Assessment 2023. — Mick Barry. [42618/23]

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

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

34. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his recent discussions with the political parties in the North. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [42603/23]

35. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent discussions with Northern Ireland political parties. — Paul Murphy. [42350/23]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

43. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with disability will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [42509/23]

44. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Cathal Crowe. [42581/23]

45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with disability will next meet. — Michael Moynihan. [42584/23]

46. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Aindrias Moynihan. [42590/23]

47. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with disability will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [42604/23]

48. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Mick Barry. [42619/23]

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

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

51. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will meet next. — Cathal Crowe. [42582/23]

52. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will meet next. — Michael Moynihan. [42586/23]

53. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment is next due to meet. — Alan Dillon. [42614/23]

54. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42349/23]

55. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [42352/23]

56. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [42510/23]

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

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

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

60. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent visit to the UN as it relates to the SDG Declaration. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [41929/23]

61. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the UN General Assembly. — Seán Haughey. [42587/23]

62. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent meeting with President Biden. — Seán Haughey. [42588/23]

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

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

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

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68. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will meet next. — Michael Moynihan. [42585/23]

69. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [42511/23]

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

71. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Seán Haughey. [42589/23]

72. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the economic policy unit of his Department. — Alan Dillon. [42613/23]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the establishment figure of the Reserve Defence Forces and its current strength; the number of applicants in 2022 and 2023 and the number inducted; his proposals to introduce employment protection measures for Reserve Defence Force members who deploy on a voluntary basis in support of the Permanent Defence Force; and his proposals to reverse the downward trend in membership of the Reserve Defence Forces. — Matt Carthy. [42775/23]

74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will prioritise, as a matter of urgency, the retention of the fire station at the Curragh, its services being critical not only to our Defence

Forces on site, but also to the wider community, where frequently they are the sole fire services available, with such services being staffed and provided by highly-skilled, committed, valuable personnel who need to be retained within our Defence Forces. — Réada Cronin. [42776/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of previous and active missions that the Army Ranger Wing has been involved in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [42607/23]

76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline the detail of the Defence Forces' vision statement, mentioned in the 'Strategic Framework: Transformation of the Defence Forces' document; if it would have any impact on Irish neutrality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [42519/23]

77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he has considered a retention payment to encourage personnel to remain in the Naval Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [41037/23]

78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how it is proposed to strengthen the Reserve Defence Force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42231/23]

79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the Defence Force's training engagement with the EU Military Assistance Mission in Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42528/23]

80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what measures are being taken to address the current recruitment and retention issues in the Defence Forces; if career progression can be included in the recently published Strategic Framework – Transformation of the Defence Forces under recruitment Initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [42598/23]

81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the measures that he is taking to support the retention of Defence Forces personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [42248/23]

82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the implementation of the Defence Forces infrastructure plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [42529/23]

83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of females who applied under the most recent Defence Forces recruitment campaign; how many of these are progressing through the recruitment stages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [42599/23]

84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when the report on the Consultative Forum on International Security will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [42552/23]

85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of naval personnel who availed of the Naval Service seagoing commitment in 2021 and in 2022; the total amount drawn down in each of these years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [41036/23]

86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which he continues in his efforts to ensure the full implementation of all aspects of the report of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42535/23]

87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence 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. — James Lawless. [42460/23]

88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if a tribunal of inquiry to examine the effectiveness of the complaints process in the Defence Forces into workplace issues will include in its terms of reference the examination of cultural issues within the Defence Forces and the treatment of those arising from having engaged in complaints procedures in the past. — Matt Carthy. [42543/23]

89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of members of the Defence Forces who are currently serving on peacekeeping missions overseas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [42530/23]

90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his Department's defence strategy and protocol for the undersea cables regarding the Naval Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [42606/23]

91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide an update on when there will be an extension of service for sergeants with post-1994 contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [42242/23]

92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when he expects to have the staffing capacity to have more than one naval vessel at sea; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [42591/23]

93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the plans he has to strengthen the Irish Naval Service and Air Corps so that they can properly patrol Irish waters in relation to intercepting drug consignments being transported through our waters, enforcing fishery laws as well as assisting in search and rescue missions off our coast; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42549/23]

94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on progress being made to recruit more personnel into the Defence Forces, particularly the Naval Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [42596/23]

95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the measures that the Government is implementing to attract new recruits to the Air Corps, ensuring a skilled and motivated workforce for our defence needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [42600/23]

96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his proposals to provide increased support for veterans' associations. — Matt Carthy. [42544/23]

97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an outline of the strategies and improvements required to attract females to enlist in the Defence Forces and feel fully respected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42230/23]

98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the timeframe for the implementation of an agreed policy for the application of the Working Time Directive within the Defence Forces, with legislative underpinning, which is reported as a core strategic priority within the Strategic Framework Transformation of the Defence Forces. — Pauline Tully. [42616/23]

99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the action he will take to stabilise the numbers within the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [42462/23]

100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on the number of married quarters and houses that remain within the possession of the Defence Forces or his Department; and the number currently vacant. — Gary Gannon. [42593/23]

101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the timeframe for the implementation of the Working Time Directive in the Naval Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [42243/23]

102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will review the decision to reject a submission advocating in favour of awarding a military medal for gallantry to a person (details supplied). — Matt Carthy. [42532/23]

103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide an update on Ireland's submarine cables; if they have been put at risk in recent months by hostile countries travelling through Irish waters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [42610/23]

104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the Strategic Framework of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [42461/23]

105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the main capital acquisitions of the Defence Forces in 2023 and the associated costs; the proposed main acquisitions for 2024 and the estimated costs; and the primary acquisitions required under Level of Ambition 2 of the Commission on the Future of the Defence Forces. — Matt Carthy. [42541/23]

106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an overview of pay and conditions in the Defence Forces, especially in relation to new recruits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [42247/23]

107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will list the occasions Taoisigh have used the Government jet in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [33726/23]

108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if, in view of the lack of an Army barracks in the central border area, further consideration will be given at an early date to the reopening of Dún Uí Néill, Cavan, as an Army barracks and, in the interim, as a forward operating base as that area has a long land border with a neighbouring jurisdiction, and taking into account that the

presence locally of Army personnel played a very important role in the security of the State at a very difficult time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [42550/23]

109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the need for cultural change in the Defence Forces and the Strategic Framework: Transformation of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [42516/23]

110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the progress being made in the investigation into the death of a soldier (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [42595/23]

111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the plans to improve pay and conditions for members of the Defence Forces. — Thomas Gould. [42559/23]

112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the status of the terms of reference for the judge-led tribunal of inquiry to examine the effectiveness of the complaints processes in the Defence Forces into workplace issues relating to discrimination, bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual misconduct; the timeline for the publication of the terms of reference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [42546/23]

113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the strength of the permanent Defence Force as of September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [42527/23]

114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to indicate, with regard to recent events on the high seas, where the Defence Forces displayed the highest possible degree of competence and bravery, the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the adequacy of the desired level of air and sea surveillance required to fully police Irish shores and submarine installations; if he remains satisfied that the Defence Forces, Army, Navy and Air Corps have adequate resources at their disposal to meet the challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42536/23]

115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline the recruitment and retention challenges facing the Defence Forces; how the Strategic Framework: Transformation of the Defence Forces will address those challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [42518/23]

116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will reflect on the process of the Consultative Forums on International Security Policy; what the next steps in the process are; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [42517/23]

117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he intends to publish a general scheme of the Bill to apply the Working Time Directive to members of the Permanent Defence Forces; the timeframe for same; and if he intends to provide an allocation in Budget 2024 for the purpose of implementing the Working Time Directive. — Matt Carthy. [42531/23]

118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when the security environment analysis arising from the White Paper on Defence will be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [42551/23]

119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the total military aid given by the EU to Ukraine since the beginning of the Ukrainian war; the amount promised but not yet given; the contribution given by Ireland to date; the contribution promised in the future; whether Ireland supported the giving of such aid in the EU Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42548/23]

120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the key challenges he has identified with regard to Defence Forces retention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [42463/23]

121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the measures the Government is implementing to attract new recruits to the Naval Service, ensuring a skilled and motivated workforce for our defence needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [42601/23]

122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of vacant married quarters and houses that were in the possession of the Defence Forces or his Department on 1 January 2023 and have been occupied by new tenants since that date. — Gary Gannon. [42594/23]

123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide details on the structure and operations of the Civil-Military Defence Women's Network set up in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [42553/23]

124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline the details of the Detailed Action Plan on Defence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [42520/23]

125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 12 of 16 May 2023, to provide an update on Ireland's involvement in the EU Military Assistance Mission in support of Ukraine; the number of Defence Forces personnel deployed to the mission to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [42547/23]

126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of sailings of Irish Naval Vessels that have been unable to proceed this year due to staffing issues; the number of vessels currently not in use; and the current target for recruitment for the Naval Service this year. — Thomas Gould. [42558/23]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*127. To ask the Taoiseach how many times, and on what dates, the Policing Reform Implementation Programme Office convened in 2022 and 2023. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [42120/23]

*128. To ask the Taoiseach how many times, and on what dates, the Implementation Group on Policing Reform convened in 2022 and 2023. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [42121/23]

*129. To ask the Taoiseach how many times, and on what dates, the High-Level Steering Board on Policing Reform convened in 2022 and 2023. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [42122/23]

*130. To ask the Taoiseach if he has been presented with annual reports for the ‘A Policing Service for our Future Plan’ for each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if so, if they can be made available to the public. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [42123/23]

*131. To ask the Taoiseach when the latest report on progress for APSSF was made to the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Public Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [42124/23]

*132. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide details of when it is expected that the fourth APSFF iteration report will be provided; what opportunity there is for scrutiny of the progress and future of the plan’s success in achieving the original recommendations from the Commission on the Future of Policing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [42125/23]

*133. To ask the Taoiseach the number of data breaches experienced by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [42374/23]

*134. To ask the Taoiseach if he has acted on his recent statement that he would invite EU Environment Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevičius to Ireland to discuss the outcome of the recent nitrates derogation decision. — Carol Nolan. [42564/23]

*135. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent meeting with the President of the United States. — Mick Barry. [41729/23]

*136. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent meeting with UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres. — Mick Barry. [41730/23]

*137. To ask the Taoiseach if he will outline how the new child poverty unit within his Department will address the data deficit in terms of regional mapping of child poverty; what means the unit will use to assess where there are higher concentrations of child poverty; and what ethnic identifiers the unit will use to assess which populations are most at risk and to ensure that culturally appropriate supports are in place. — Neasa Hourigan. [42689/23]

*138. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department has a policy on the use of artificial intelligence; and if any Departmental functions are assisted by language model-based chatbots (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [42824/23]

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

*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application (details supplied) can be expedited as the applicant’s travel date is imminent and all requested supporting documentation has been provided to the Passport Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [42213/23]

*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of data breaches experienced by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [42366/23]

*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to invite the Governor of the State of Virginia in the US to Ireland before the end of year. — Catherine Murphy. [42377/23]

*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if, during his recent visit to the United Nations, he sought a progress report on the work of the anti-corruption task force for Ukraine established this year to work with G7 nations and the UN to reduce the risk of corruption in Ukraine; if he will continue to monitor the progress of the task force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Kirby. [42638/23]

*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the competent agency for providing personal security clearance in the State; if provision for such clearance is provided exclusively for those employed by the State or if it can be attained by private citizens; if, in the case of the latter, the manner in which Irish citizens seeking employment requiring European Union personal security clearance may obtain such clearance; if they may not, if this precludes private citizens from applying for roles in organisations supported, such as the European Defence Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [42644/23]

*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of requests received for personal security clearance received from those not employed by a Government Department or body under the aegis of a Government Department; the number of which were subsequently directed to An Garda Síochána via the Department of Justice in each of the years 2019 to date, in tabular form, by category (academic, enterprise); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [42678/23]

*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagements that he has had with his European and international counterparts regarding ongoing political unrest in Niger; the number of Irish citizens who have registered their presence with his Department; if there is an Irish embassy outside of Niger accredited to that state; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [42679/23]

*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department has a policy on the use of artificial intelligence; and if any Departmental functions are assisted by language model-based chatbots (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [42816/23]

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

*147. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42716/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has any plans to assist those in receipt of the State pension with the annual cost of servicing their gas/oil boilers, which can cost an average of €170 per annum at present prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [42131/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what provision can be made for a community in Dublin's north inner city (details supplied) that does not have access to fibre-optic broadband to each home on the road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [42160/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views that €70 million is sufficient to drive zero carbon investment in industry through scaling up and expanding industry supports in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [42161/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount he allocated in the 2023 climate action fund for the installation of solar panels on schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [42168/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to examine a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [42272/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are plans to re-introduce a grant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [42358/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of data breaches experienced by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [42364/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications whether a distribution box could be installed to supply broadband to a house (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [42569/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the timeframe for the roll-out of at least 30mb broadband speeds to a location (details supplied) in County Donegal as part of the national broadband plan; if such areas with poor or no broadband coverage shall be prioritised during the roll-out phase as part of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [42624/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he would consider the introduction of a postcode capable of being used by An Post in light of recent articles (details supplied) detailing how parcels addressed with Eircode are often returned to the sender as being incompletely addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [42691/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has a policy on the use of artificial intelligence; and if any Departmental functions are assisted by language model-based chatbots (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [42814/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average price, per barrel of oil, that the State is paying. — Brian Stanley. [42830/23]

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

*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current establishment figure of the Naval Service and that proposed under Level of Ambition 2 of the Report on the Commission of the Defence Forces; the current strength of the Naval Service; the current strength of the naval fleet and if he will report on the fleet replacement programme. — Réada Cronin. [42851/23]

*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of data breaches experienced by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [42361/23]

*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the status of the promised legislation to establish the External Oversight Body of the Defence Forces on a statutory basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [42556/23]

*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on the work of the non-statutory External Oversight Body of the Defence Forces; if he has received any reports from the body to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [42557/23]

*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the amount spent on the commission of reports on matters pertaining to the Defence Forces in each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [42562/23]

*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how the current peacekeeping and humanitarian efforts will continue to be the core of the international reputation of the Defence Forces, especially with climate change becoming an ever-increasing security threat across the world; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [42605/23]

*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to outline his investment plans for the adequate funding of the Defence Forces, that is, the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps, to meet the State's defence and security needs in the 21st century and the capacity to provide appropriate intervention and assistance State-wide in situations of extreme weather and disruption caused by global warming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [30795/23]

*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the strategy documents or reports currently governing the approach of his Department; those that are under review; those currently being formulated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [42645/23]

*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the target date by which he intends to achieve Level of Ambition 2 of the Commission on the Future of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [42646/23]

*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the reason that a former Army Private, who retired in February 2012 with 34 years of service, has a 31-year pension, but when they turn 66, their pension falls back to a 21-year pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [42708/23]

*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which military capability in respect of air and sea surveillance is sufficiently modernised and updated to meet ever-increasing challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42798/23]

*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps are sufficiently equipped in terms of technology, military hardware and any other requirements needed to address the ongoing threats from drug smugglers or others who seek to breach the laws of the State from the sea, air or by land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42799/23]

*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the plans, if any, afoot to ensure the availability of all naval vessels needed to patrol our shorelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42800/23]

*173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to indicate, following the recent successful activity of the Air Corps in deterring those who would present a threat to the State, the extent to which he accepts the necessity to augment the force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42801/23]

*174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to indicate, following the recent successful activity of the Naval Service in deterring those who would present a threat to the State, the extent to which he accepts the necessity to augment the force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42802/23]

*175. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which he might see fit to augment and update the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps, in line with any lessons learnt from recent success in the high seas; if he sees a potential threat to installations, notwithstanding the success to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42803/23]

*176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he can envisage taking emergency measures to ensure that the strength of the Army, at all ranks, is updated and supplementary, both in terms of recruitment and equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42804/23]

*177. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he can envisage taking emergency measures to ensure that the strength of the Naval Service, at all ranks, is updated and supplementary, both in terms of recruitment and equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42805/23]

*178. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he can envisage taking emergency measures to ensure that the strength of the Air Corps, at all ranks, is updated and supplementary, both in terms of recruitment and equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42806/23]

*179. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which Irish security forces have all the necessary communications and other technical equipment to liaise and cooperate with defence forces in other jurisdictions, with a view to continuously combatting crime and at the same time ensuring the security of the State against threats from any quarter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42807/23]

*180. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department has a policy on the use of artificial intelligence; and if any Departmental functions are assisted by language model-based chatbots (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [42811/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport if he and Irish Rail will consider the full reopening and upgrading of the train station in Clonmel, County Tipperary; if he and Irish Rail will explore the possibility of operating additional direct rail services between Waterford and Galway by utilising the current Waterford-Limerick line, thereby benefitting commuters of Ireland's largest inland

town, Clonmel, with enhanced rail services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [42107/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to address the anomaly whereby cars purchased for use as a taxi prior to 2010 can continue to be used, whereas cars purchased from 2012 onwards cannot continue to be used due to the ten-year rule; if he plans to introduce a 15-year limit for all vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [42113/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport if a service can be restored to south County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42116/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport what his plans are to ensure the successful delivery of the Athlone to Galway greenway; the projected timescale for such delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [42118/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport what steps he is taking to ensure that citizens who have been trained as helicopter pilots in the North of Ireland have their qualification recognised to be able to work across Ireland as a helicopter pilot, as per section 8 of the 'Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the Common Travel Area and associated reciprocal rights and privileges' (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [42127/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport in line with the freight strategy published some time ago by Iarnród Éireann, and the ever increasing interest being shown by businesses in the west in rail freight, what discussions have taken place in relation to the provision by the Department of funding to purchase a hundred new freight wagons; whether a formal application has been made by Iarnród Éireann/CIÉ for such funding; if it was, when was it made; the expected date of a decision on such an application; the projected time it will take for the delivery following the placing of an order for same in view of the gauge of the Irish railway system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42238/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport if capacity will be increased on a busy bus route (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42245/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on a public transport project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [42257/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the NTA has been made aware of its obligations under the UNCRPD to consult, actively involve and prioritise Disabled Persons Representative Organisations; to provide a register of all organisations the NTA has consulted in relation to visually impaired persons, the number of engagements with each organisation, and the reasoning for each consultation, from 2017 to date in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [42273/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport in relation to the Galway Oranmore Passing Loop rail project which was announced in 2021, stated that it would commence in Autumn 2022 and be opened in early 2024; however little progress to date has been made; if the Minister can outline

the reasons for this and provide an updated timeline for commencement and completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [42274/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that pensioners of a company (details supplied) are struggling with the cost of living because their pensions were cut and are in no way keeping pace with inflation; if he has any plans to meet with them or their representatives to discuss their pension issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [42275/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide extra resources to increase capacity on a bus service (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [42292/23]

*193. 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 college and 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. [42334/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of data breaches experienced by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [42376/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated costs to introduce a light rail transport system in Limerick, Galway and Cork. — Catherine Murphy. [42385/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of a new bus shelter at a location (details supplied); and if this new shelter is likely to be estimated before the end of 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [42386/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking in response to the absence of an increase in pension payments (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [42400/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport to review correspondence regarding cash not being taken at a State agency (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42405/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the reasoning behind the change of speed limit on a road (details supplied); and if an evaluation of the new speed limit could be conducted, in light of the number of young families residing along the road. — Holly Cairns. [42412/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports in subsidies and VRT concessions which will be available to the purchaser of electric vehicles from the start of 2024, both hybrid and fully electric. — Richard Bruton. [42424/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress in the development of the residential neighbourhood charging scheme; when he expects the scheme to launch; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [42458/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has received a request to meet with a group (details supplied); if he will accept its invitation to meet with it to discuss the future of the A5 upgrade project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [42476/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider Blarney for a ‘safe routes to schools’ study. — Thomas Gould. [42481/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport the process under which a road for which ownership is unclear but acts as a public access route to a school and needs road safety measures. — Thomas Gould. [42482/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he is aware of issues with road safety and school drop-off on a road in Blarney, known as Hedge Road, for which no clear ownership can be found. — Thomas Gould. [42483/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he is aware of issues with buses in Glanmire; and whether he will consider additional buses on the route to remedy this. — Thomas Gould. [42488/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will be facilitated with a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [42539/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made to date with the review of the Galway Transport Strategy 2016 which he said in the Dáil was expected to be published by the end of the year; whether that deadline will still be achieved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42545/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport if traffic calming and a pedestrian crossing will be installed at a location in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [42574/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport whether it would not be possible for Irish Rail to facilitate the 800 supporters who need to travel to Cork from Inchicore for a sporting fixture (details supplied) on Sunday, 8 October 2023, and for large sporting fixtures in general. — Patrick Costello. [42622/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that the alternatively fuelled heavy duty purchasing scheme has been paused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [42636/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is planning to reintroduce the alternatively fuelled heavy duty purchasing scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [42637/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport when the S-Spine of BusConnects will be implemented. — Patrick Costello. [42641/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has seen an alternative proposal for flight paths at Dublin Airport (details supplied) which have the potential to address the existing noise nuisance

over many properties; if he has discussed this proposal with the DAA and aviation authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [42658/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the ongoing poor service on the 103 Bus Éireann route; his assessment and plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [42659/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the ongoing poor service on the 103X Bus Éireann route; his assessment and plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [42660/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the ongoing poor service on the 105 Bus Éireann route; his assessment and plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [42661/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the ongoing poor service on the 105X Bus Éireann route; his assessment and plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [42662/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the ongoing poor service on the 109 Bus Éireann route; his assessment and plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [42663/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the ongoing poor service on the 109A Bus Éireann route; his assessment and plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [42664/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport when the proposed new bus route L14 in Bray, County Wicklow, will start operating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [42675/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has examined the possible use of A-Traktors for young drivers in Ireland, as is in operation in Sweden; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [42692/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport if, given the unprecedented traffic gridlock caused by the closure of the Obelisk Bridge for works, he will liaise with Louth County Council, TII and the M1 toll operators, to offer Eircode-based M1 toll passes, or any other workable solution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [42709/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport if, noting the availability of online maps and route planners, there is consideration being given to removing the SPSV exam which comprises two separate modules: the Industry Knowledge Module and the Area Knowledge Module; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [42710/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport the reasons that the Grand Canal Greenway in Clondalkin has been closed to users now for the third time to facilitate cabling works for a nearby building (details supplied), without adequate alternate routes for cyclists and pedestrians being provided. — Catherine Murphy. [42718/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he intends publishing all the back-up documentation referred to by a company that worked on contract for his Department here and the Department of Transport in NI (details supplied) as part of the preparation of the All-Island Strategic Rail review, so that interested parties will have full access to the range of documentation on which the recommendations of the strategy were based; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42789/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has a policy on the use of artificial intelligence; and if any Departmental functions are assisted by language model-based chatbots (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [42826/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of sports utility vehicles (SUVs) registered here; the number of SUVs registered in each county in each of the years 2013 to 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [42839/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*229. To ask the Minister for Finance on behalf of a person (details supplied) when will an appeals board be formed to deal with primary medical certificates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42305/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given in relation to agricultural relief from capital gains tax (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42782/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing a VAT refund order worth 5% of a new home for the purchase of new build homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [42162/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Finance if he would consider extending the benefit-in-kind relief for workplace health and well-being supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [42165/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider facilitating a short term solution with regard to the ongoing issue of tax implications for cross-Border remote workers; while this short term solution, similar to temporary solutions during the covid pandemic, is in place, a comprehensive long term solution can be worked on a bilateral British-Irish basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [42167/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will broaden the scope of qualifiers for the primary medical certificate to include mental health issues, ADHD and autism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [42211/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Finance the process to apply for the rent tax credit if you do not have a MyGovID; the process to apply for the rent tax credit if you do not have internet access; if there is a paper application process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [42235/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Finance the process for setting up a revenue online account when you do not have two of the three IDs, such as a driving license and information about your

income tax notice of assessment or acknowledgement of a self-assessment, which some people do/do not have; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [42236/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on measures to reconstitute the Disabled Drivers Medical Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [42241/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Finance when he hopes to commence the provisions in the 2022 Finance Act in relation to the key employee engagement programme; the nature of any conversations he is having with the European Commission on this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [42246/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update as to when the disabled drivers scheme will have a new appeals board in place; to confirm how many appeals were awaiting determination on 26 September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [42261/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Finance if the EU's Consumer Credits legislation, recently passed by the European Parliament, will necessitate any changes in domestic law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [42356/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of data breaches experienced by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [42365/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost in 2024 if the stamp duty on ATM-only cards and debit cards were scrapped. — Catherine Murphy. [42392/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of reducing the level of excise applied to home heating oil from €122.83 to €69 from 16 October 2023 to 1 March 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [42393/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to have a bilateral meeting with his Spanish counterpart. — Catherine Murphy. [42394/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Finance to review correspondence regarding cash not being taken at a State agency (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42403/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Finance the funding provided by the State to an organisation (details supplied), per year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [42404/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Finance what the structure of motor tax and of VRT will be from the start of 2024; and whether it will embody any new measures to promote more sustainable purchases. — Richard Bruton. [42423/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of the request that the tax relief for filmmaking should include requirements of more generous copyright for creative workers on these films, so that the same rights would be available in Ireland as in other countries. — Richard Bruton. [42428/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of people who avail of the exemption from income taxes of room rental generating less than €14,000, and of childcare in the home of under €15,000; and if he will estimate the cost of each of these reliefs. — Richard Bruton. [42432/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Finance the full-year cost to the Exchequer of increasing the pension fund threshold from €2 million to €2.4 million; if he is considering any adjustments to the threshold for Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [42448/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Finance if the term “qualifying residence” referenced in the definition of “self-build qualifying residence” in section 477C of the Taxes Consolidation Act (TCA) 1997 (details supplied) refers to, and has the same meaning, as the previous definition of “qualifying residence” in section 447C; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [42455/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a taxation matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [42457/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Finance when the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal will be appointed; the reason for the delay in appointing this board given the fact that the Board has not been functioning since the end of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42491/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Finance when the Central Bank plans to introduce a regulatory regime to govern the independent operators of ATMs, as recommended by the Retail Banking Review; if his Department has raised this issue with the Central Bank in 2023; if he is concerned at reports that the operators may consider introducing charges on transactions prior to any new regulatory framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [42495/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [42670/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42738/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42759/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42761/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has a policy on the use of artificial intelligence; and if any Departmental functions are assisted by language model-based chatbots (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [42815/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Finance if the review of Ireland’s personal tax system will be published in advance of the fiscal budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [42838/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department records the type of vehicle involved in road accidents which become the subject of a civil trial involving an insurance company. — Ivana Bacik. [42842/23]

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.

*262. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to ensure increased investment in the Shared Island Fund in the upcoming Budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [42138/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the mediation process currently underway in relation to lands at Castletown Estate, County Kildare (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [42212/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to indicate if he is considering an enhanced national infrastructure fund with an additional commitment of upwards of €30 billion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [42237/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if a person (details supplied) in County Clare who is currently an existing executive officer and has applied for a conservation ranger position with the National Parks and Wildlife Service, will retain their existing salary pay scale, given their experience as an executive officer, and not a reduction in pay scale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [42251/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if, in relation to the report that OPW is to commission a cull of wild rabbits at a national park in Kerry, he will instruct the OPW to seek alternative methods of population control (details supplied); and if he would be open to meeting to discuss these options with a named organisation. — Paul Murphy. [42293/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if there is any rationale for an area (details supplied) to be considered a flood risk; if recent reviews of the area have been carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [42331/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline the position regarding a scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [42353/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of data breaches experienced by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [42371/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of non-established civil servants currently employed by the State, by grade. — Catherine Murphy. [42396/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if any reviews or studies have been conducted by his Department into the use of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete in the construction of public buildings and buildings providing public, social, educational or health services; if he has requested of the Office of Public Works that such a review take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [42435/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he intends to re-establish the civil service accountability board, as recommended by the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach in a ‘Ministers and Secretaries Act Report’; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [42505/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he intends to re-establish the performance review group, as recommended by the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach in a ‘Ministers and Secretaries Act Report’; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [42506/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide, in tabular form, a list of Secretaries General; their relevant Departments; the date they were appointed to their current position and, where applicable, granted a three-year extension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [42554/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the percentage of civil servants employed at higher grades (assistant principal or higher); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [42555/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for a timeline for the implementation of the Strategic Framework Plan for Dublin Castle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [42615/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the full-year cost of ensuring that every public sector worker is paid a minimum of €17 per hour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42625/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will respond to matters raised (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [42762/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department has a policy on the use of artificial intelligence; and if any Departmental functions are assisted by language model-based chatbots (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [42821/23]

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

*280. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the implementation of EU Regulation 2021/57 relating to the carrying or use of lead gunshot on or

within 100 metres of wetlands; the primary or secondary legislation in Irish legislation enacting such; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [42640/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to ensure increased investment in the All-Island Disruptive Technologies Innovation Fund in the upcoming Budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [42138/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated number of claims and their duration under the employer funded sick pay scheme since it was introduced this year; whether he has any estimate of under-claiming of potential eligibility; whether steps are required to promote its full use and if he will indicate the phasing planned for increased periods of cover and the date from which they shall become effective. — Richard Bruton. [42142/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is aware of a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [42260/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of data breaches experienced by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [42363/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [42526/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on his representations to the IDA in relation to environmental and workers' rights concerns in respect of a company with EMEA headquarters in Dublin (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [42751/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has a policy on the use of artificial intelligence; and if any Departmental functions are assisted by language model-based chatbots (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [42813/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*288. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that a child (details supplied) cannot get the transport to school that they so badly need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42752/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider a rural bus scheme for children in Glenville attending school in Fermoy. — Thomas Gould. [42112/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Education when the application for a new build for a school (details supplied) will be approved; the reason for the delay in making a decision on this application; when a modular building, which was to be in place for this autumn's reopening of the school, will be in place for a new special class at the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42129/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Education to address teacher shortages in secondary schools by allowing teachers who are working 22 hours in a school and who could work in another school on their half day, to do so, and therefore extend the ability to work up to 35 extra hours in the year, not just in one's own school, but in others too; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [42152/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that a qualified Irish teacher, who worked in a school in Abu Dhabi, and is now looking to return to the Irish labour force, is not entitled to increments; and what plans she has to ensure teacher retention in Ireland and ensure that teachers who are in similar circumstances are welcomed back with equality of opportunity and treatment. — Sorca Clarke. [42179/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Education the reason young teachers are being told it could take up to 20 weeks to have increments acknowledged, which creates a situation where teachers face losing a significant amount of income due to the Department's inefficiency. — Martin Browne. [42192/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools that had solar panels installed as part of the summer works programme in 2022 and to date in 2023, by county, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [42194/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools that were granted funds from the summer works programme in 2022 and to date in 2023, by county, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [42195/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that days worked by an SNA are not cumulative for payscale purposes; the reason that they are based on contracts, given that a person on a short-hour contract can go to higher point on a payscale than a person who could have many more days of experience in a classroom; if she will consider changing this policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [42196/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Education to review a case urgently (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42217/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Education what steps are being taken to increase the number of early start places in the county area of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Childcare Committee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [42262/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Education whether she is considering providing free schoolbooks for secondary school students, for the upcoming school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [42279/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the Children's Books Ireland's Right to Be a Reader Campaign, urging the government to provide sustained funding for school libraries in Budget 2024; given that only 15% of the Irish population of any age are signed up as public library members, will the Minister support properly funded school primary and secondary school libraries, staffed by a qualified librarian; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [42282/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Education when a child (details supplied) will be provided with SEN school transport, in view that it is now over 4 weeks since the school term commenced, and the child still has no transportation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [42306/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to re-introduce additional payments for teachers who gain extra qualifications, such as a special education qualification or a doctorate degree; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [42317/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Education if she will make a representation to the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to have teaching added to the critical skills list; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [42325/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Education if additional funding will be provided in Budget 2024 for the primary education system to ensure mental health supports and reduce class sizes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [42326/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Education for an update in relation to the provision of school accommodation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [42336/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Education for an update in relation to the provision of school accommodation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [42337/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Education for an update in relation to the provision of school accommodation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [42338/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Education for an update in relation to the provision of school accommodation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [42339/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Education how many school bus services in Galway county are currently not running due to lack of drivers or lack of buses; how many children are affected as a result of these challenges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [42340/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the shortage of SNA hours in a school (details supplied); if she will ensure that the extra hours the school has applied for are granted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [42357/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Education the number of data breaches experienced by her Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [42362/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that a school (details supplied) is not recognised by the State; if, since 2007, the school has applied to be recognised; if so, the outcome of this application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [42397/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Education if any reviews or studies have been conducted by her Department into the use of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete in the construction of public buildings and buildings providing educational services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [42434/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of how the €500,000 funding that was made available in 2009 for a memorial to honour all survivors of all State-run industrial schools is to be used; if she will outline details of the proposed memorial; to provide a timescale for when it will be in place; if she will acknowledge that survivors are eager to see the

plans for a memorial brought to fruition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [42459/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that students in a school in Dublin (details supplied) who require full access to an SNA have been denied this access, with only one SNA shared between two junior infant classes; and the plans she has to ensure that children with SEN receive a full education, like their peers, and do not miss out on school due to lack of SNAs/ SNA hours. — Sorca Clarke. [42467/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Education the measures her Department can take to review the catchment area of a school (details supplied), to allow children who live a 90 second walk away from the school attend it, in the interest of sustainability. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [42469/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Education to review correspondence (details supplied); if she will provide clarity on this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42477/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Education whether she is aware of issues with a new secondary school building in Blarney that is causing traffic chaos; what actions have been taken to mitigate this pending the completion of the staff car park; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [42480/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on plans to roll out of the ICT grant to schools (primary and secondary) for the current school year under the digital strategy for schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [42515/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Education if she will expedite an application for a school extension (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [42522/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider that an additional minor works grant be paid to primary schools again this year, in light of the extra costs of running schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [42524/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Education when refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) will be completed and the estimated cost for these works. — Sorca Clarke. [42540/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Education when refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) will move to the tender stage of works. — Sorca Clarke. [42542/23]

*324. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department plans to raise four concerns from an organisation (details supplied) as part of submissions on Budget 2024. — Robert Troy. [42648/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Education the schemes and funding streams available to assist schools green their external spaces, with, for example, trees and landscaped green areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [42650/23]

*326. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 693 of 11 September 2023, the measures that her Department is taking to address further delays experienced by an autism unit in a school (details supplied); if her Department will take action to ensure that necessary work commences as soon as possible; the reason that further delays have

taken place, meaning the new opening date will be sometime in November 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [42668/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Education when the next IT grant will be issued to primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [42674/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware that special education bus services for many students with additional needs have been stopped; the reason for this; if she will engage with the Department of Transport to have this vital service reinstated for service users; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [42677/23]

*329. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [42749/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Questions No. 629 of 11 September 2023 and 287 of 26 September 2023, the total number of school transport applications classed as concessionary applications in County Wexford for the 2023/2024 academic year whereby applications are classed as eligible or concessionary at the application process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [42764/23]

*331. To ask the Minister for Education the total number of school transport applications received through the school transport system for County Wexford for the 2023/2024 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [42765/23]

*332. To ask the Minister for Education the total number of concessionary school transport applications declined in County Wexford as of 1 September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [42766/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the additional educational needs class at a school (details supplied); to confirm that an additional educational needs class has been sanctioned for the school; to advise on an opening date for the new class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [42781/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary and secondary schools that currently have pyrite problems; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [42791/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Education whether the education welfare services (EWS) have been the only mechanism used to date by her Department to support pyrite remediation works within Departments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [42792/23]

*336. To ask the Minister for Education what Departmental monitoring systems are in place to oversee the completion of construction works, including the completion of works on the snag list; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [42793/23]

*337. To ask the Minister for Education if records are kept in her Department of all outstanding school construction works, including snags, to be undertaken associated with new school builds or major school renovations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [42794/23]

*338. To ask the Minister for Education to ensure her Department puts in place the necessary measures to ensure the completion of the snag list and pyrite remediation works in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [42795/23]

*339. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware that a private bus service taking students from the Newcastle and Rathcoole areas of County Dublin to schools in the Celbridge, County Kildare area (details supplied), has been ceased; and if her Department will consider instating a school transport route here to ensure students can get to school in the absence of an available and suitable public transport route. — Eoin Ó Broin. [42796/23]

*340. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has a policy on the use of artificial intelligence; and if any Departmental functions are assisted by language model-based chatbots (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [42812/23]

*341. To ask the Minister for Education is she will request Bus Éireann to review the change in school transport pick-up arrangements for two children attending their nearest post-primary school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [42827/23]

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

*342. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of people and volunteers who have applied for Garda vetting through sporting bodies, by sport, from 2019 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [42310/23]

*343. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of people who have completed child protection training through sporting bodies, by sport, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [42311/23]

*344. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of registered sports exercise performance psychologists who are registered members with Sport Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [42314/23]

*345. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of data breaches experienced by her Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [42375/23]

*346. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if Fáilte Ireland plans to re-open a tourism information office at Dublin Airport; and the estimated costs to restore such a service. — Catherine Murphy. [42391/23]

*347. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on sourcing funding to support a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [42768/23]

*348. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has a policy on the use of artificial intelligence; and if any Departmental functions are assisted by language model-based chatbots (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [42825/23]

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

*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42756/23]

*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm whether his officials are working on legislation relating to the statutory definition of homelessness or other aspects of homeless in legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [42155/23]

*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he intends to publish the revised rural planning guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [42156/23]

*352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person's civil service years can be reconciled with a salary scale of a new position (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [42183/23]

*353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm when the revised wind energy development guidelines will be published; when they are expected to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [42214/23]

*354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of social homes delivered in the first half of 2023, with a breakdown by delivery stream including: SHIP construction; SHIP turnkey; CALF construction; CALF turnkey; CAS construction; CAS turnkey; Part V; PPP; regeneration; and Traveller-specific. — Eoin Ó Broin. [42229/23]

*355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [42264/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the marine protected areas legislation is going to have its final draft published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42267/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline when the draft legislation to support the remediation of defects in apartments and duplexes with fire safety, structural safety and water defects constructed between 1991 and 2013 will come before the Houses of the Oireachtas for discussion and review; to provide details of the timeline for the implementation of this legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [42276/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether a constituent's correspondence (details supplied) of 20 September 2023 has received a substantive reply; if not, when can she expect to receive one; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [42280/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the report from the AHB Unencumbered Units Working Group is on schedule for publication this month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [42307/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is any grant available to a person aged under 66 years to renovate their home where it is in very poor condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [42319/23]

*361. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider extending the vacant property refurbishment grant to incorporate recently occupied homes, where the homes are old and in urgent need of refurbishment, especially in the case where it is affecting the health of the people occupying the house, and in the case where young children are involved and their health is being impacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [42320/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the appointment of all CEOs to bodies under the remit of his Department in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; the reason for the departure of each appointee's predecessor; whether it was a retirement or not; the date of departure of each appointee's predecessor; the date of advertisement of each vacancy; the date on which an offer and acceptance was made in respect of each vacancy; the date on which each appointee took up their position; the length of time during which each acting CEO was in situ, where relevant; his views on the adequacy of existing practices, in terms of good practice, governance and succession planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [42354/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the appointment of all CEOs to bodies under the remit of his Department in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; the reason for the departure of each appointee's predecessor; whether it was a retirement or not; the date of departure of each appointee's predecessor; the date of advertisement of each vacancy; the date on which an offer and acceptance was made in respect of each vacancy; the date on which each appointee took up their position; the length of time during which each acting CEO was in situ, where relevant; his views on the adequacy of existing practices, in terms of good practice, governance and succession planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [42354/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of data breaches experienced by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [42369/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the capital and current funding that his Department has provided to Dublin Zoo in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [42395/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that he only removed four out of 15 amber- and red-list birds from the open season order; and if he will urgently act to end the persecution of all threatened species. — Paul Murphy. [42443/23]

*367. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will arrange for officials to address an issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [42496/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a change can be made to planning regulations for houses that were developed as holiday homes, that they can be bought now for full-time residential homes where the septic tank meets or can be adapted to meet regulations, given the ongoing housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [42514/23]

*369. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, in light of the Supreme Court ruling in March that the Seventh Amendment of the Constitution mandated the Houses of the Oireachtas to expand the franchise of university seats in the Seanad, he intends to introduce Seanad reform measures prior to the next Seanad Éireann election. — Holly Cairns. [42580/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to list the ‘census towns’ in the State, for the purposes of the Land Development Agency Act 2021, within which land owned by a relevant public body is liable to be registered by the Land Development Agency as relevant public land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [42597/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports available to individuals seeking to purchase log cabins as a primary residence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [42643/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details, including costs, of efforts to reduce and eliminate rhododendron ponticum from the Glen of the Downs Nature Reserve in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [42676/23]

*373. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 336 of 26 September 2023, if he can confirm whether he or persons (details supplied) consulted with the Commission for Public Service Appointments prior to issuing said order; if so, if there is any documentation evidencing same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [42684/23]

*374. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42741/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding compulsory purchase order powers of local authorities for the provision of housing; how this is being facilitated by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [42755/23]

*376. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the status of the review on the domestic wastewater treatment system grant scheme; when the review is expected to be complete; when the review report and revised grant scheme will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [42772/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on when he will announce the pilot scheme for unsewered villages. — Cathal Crowe. [42787/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when it is intended to commence the substitute consent provisions of the Planning and Development, Maritime and Valuation (Amendment) Act 2022; the reason for the delay with this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42790/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has a policy on the use of artificial intelligence; and if any Departmental functions are assisted by language model-based chatbots (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [42819/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated number of Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) that are understood to be continuing to operate and collect rents, but are not registered with the Approved Housing Body Regulatory Authority; to set out, in tabular form, a list of AHBs that have their entire housing stock ‘out-of-mortgage’ (i.e., where the mortgage term has expired); and the estimated number of AHB units that will become ‘out-of-mortgage’ for each year from 2023 to 2053. — Brian Stanley. [42843/23]

*381. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, based on data collected as part of the Approved Housing Bodies Regulatory Authority’s monitoring survey conducted earlier in 2023 for its Sectoral Analysis 2021/2022, he will set out information (details supplied) in tabular form. — Brian Stanley. [42844/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide, in tabular form, on a local authority basis, the number of planning enforcement notices taken against the unauthorised use of cabins/built structures for residential purposes, per local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [42848/23]

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

*383. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a person does not qualify for a grant (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42111/23]

*384. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what assistance is available to cover interpreter costs for a deaf employee, as this employee is currently only able to work two days out of five in the office due to the financial burden of interpreter services on her employer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [42671/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline the assistance available to a person who qualified for a mobility grant; where there is a shortfall; if community welfare assists with this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [42104/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will allow the re-examination of an invalidity pension application for a person (details supplied); if this appeal can be allowed, despite it being out of date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [42106/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on a carer’s allowance application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42119/23]

*388. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42126/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider removing the ‘means-testing’ criteria as part of the carer’s allowance application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [42128/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will indicate the waiting period of claims before social welfare recipients become eligible for back to education, for work placement programmes, for community employment, for training support grant, and for Jobsplus; and if she

has considered the change in these waiting periods, or their standardisation. — Richard Bruton. [42135/23]

*391. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current estimated date for the commencement of the provision which would see a larger pension for those who work beyond age 66 years; if phasing arrangements are planned for introduction of same, and if she will outline the detail. — Richard Bruton. [42136/23]

*392. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current estimated date for the commencement of the provision which would see total contributions determine the size of pension paid; if phasing arrangements are planned for the introduction of same and if she will outline the detail. — Richard Bruton. [42137/23]

*393. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current estimated date for the commencement of the provision which would see a specific pension for carers; if phasing arrangements are planned for the introduction of same and if she will outline the detail. — Richard Bruton. [42139/23]

*394. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current estimated date for the commencement of the provision which would see auto-enrolment for a pension top-up; if the phasing arrangements are planned for the introduction of same and if she will outline the detail. — Richard Bruton. [42140/23]

*395. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on a carers allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42145/23]

*396. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of recipients of rent supplement for the most recent date available, with a breakdown by county and total cost; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [42154/23]

*397. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42175/23]

*398. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42178/23]

*399. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on an application for disability allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42181/23]

*400. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a letter of confirmation of the QAA increase will be sent to a person (details supplied); when will arrears issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [42182/23]

*401. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on an application for disability allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42184/23]

*402. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on an application for disability allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42185/23]

*403. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42200/23]

*404. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on an application for disability allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42202/23]

*405. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on an application for disability allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42206/23]

*406. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on an application for disability allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42207/23]

*407. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on a disability allowance application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42209/23]

*408. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a review for disability allowance for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [42215/23]

*409. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the working family payment will be approved immediately for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [42220/23]

*410. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing all illness and injury payment benefits to €300 per week, excluding disability-related payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42233/23]

*411. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, given the continued cost of energy, she will examine increasing the capital thresholds for eligibility for fuel allowance for persons aged over 65, in particular for property held in Ireland and abroad where no income is being generated (i.e., a modest holiday home); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [42259/23]

*412. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he has considered extending the free travel scheme to include people with epilepsy, as advocated for by an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [42277/23]

*413. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a review of the State pension will be completed in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [42287/23]

*414. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she proposes to make changes to the disability allowance scheme; if the introduction of a tier-based system is under consideration; her

views on whether such a tier-based system could be considered discriminatory; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [42330/23]

*415. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of data breaches experienced by her Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [42373/23]

*416. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of old-age pensioners who have been deemed ineligible for the fuel allowance due to residing with someone who does not qualify for the payment; and the number of OAPs deemed ineligible for the fuel allowance due to residing with an adult child, from 2018 to date. — Holly Cairns. [42401/23]

*417. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the issue of old-age pensioners being unable to access the fuel allowance due to adult children moving back into their parents' home; whether her Department will review the eligibility requirements for the fuel allowance in light of this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [42402/23]

*418. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on the review of a decision on an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [42429/23]

*419. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a school (details supplied) can be included in the free schools hot meals scheme being rolled out in the current year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42468/23]

*420. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she can confirm when the income limit for the carer's allowance means test was last reviewed by her Department; if she is aware that the current income limit appears to be excessively restrictive, particularly in light of recent wage increases aimed at offsetting the significant rise in the cost of living, including the substantial increase in mortgage interest rates (details supplied); if she will give serious consideration to raising the income threshold to a more realistic level, or even consider abolishing the income threshold for carers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [42489/23]

*421. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has considered extending benefits available to married couples following the loss of a spouse, to couples in long-term relationships but who are not married; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [42560/23]

*422. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to extend the hot school meals programme to special schools; and how many schools would benefit from such an expansion. — Paul McAuliffe. [42623/23]

*423. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a person (details supplied) is waiting on their back payment for jobseeker's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42626/23]

*424. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the considerations her Department is currently making as regards the recognition of long-Covid as an occupational illness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [42774/23]

*425. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average rate of payment towards funeral costs received through the additional needs payment to date in 2023. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [42778/23]

*426. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the Amendment of Section 22 of the Civil Registration (Amendment) Act 2014, specifically in relation to the section dealing with the ‘father’s name on the birth certificate’, as the Act was passed by the Houses of the Oireachtas in 2014, however part 2 of the Act: Amendment of section 22 of principal Act, 6. (1), has not commenced. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [42779/23]

*427. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her Department’s recommendation to people who are suffering a short-term illness or injury which prevents them from engaging in work but do not have adequate PRSI contributions to qualify for illness benefit; if there is a suitable payment that this cohort can apply for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [42797/23]

*428. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has a policy on the use of artificial intelligence; and if any Departmental functions are assisted by language model-based chatbots (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [42823/23]

*429. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she will make a decision on designating long-Covid as an occupational illness for frontline workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [42828/23]

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

*430. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for the recent changes to visa applications for Bolivian nationals; if there are plans to review this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [42117/23]

*431. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason that family reunification visas were refused (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [42134/23]

*432. To ask the Minister for Justice if the legislation disregarding historical homosexual offences will be included in the autumn legislative programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [42174/23]

*433. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has considered the scoping exercise report on the tragic death of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [42176/23]

*434. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider establishing a dedicated email contact for local government elected representatives in respect of INIS services. — Catherine Murphy. [42193/23]

*435. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is an intention to open an investigation into historical allegations of abuse in the Probation Service; and if there is a cross over with investigations into similar matters in an organisation (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [42208/23]

*436. To ask the Minister for Justice to detail, in tabular form, the number of applications for international protection; the number approved; the number rejected; the number under appeal; the number awaiting processing, by month and gender, during the years 2020 to 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [42256/23]

*437. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline what DSGBV initiatives her Department undertakes and what has been allocated to them in terms of capital and current spend in 2023. — Pa Daly. [42301/23]

*438. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of data breaches experienced by her Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [42370/23]

*439. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda cars and vans attached to each district within the DMR region as of 26 September 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [42387/23]

*440. To ask the Minister for Justice the level of funding provided to Frontex, the European border guard agency, in the years of 2021, 2022 and 2023; and the proposed funding for 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [42388/23]

*441. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new marked Garda vans that have come into the fleet to date in 2023; the number of vans withdrawn from the fleet to date in 2023; and if there are likely to be additional new marked Garda vans that will come into the fleet before end of 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [42389/23]

*442. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of refugees from Ukraine who have come to Ireland seeking protection since the Russian invasion. — Peadar Tóibín. [42406/23]

*443. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of refugees from Ukraine who have left Ireland and returned home, or to another state, with the intention of not returning to Ireland, since the Russian invasion. — Peadar Tóibín. [42407/23]

*444. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide a breakdown, by division, in tabular form, of the number of civilian staff in gardaí, and their grade, for each of the past ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [42451/23]

*445. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are any plans to amend or update the Garda Síochána (Discipline) Regulations 2007; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [42446/23]

*446. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who are currently suspended in relation to alleged corruption offences in each of the past ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [42447/23]

*447. To ask the Minister for Justice to respond to concerns raised (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [42487/23]

*448. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [42583/23]

*449. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline, as per the most recent legislative programme, when she intends to bring forward legislation to enact the recommendations of a report (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [42665/23]

*450. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of staff working directly in the processing of visa/immigration applications, by year, from 2010 to date; and the number of applications processed in each year, in tabular form. — Patrick Costello. [42666/23]

*451. To ask the Minister for Justice whether the recommendations on promotions contained within the Cultural Audit of May 2018, prepared by the Policing Authority, have been implemented; if not, when it is proposed to implement them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [42685/23]

*452. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware of a petition (details supplied) sent to her office; if she will meet the requests put forward by this petition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [42745/23]

*453. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42748/23]

*454. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has a policy on the use of artificial intelligence; and if any Departmental functions are assisted by language model-based chatbots (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [42820/23]

*455. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new recruits to An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023; the number of retirements from An Garda Síochána in the corresponding timeframe; and the number of resignations from An Garda Síochána. — Ivana Bacik. [42835/23]

*456. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí in each county in each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [42836/23]

*457. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department records the type of vehicle involved in road accidents which become the subject of a criminal trial; if not, her plans to record such information; and if so, the types of vehicles involved in such accidents in each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023. — Ivana Bacik. [42840/23]

*458. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 147 of 1 March 2023, her plans to reduce or remove the annual fee for renewals of Irish residence permit cards for non-EEA nationals; her plans to review this matter; the details of any reviews carried out or commissioned to date by her Department in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [42845/23]

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

*459. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide details of the size and location of land owned by local authorities which is zoned for forestry; and the status of forestry on each site, by local authority, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [42705/23]

*460. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Questions answered on 20 September 2023 (details supplied), at what time/date in the year the applicant will receive confirmation that they are an approved participant in BISS; if this will act as a deterrent for new entrants to farming engaging in the afforestation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [42105/23]

*461. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 740, 744, 748, 754, 760, 772, 773, 776 and 778 of 20 September 2023, the reason that the farmer definition, as defined by his Department, only applies to the afforestation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [42149/23]

*462. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 740, 744, 748, 754, 760, 772, 773, 776 and 778 of 20 September 2023, in stating that “my Department currently does not have the figures available for the number of new farmers for 2023, these figures will not be known until the Department make final approvals In November 2023” if he will commit to answering the original question once the figures are known in November (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [42150/23]

*463. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) will receive payment under the fodder scheme for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [42153/23]

*464. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 740, 744, 748, 754, 760, 772, 773, 776 and 778 of 20 September 2023, and his reply, in stating that he wants to ensure that the farmer deferential benefits farmers directly and exclusively, if other landowners recognised and registered as carrying out a farming activity in other sections of his Department are not actually recognised as farmers by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [42157/23]

*465. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 740, 744, 748, 754, 760, 772, 773, 776 and 778 of 20 September 2023, to provide necessary documentation to show that considerations were made regarding the implications of the farmer definition as it appears in the scheme document, considering the clarifications sought by stakeholders; to confirm that his Department has not changed any of the rules on farmer definition since the launch of the scheme document; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [42158/23]

*466. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to confirm that under the deer tree shelter, hare and deer fencing scheme that alder is eligible in ADB (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [42164/23]

*467. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider an extension to the grazing season under the ACRES scheme on geese and swan lands and breeding wader lands for one month to the 1 November 2023 due to the dramatic impact of summer flooding in the Shannon and Suck Callows; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [42169/23]

*468. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if further flexibility will be provided regarding the announced extension to the slurry spreading deadline; with consideration of weather conditions and engagement with the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [42170/23]

*469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if all non-coursing greyhounds presented to race on Rásaíocht Con Éireann-licensed tracks must be registered on the RCÉTS; if this includes dogs registered to owners normally resident outside the Republic of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [42171/23]

*470. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the greyhound track attendance figures for Shelbourne Park for the semi-finals and the final of the 2023 Derby, with a breakdown of the figures into paid and complimentary entry and entry by adults, children, greyhound owners and trainers, bookmakers, and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [42172/23]

*471. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise on his Department's approach to map acres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [42210/23]

*472. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review a case (details supplied); if the Minister is aware that since the identification of TB reactors in their herd, they have been unable to trade and are experiencing extreme financial hardship; the reasons why they have been informed by the Department that they cannot claim any TB support payments; what financial support schemes are made available to goat milk farmers to assist in reducing the burden and costs associated with TB breakouts on such farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [42221/23]

*473. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline the awareness of his Department of the ongoing assessment for oyster trestles along the Quay Shore, Newtowncunningham, County Donegal, and the plans to potentially cultivate oysters in Lough Swilly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [42223/23]

*474. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a breakdown by county of the €10.9m paid out under the tillage incentive scheme (TIS) in 2022 in tabular form as well as payments made to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [42234/23]

*475. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will be paid the monies they are due and owing and if he can provide an explanation as regards the ongoing delay in payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [42239/23]

*476. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of the 12,483 non-coursing greyhounds born and registered with the Irish Coursing Club between January 1st 2021 and December 31st 2021 that were registered to owners normally resident in the Republic of Ireland only, taking onboard that under the terms of the Greyhound Industry Act 1958, the Irish Coursing Club is obliged to furnish this information to Rásaíocht Con Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [42270/23]

*477. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of the 11,698 non-coursing greyhounds born and registered with the Irish Coursing Club between January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022 that were registered to owners normally resident in the Republic of Ireland only, taking on board that under the terms of the Greyhound Industry Act 1958, the Irish Coursing Club is obliged to furnish this information to Rásaíocht Con Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [42271/23]

*478. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider extending the liming scheme until March 2024, taking into account the exceptional wet summer and soil saturation directly affecting 25,000 farmers that have applied for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [42298/23]

*479. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider lime suppliers from the North of Ireland for approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [42299/23]

*480. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider an upward adjustment to the €8 million allocated for the lime scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [42300/23]

*481. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to review correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42335/23]

*482. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of data breaches experienced by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [42359/23]

*483. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware that Greyhound Racing Ireland has stopped publishing Control Committee Reports and Control Appeal Committee Reports on its website (details supplied); and if he will provide copies of the relevant reports from August 2022 to date. — Paul Murphy. [42450/23]

*484. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for details about the six exclusion orders issued by Greyhound Racing Ireland in 2022; the names of the individuals involved; the exclusion durations; the circumstances or breaches which led to the exclusion orders; and if any of the cases were referred to gardaí for investigation. — Paul Murphy. [42437/23]

*485. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for a breakdown, in tabular form, of the grants paid by Greyhound Racing Ireland to private tracks in 2022; the names of the tracks; the amounts granted; and the purpose of the payments. — Paul Murphy. [42438/23]

*486. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details, in tabular form, of the greyhound track attendance statistics for 2022 and to date in 2023, covering both Greyhound Racing Ireland tracks and private tracks, and including a breakdown of the figures into type of entry (paid entry, free entry, entry by adults, children, staff, owners/trainers, bookmakers, press, and so on) and type of event (racing, trials, sales, and non-racing events). — Paul Murphy. [42439/23]

*487. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of greyhounds injured in racing, trials and sales events to date in 2023; the type of each injury; the date and location where they occurred; the number killed outright or euthanised by track vets; the number and causes of additional racing fatalities; and the results of any related post-mortems. — Paul Murphy. [42440/23]

*488. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how much has been paid out annually by Greyhound Racing Ireland under the injury scheme and track injury support scheme; the percentage of treatment costs covered by the schemes; the number of injured greyhounds

treated; the amounts claimed by owners/trainers; the types of injuries suffered; and the dates and locations where the injuries were sustained. — Paul Murphy. [42441/23]

*489. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what percentage of greyhounds euthanised by track vets at races or trials in the past five years were greyhounds who suffered treatable injuries; who decides if a greyhound is treated or euthanised; and if greyhound owners are charged the veterinary costs associated with euthanising the dogs. — Paul Murphy. [42442/23]

*490. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what plans he and his Department have to renew or offer a long-term lease which will expire soon at a building (details supplied) in Howth, County Dublin, that is currently operating as a seafood retail outlet and training centre, in conjunction with Bord Iascaigh Mhara; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [42449/23]

*491. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether he is considering extending the closing date for the National Liming Programme 2023 beyond the 31st of October 2023 due to the adverse weather conditions during the Summer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42492/23]

*492. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the establishment and work of the new agri-food regulator, An Rialálaí Agraibhia; the number of staff to be employed by the regulator; the positions they will hold; the budget allocated to enable it to operate and for it to engage in its investigative role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [42566/23]

*493. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he expects payments to commence for the ACRES scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [42602/23]

*494. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cheesemakers who are registered producers; the number who have ceased operating under their licence number over the past decade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [42629/23]

*495. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the progress made regarding derogations for small producers in the context of Statutory Instrument No. 22 of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [42630/23]

*496. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide clarification on when Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition (GAEC) 2 will be implemented in Ireland; the measures that are likely to be included (details supplied); and if he will provide an assurance that any measures will not have an economic or social impact on affected farmers and a full impact assessment will be completed before any measures are introduced. — Barry Cowen. [42639/23]

*497. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that ammonia is exported to Britain in liquid form; if he will provide details on the reason that it is permitted for use in Ireland only in granular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [42653/23]

*498. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the IT structures for the processing of forestry application under the new Forestry Programme 2023-2027 are in place; and if not, to provide a timeframe for when the IT structures will be in place. — Holly Cairns. [42693/23]

*499. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when full training on the requirements under the new Forestry Programme 2023-2027 will be provided to the forestry sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [42694/23]

*500. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to detail the measures his Department is taking to support the forestry sector, given the low level of forestry applications over the past two years. — Holly Cairns. [42695/23]

*501. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to detail the stakeholders consulted in the development of the new Forestry Programme 2023-2027; the number of meetings with each; and the topic of said meetings. — Holly Cairns. [42696/23]

*502. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide the location, ownership, and size of all public land zoned for forestry in Ireland; and the status of forestry on each site, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [42697/23]

*503. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what supports are available for forestry applicants to offset the costs of environmental impact assessment reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [42698/23]

*504. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of staff in the forestry services who are authorised to sign off on environmental impact assessment reports, by grade, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [42699/23]

*505. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of environmental impact assessment reports received by the forestry service; and the number of reports processed by the service, from 2022 to date, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [42700/23]

*506. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of staff in the forestry service who are authorised to sign off on environmental reports for impacts to bird species, by grade, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [42701/23]

*507. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what supports his Department is providing to farmers and businesses affected by ash dieback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [42702/23]

*508. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has engaged with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to the future of timber supply for house construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [42703/23]

*509. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department has investigated the potential of biochar in Ireland; if so, what supports are being made available to encourage use of biochar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [42704/23]

*510. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will publish, in tabular form, a full breakdown of all funding allocated by his Department under the Brexit adjustment reserve processing capital support scheme, by applicant, project, funds applied for, funds allocated, application date, funds drawn down to date, funds outstanding, and deadline for payment; any rejected applications by applicant, project and funds applied for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [42757/23]

*511. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his Department and associated State agencies working with the fishing and aquaculture industries in Ireland have set a deadline of 30 October 2023 for drawdown of funding from the Brexit adjustment reserve fund, when the EU regulation states that expenditure needs to be incurred and paid by public authorities by 31 December 2023 and Member States need to report by 30 September 2024 about the measures carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [42758/23]

*512. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has a policy on the use of artificial intelligence; and if any Departmental functions are assisted by language model-based chatbots (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [42809/23]

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

*513. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42743/23]

*514. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of respite places in each CHO area; the number of respite places in each CHO that are reserved for emergency care; if there are plans to expand on existing services; and if he will clarify whether the HSE uses projections and or forecasting demand on respite places. — Catherine Murphy. [42114/23]

*515. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to correspondence (details supplied); if he will respond to the individual concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [42166/23]

*516. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the pathway for an 18-year-old who is still in secondary school to access assessments for ADHD/ADD in Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [42177/23]

*517. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he has taken to address the staffing crisis in the early years sector. — Martin Browne. [42190/23]

*518. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of registered child minders delivering the ECCE curriculum per county. — Martin Browne. [42191/23]

*519. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to clarify the steps he has taken to prevent further strike action from members of an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [42240/23]

*520. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the status of mobility grants for people with a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [42255/23]

*521. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [42263/23]

*522. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what alternative options are open to a person (details supplied) when they are unable to comply with Section 4 of the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015. — Joe Carey. [42265/23]

*523. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth why a person (details supplied) who has been availing of temporary accommodation in Waterford, has been refused permission to stay with her daughter in Athlone to help her with her newborn child. — Sorca Clarke. [42302/23]

*524. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth why person (details supplied) who was heavily pregnant at the time was accommodated on the 3rd floor of a converted convent. — Sorca Clarke. [42303/23]

*525. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that a number of hotels and other approved accommodation centres across Ireland, (details supplied) have quite a number of rooms/beds available and are not fully occupied, despite the best efforts of management and owners in highlighting the vacancies there seems to be no take up from IPAS and the Department to fill those vacancies; if the Minister provide an explanation for this policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [42304/23]

*526. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [42308/23]

*527. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of crèches and preschools that have closed, by county, in each of the years 2020 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [42309/23]

*528. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of psychologists available to children in south Tipperary within the CDNT/ primary care services; the number of vacancies; if, where a child is unable to access a psychologist within the CDNT services, they can be transferred to primary care; the number of psychologists recruited to each service over the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [42321/23]

*529. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline the full extent of the staff available to CDNT teams 4 and 5 in south Tipperary; the contact details for both teams; the names and roles of all staff and therapists attached to the teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [42322/23]

*530. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if additional funding will be provided for the childcare sector in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [42323/23]

*531. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what supports there are for Ukrainians and other nationalities, whose first language is not English, to help them communicate with relevant authorities in an effective manner. — Sorca Clarke. [42333/23]

*532. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of data breaches experienced by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [42360/23]

*533. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of applications in CHO7 for assistive technology in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [42390/23]

*534. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of refugees from Ukraine who are currently residing with host families in Ireland. — Peadar Tóibín. [42408/23]

*535. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of individuals or families who have put themselves forward as host families for Ukrainian refugees since the Russian invasion. — Peadar Tóibín. [42409/23]

*536. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of people who applied for the childminder development grant advertised in June 2023; whether he was satisfied with the take-up; and if he plans to extend or develop this type of scheme in 2024. — Richard Bruton. [42426/23]

*537. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he expects Phase 1 of the extension of the national childcare programme to childminders to be complete; if the details of the remaining phases to be completed before childminders can be fully included; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [42427/23]

*538. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are plans to accommodate refugees in a property (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [42431/23]

*539. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the commitment made in May 2023 in response to the Labour Party motion on Autism & Disability services, by Minister of State Anne Rabbitte, regarding the rolling-out of HSE health regions by the end of August 2023; if she will be bringing to Budget 2024 the roll-out of the State covering the cost of patients accessing autism and disability services and treatment through the private sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [42433/23]

*540. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the Government's plans to provide for regulation of the translation and interpreting sectors and establish industry standards, to ensure interpreters who work in hospitals, in international protection, in Garda stations, in the courts, and so on, have appropriate training in how to interpret in those particular circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [42464/23]

*541. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when vacancies in speech and language and occupational therapists in the north Dublin HSE region will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [42465/23]

*542. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will advise a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [42470/23]

*543. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to re-instate the funding for transport to and from a location (details supplied) in Wicklow for a person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42474/23]

*544. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a revised travel scheme for people with a disability to replace the motorised transport grant will be rolled out; the reason for the delay in rolling out said scheme, taking account of the essential need for such a scheme to be available for people with a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [42490/23]

*545. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when funding will be awarded in respect of a person in County Mayo (details supplied), so that staff can be provided to care for this person in a local authority house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [42493/23]

*546. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to state the total number of adults and children currently being accommodated by IPAS who have leave to remain status. — Eoin Ó Broin. [42538/23]

*547. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department can clarify the situation, whereby some persons funded for a 24/7 residential service, are still funded to attend a day service, while others are informed they cannot, on the basis they cannot be “double-funded” (details supplied); whether his Department will move immediately to correct any existing anomalies in the funding criteria and parameters for a day service for those already funded for residential; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [42561/23]

*548. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the parents of a child in County Donegal (details supplied) can expect an appointment from Inishowen children’s disability network team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [42570/23]

*549. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a company (details supplied) has signed up to the core funding model for childcare, and in doing so, agreed to freeze fees at 2021 levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [42571/23]

*550. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if recent moves by a childcare provider (details supplied) are a breach of any undertaking given not to increase child care fees under the core funding model; if the attempt by the company to increase childcare fees for 2023/2024 by designating the previous year’s (2022/2023) fees as an introductory fee represents a back-door way to increase fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [42572/23]

*551. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the issues facing a childcare provider (details supplied) as regards core funding not matching inflation rates; to detail what measures he will be taking to ensure childcare providers, such as this, remain in operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [42576/23]

*552. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of childcare providers that have indicated to his office or Department that they are in danger of having to close their business; and the number of childcare providers that have indicated to his office or Department that they will leave the core funding model if changes are not made, from 2022 to date, by county, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [42577/23]

*553. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether his Department has conducted research into the level of unmet need in the childcare sector; if so, the estimated number of children who cannot avail of childcare services due to a lack of available services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [42578/23]

*554. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to detail the actions he is taking to increase the number of available childcare places in the country; and what supports are available to parents who cannot find a childcare place. — Holly Cairns. [42579/23]

*555. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if any properties formerly in use as nursing homes have been offered to his Department for use to accommodate international protection applicants or beneficiaries of temporary protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [42647/23]

*556. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to review a case and correspondence (details supplied); if he can offer any further assistance in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42652/23]

*557. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of family forums that took place in 2022 as part of the Progressing Disability Services for Children & Young People governance process. — Martin Browne. [42654/23]

*558. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to detail the funding streams that an organisation (details supplied) can apply to for a mobile wheelchair pool hoist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [42711/23]

*559. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount of funding a typical preschool service receives from the State on a weekly basis, including both ECCE funding and Core funding; the number of staff required to provide the service; and the minimum rates of the staff members. — Catherine Murphy. [42712/23]

*560. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of respite beds available to disability services in Leitrim in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [42726/23]

*561. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he expects the mother and baby institutions payment scheme to open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [42754/23]

*562. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has a policy on the use of artificial intelligence; and if any Departmental functions are assisted by language model-based chatbots (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [42810/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*563. To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite beds available to older persons' services in County Leitrim in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [42726/23]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health if funding to a charity (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42767/23]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that home help support is urgently put in place for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [42108/23]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a young child who suffered a complicated fracture at a sports ground in Castleblayney, County Monaghan, on Saturday, 23 September was left awaiting an ambulance from 12.29pm until 3.17pm; and his proposals to improve the service. — Matt Carthy. [42109/23]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health the number of calls to the National Ambulance Service in County Monaghan during 2023; the number therein in which an ambulance arrived within 15 minutes, over 15 minutes and within 30 minutes, over 30 minutes and within 45 minutes, over 45 minutes and within 60 minutes, over 60 minutes and within 90 minutes, over 90 minutes and within 120 minutes and over 120 minutes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [42110/23]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a person receiving further home help (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42146/23]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health what provisions his Department has in place in regard to medical card applicants in County Wexford who are unable to provide a GP acceptance form due to the chronic shortage of GPs, resulting in GP practices operating at full capacity, with the majority unable to accept new patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [42159/23]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an update from the State Claims Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [42163/23]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE is sponsoring a vaccination campaign for a vaccination against shingles; if so, if the vaccination is available on the medical card and or drug payment scheme; and if not, if he will consider adding it to those schemes. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [42173/23]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health when a vaccine compensation scheme will be introduced in this country to fast-track compensation for people who have been damaged as a result of taking Covid vaccines and other vaccines, as recommended by a committee (details supplied); if

the recommendations of the committee are acceptable to the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [42180/23]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health the protocol in place for the investigation of adverse incidents in labour; the criteria which determine whether a concise or comprehensive incident review is carried out; if it is the case that a comprehensive review is carried out in all cases of maternal death but not in the case of the death of a baby; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [42186/23]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the HSE's obstetric event support team within the National Women and Infant Health Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [42187/23]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health to include the drug ketamine, used for cerebral palsy patients, in the long-term illness scheme. — Brian Stanley. [42197/23]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health if the Minister is considering the repeal of the requirement for a consultant's signature to sign off on the prescribing of cariban, as some GPs feel that they should be able to prescribe this without there being a financial penalty to the woman (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [42201/23]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health the maximum bed capacity in Áras Mhic Dara, An Cheathrú Rua each year from 2018 to 2023, in tabular form; the number of beds that are currently occupied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [42203/23]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health if respite and end of life care is currently provided in Áras Mhic Dara, An Cheathrú Rua; if so, the number of respite spaces currently available; if not, when these services were terminated; what is being done with those bed spaces now; what analysis was conducted as the basis for ceasing the services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [42204/23]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there are significant delays in COS Scheme - Community Ophthalmic Physicians employed by HSE. — Dara Calleary. [42205/23]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has succeeded in recruiting a psychiatrist with responsibility for treating and supporting children with autism or intellectual disabilities in the Louth and Meath area at any point in 2023; if so, if the person in question is still in post; if not, when the specialist in question stood down, and for what reasons; how many children the psychiatrist saw during their tenure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [42216/23]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the orthodontic treatment waiting list in each of the last 3 years and to date in 2023; to provide the data on 6-month incremental basis; to provide the data per CHO; to provide the data with reference to the Index of Orthodontic Treatment Need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [42218/23]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who have availed of the cross-border directive scheme to receive orthodontic treatment in each of the last 3 years; to provide the data per CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [42219/23]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health if he will explain the reasons why the dental hospital theatre list at CUH was suspended on 7 April 2023; if the reasons that caused the suspension have now been rectified to the extent that another suspension will not occur; if those on the waiting lists, both children and adults, will be fast tracked for treatment and if so what plan is in place; if students training for oral surgery and dental nurses will be provided with supports for exams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [42222/23]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health to detail, in tabular form, the remuneration packages in place for each of the hospital group CEOs presently in position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [42225/23]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health to outline his Department's position on CEOs of hospital groups undertaking other paid work activity or employment; if there are any limits or disbarments to additional earning activity outside of recognised group CEO activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [42226/23]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health if, given that the advisory board of Southwest Hospital Group has been disbanded for some time, he can outline what oversight and governance is in place at SSWHG to decide performance and remuneration parameters applying to the executive management, roles and functions; if he is comfortable that relevant governance is in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [42227/23]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health if, given the recent media revelations regarding various benefit in-kind payments allocated to senior public-funded roles including the reimbursement of motor car BIK, he can give undertakings that the chief executive roles of hospital groups are not receiving any such like or additional benefits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [42228/23]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health how many recruitment processes for a clinical lead in any area of the Irish health service initiated since 8 February 2020 to date have not included among the job specifications a requirement of clinical experience in the relevant 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. [42252/23]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health when a person will receive an appointment (details supplied); if they have been graded as urgent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [42253/23]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children, per county, who are waiting on scoliosis treatment; and if he will provide a breakdown of the time spent on the waiting lists, per county. — Peadar Tóibín. [42254/23]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health if he will introduce a minor injuries clinic in the community hospital in Donegal town (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [42266/23]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applicants for home support who have been approved but placed on a waiting list in each county in CHO5; the numbers in each CHO area; the average waiting times for those approved and waiting for services; the steps being taken to urgently provide home supports to those waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [42268/23]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to extend the fair deal scheme to include the cost of home care and home supports being provided privately due to the lack of home supports being provided to those who require full-time care and attention in the home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [42269/23]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health when a person in County Meath (details supplied) will receive a hospital appointment at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [42278/23]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health how many voluntary, section 39 funded organisations have been refused the pandemic special recognition payment and to outline the reasons for refusals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [42283/23]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health to address the outstanding requests for the PSRP from voluntary section 39 funded organisations and to provide an explanation for delays on the payment for staff members still awaiting this payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [42284/23]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health for a progress report on the spending of the €110,000 which was allocated in Budget 2023 for the development of a diabetes register (details supplied); if he will request the HSE to immediately begin recruiting for this new post; if he can confirm if unused funding from Budget 2023 will carry over to 2024, while providing a timeline as to when the HSE recruitment freeze will end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42285/23]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health for a progress report on the spending of the funding which was allocated in Budget 2023 for the development of a national paediatric diabetes audit in conjunction with NOCA, following the publication of a detailed feasibility study (details supplied); if he will request the HSE to immediately begin recruiting for these new posts; if he can confirm if unused funding from Budget 2023 will carry over to 2024, while providing a timeline as to when the HSE recruitment freeze will end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42286/23]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health for a progress report on the spending of the €110,000 which was allocated in Budget 2023 for the development of a diabetes register (details supplied); if he will request the HSE to immediately begin recruiting for this new post; if he can confirm if unused funding from Budget 2023 will carry over to 2024, while providing a timeline as to when the HSE recruitment freeze will end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [42288/23]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health for a progress report on the spending of the funding which was allocated in Budget 2023 for the development of a national paediatric diabetes audit in conjunction with NOCA, following the publication of a detailed feasibility study (details supplied); if he will request the HSE to immediately begin recruiting for these new posts; if he can confirm if unused funding from Budget 2023 will carry over to 2024, while providing a timeline as to when the HSE recruitment freeze will end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [42289/23]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health for a progress report on the spending of the €110,000 which was allocated in Budget 2023 for the development of a diabetes register (details supplied); if he will request the HSE to immediately begin recruiting for this new post; if he can confirm if unused funding from Budget 2023 will carry over to 2024, while providing a timeline as to when

the HSE recruitment freeze will end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [42290/23]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health for a progress report on the spending of the funding which was allocated in Budget 2023 for the development of a national paediatric diabetes audit in conjunction with NOCA, following the publication of a detailed feasibility study (details supplied); if he will request the HSE to immediately begin recruiting for these new posts; if he can confirm if unused funding from Budget 2023 will carry over to 2024, while providing a timeline as to when the HSE recruitment freeze will end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [42291/23]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the spending of the €110,000 which was allocated in the Budget 2023 for the development of a diabetes register; whether unused funding will carry over to 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [42295/23]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the recruitment of a programme manager to assist in the development of a diabetes register; whether this process has stalled as a result of a HSE recruitment embargo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [42296/23]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the spending of funding allocated in Budget 2023 for the development of a national paediatric diabetes audit, in conjunction with NOCA, following the publication of a detailed feasibility study; if he will provide an update on the recruitment of a programme manager and data analytics staff who were required to commence audit development; whether unused funding will carry over to 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [42297/23]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical card holder, who cannot secure an appointment with a dentist providing medical card services in their area, can avail of any other scheme to help with the cost of emergency dental treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [42315/23]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a list of dentists providing treatment until the medical card scheme; if so, if such a list can be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [42316/23]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health when the legislation is coming in to ban disposable vapes being sold to under 18s; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [42324/23]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the drawdown of the €110,000 allocated in Budget 2023 for the development of a diabetes register; when a programme manager post was advertised; when interviews were held; when the appointment will be made; if he will confirm that any underspend in the 2023 allocation will be rolled over into the 2024 spend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [42327/23]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE recruitment embargo will be lifted; if he is aware of the impact that this is having on the delivery of frontline patient services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [42328/23]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the drawdown of the funding allocated in Budget 2023 for the development of a national paediatric diabetes audit, in conjunction with NOCA, following the publication of a detailed feasibility study; when a programme manager post was advertised; when interviews were held; when the appointment will be made; when data analytics staff posts were advertised; when interviews were held; when appointments will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [42329/23]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health whether the special leave with pay scheme will be extended for those suffering from long-Covid; if the scheme is not extended, what payment will replace this scheme for people who still cannot return to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [42332/23]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 901 of 20 September 2023, when it is expected that the review by his Department and the HSE of matters raised will be completed. — Ivana Bacik. [42355/23]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health the number of data breaches experienced by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [42368/23]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health the number of extracorporeal membrane oxygenation devices that are currently available in each hospital, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [42378/23]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health the number of day and night shift leaders in the ICU departments of Tallaght University Hospital, St. James’s Hospital and St. Vincent’s University Hospital, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [42379/23]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health the number of gallbladder surgeries performed at the Mater Hospital in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [42380/23]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE staff, by job title, working in each minor injuries unit, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [42381/23]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE neuropsychologists in Beaumont Hospital in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [42382/23]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE senior physiotherapists in paediatric endocrinology and paediatric obesity at CHI Temple Street in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [42383/23]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE accident and emergency department nurses in Naas General Hospital in the years of 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if this number will be increased. — Catherine Murphy. [42384/23]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health for a progress report on the spending of the €110,000 which was allocated in Budget 2023 for the development of a diabetes register (details supplied); if he will request the HSE to immediately begin recruiting for this new post; if he can confirm if unused funding from Budget 2023 will carry over to 2024, while providing a timeline as to when the HSE recruitment freeze will end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [42398/23]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health for a progress report on the spending of the funding which was allocated in Budget 2023 for the development of a national paediatric diabetes audit in conjunction with NOCA, following the publication of a detailed feasibility study (details supplied); if he will request the HSE to immediately begin recruiting for these new posts; if he can confirm if unused funding from Budget 2023 will carry over to 2024, while providing a timeline as to when the HSE recruitment freeze will end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [42399/23]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health what the means thresholds for the medical card and for the GP-only card that will apply from the start of 2024, will be; and whether it is intended that these will be indexed, in line with incomes or the cost of living, in the years ahead. — Richard Bruton. [42413/23]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health the expected number of medical card holders and the expected number of GP-only card holders; and the respective total number of people who will have cover under these cards. — Richard Bruton. [42414/23]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health the annual capitation payments which will be in place in 2024 for GPs to cover the provision of service to the different age groups; and the increase that this represents in each case. — Richard Bruton. [42415/23]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions in respect of means test for the medical card and for assessing savings for those aged 70 years and over from the start of 2024. — Richard Bruton. [42416/23]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health the regime for sharing for prescriptions and for drugs refund from the start of 2024. — Richard Bruton. [42417/23]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health what the charges at hospitals will be from the start of 2024 for A&E attendance, outpatient attendance, blood tests/diagnostic tests, inpatient care, and for private beds from the start of 2024. — Richard Bruton. [42418/23]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health the terms under which a patient can obtain treatment abroad under the schemes from the start of 2024; and whether rules of access for care in Northern Ireland or the UK differ from those applying within Member States of the European Union. — Richard Bruton. [42419/23]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health whether he has received any reports from the NTPF of the main types of procedures which it has been supporting; whether the target waiting time before an offer is made to patients is reported to be different for different procedures; and the scale of these differences. — Richard Bruton. [42420/23]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health the system of assessing contribution by patients from their income and from their assets towards the cost of nursing home care under the fair deal scheme, that will be in place from the start of 2024; and if there are particular changes being made. — Richard Bruton. [42421/23]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be scheduled for their urgent neuro-surgical operation at Beaumont Hospital. — Mattie McGrath. [42430/23]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health if any reviews or studies have been conducted by his Department into the use of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete in the construction buildings providing health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [42436/23]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the current status of the application for a new 97-bed ward block at Wexford General Hospital; if the updated public spending code will expedite delivery of the capital project proposal at Wexford General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [42452/23]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals made to CAMHS in CHO2 in 2022 and to date in 2023; the number of those referrals which were refused; the number currently on the waiting list; the current waiting time for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [42453/23]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an appointment for hip replacement surgery at Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [42454/23]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1803 of 11 September 2023, if he will provide an update regarding flooding at University Hospital Kerry; the costs involved in its repair (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42456/23]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set up a diabetes taskforce of relevant stakeholders to develop a national diabetes strategy that will ensure the provision of optimum care to every person with diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [42471/23]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make funding of €5 million available in Budget 2024 to enable increased access to continuous glucose monitoring for people with Type 1 diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [42472/23]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to make Freestyle Libre intermittently scanned sensor technology available to all people with Type 1 diabetes, without age restriction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [42473/23]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the ongoing issues experienced in relation to the dialysis machines in Tallaght Hospital (details supplied); what actions his Department will take to resolve this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [42475/23]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health to seek clarity on whether there has been anyone appointed through CAMHS into the role of psychiatrist with responsibilities for children with autism or ID for County Louth in the past 12 months; if so, when; the details on same; if the role is currently filled, if he will seek the details on the referral path for children in this category; to provide any details around the reasons that this role may now be vacant; if the role is vacant, when it is expected to fill the role into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [42478/23]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health the number of proposed ‘safe access zones’ that Tailte Éireann and his Department estimate will be created by the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [42498/23]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health whether the proposed ‘safe access zone’ legislation will apply to institutions whereby a healthcare provider is located within a larger campus, for example, a university or hospital complex; if the 100-metre zone extends around the whole institution in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [42499/23]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health if the proposed ‘safe access zone’ legislation will apply to situations whereby a healthcare provider is located within or adjacent to a family home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [42500/23]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of nursing home beds in County Wexford, both public nursing homes and private nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [42501/23]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of beds vacant, as of 26 September 2023, in both public and private nursing homes in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [42502/23]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health the current total number of persons waiting for a nursing home placement in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [42503/23]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of persons in a medical setting who are awaiting a nursing home placement in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [42504/23]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health if, in relation to the news that there were orthopaedic surgeries with unlicensed implants performed at Temple Street Hospital, he will advise whether HIQA was notified of the increased infection rates and above-normal repeat surgeries; if so, the action HIQA took; and if not, the reason therefor. — Paul Murphy. [42521/23]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health if he will add age-related macular degeneration to the eligible illnesses on the long-term illness scheme (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [42523/23]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Government has commissioned any opinion polling related to any aspects of abortion provision since 2019 and to date in 2023; and if so, what questions were asked; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [42525/23]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department supports the decision of the European Parliament to adopt a common EU framework to allow the sale of human embryos and other bioproducts through its approval of new rules on the management of substances of human origin (SoHO), which took place at a plenary session 12 September 2023 in Strasbourg; if his Department contributed any policy analysis or objections to this proposal prior to the vote; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [42565/23]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 664 of 20 June 2023, the number of complaints submitted for review under the Dignity at Work policy by HSE employees and subsequently screened out by HSE employee relations personnel as not meeting the criteria for this process, in each CHO and hospital group area in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; the percentage of cases deemed as such; and the duration in each case that the employee waited for this verdict, from the time they submitted the complaint. — Neasa Hourigan. [42573/23]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who was employed as home help by the HSE during the Covid pandemic period, has applied for the Covid recognition payment and was approved, but has yet to receive the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [42575/23]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health to review a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [42627/23]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for their driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [42631/23]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the number of calls logged to MyOptions annually from 2019 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [42631/23]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health if, further to a response provided by the HSE (details supplied), he will confirm that the lack of a full public health nurse service in the CHO7 region is the reason for the delay in the discharge of a patient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [42642/23]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of money that a GP can claim in reimbursements, broken down by category, in tabular form, as part of the provision of antenatal care during pregnancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [42651/23]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that most dentists in Kilkenny will not take medical cards for dentures (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [42656/23]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the registration of psychologists under CORU; and what remedy exists for any persons who have been provided with psychological services, such as educational assessments, by persons unqualified for same. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [42657/23]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the registration of psychologists under CORU; and what remedy exists for any persons who have been provided with psychological services, such as educational assessments, by persons unqualified for same. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [42657/23]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a full list of those who were paid the €1,000 Covid bonus payment, broken down into the different groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42672/23]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health if Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe, County Galway, has a representative radiologist at the weekly multidisciplinary team meetings in GUH to present cases from Portiuncula Hospital; if patients with complex cancers in Portiuncula Hospital have their cases heard in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [42680/23]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health if cancer patients at GUH who will not be receiving treatment due to the advanced nature of their disease have access to the in-house psychologist employed at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [42681/23]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that there is only one bed available for every 17 palliative care patients in Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [42682/23]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the maximum entitlement to community social care hours for those at the end of their lives is 21 hours per week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [42683/23]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on a case (details supplied); and when the person concerned can expect an appointment in the ophthalmology department at University Hospital Galway. — Barry Cowen. [42686/23]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on a case (details supplied); and when the person concerned can expect an appointment in the ophthalmology department at University Hospital Galway. — Barry Cowen. [42687/23]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that an application for a discretionary medical card by an applicant (details supplied) was refused, despite forwarded evidence demonstrating that they are a cancer patient facing ongoing and rising medical costs due to their condition. — Paul McAuliffe. [42707/23]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the upgrading of a facility (details supplied); if funding has been allocated to this project; if so, when the work will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [42714/23]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the Boot Road primary care centre in Clondalkin will open; and if he will outline the services that it will provide. — Catherine Murphy. [42717/23]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing budget allocation to South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital in the years of 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [42719/23]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant obstetricians based at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [42720/23]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant rheumatologists attached to Mayo University Hospital in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [42721/23]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE vacancies, by job title, in the newborn intensive care unit at Cork University Maternity Hospital; and when each of these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [42722/23]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the establishment of the national home support office; the number of positions for which funding has been provided; and the number of roles that remain unfilled. — Duncan Smith. [42723/23]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE staff grade and senior grade psychology posts employed by the HSE in CHO5 in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [42724/23]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on capital work projects at Ennis Hospital in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [42725/23]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dentists and dental nurses working in the dental clinic at University Hospital, Kerry, in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [42727/23]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant vascular surgeons at Galway University Hospital in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [42728/23]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on capital works at Sacred Heart Hospital, Roscommon, in the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [42729/23]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time HSE home help carers in County Sligo, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [42730/23]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant anaesthetists at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan, in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [42731/23]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE nephrology registers at Letterkenny University Hospital in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [42732/23]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE senior psychologists in neonatology at Limerick Maternity Hospital in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [42733/23]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultants in otolaryngology at Naas General Hospital in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [42734/23]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time intensive care unit nurses at Sligo University Hospital in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [42735/23]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant haematologists attached to Beaumont Hospital in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [42736/23]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that he has agreed to limit the ability of the HSE to assign patients to GP GMS lists; the date on which this policy commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [42737/23]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health to outline, in full, the details of the new GMS GP deal agreed over the summer of 2023; and the full extent of changes made to the GMS contract as a result of this deal, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [42740/23]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health if he will carry out a review of a fair deal application (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [42742/23]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [42744/23]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health to examine the case of a person (details supplied). — Réada Cronin. [42746/23]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to review mental health difficulties and burnout among healthcare staff. — Ivana Bacik. [42750/23]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health if he will include employees of the Irish Blood Transfusion Service for the pandemic payment for health care workers, given that they worked throughout the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [42753/23]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health if the security officers working in vaccination centres and those working in hospitals were awarded the Covid €1,000 bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42760/23]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review concerns raised (details supplied) in respect of additional charges being introduced by nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [42763/23]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health if he can advise on a response to the representation to his office (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [42771/23]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the health sector's special scheme for frontline workers who contracted Covid-19 and who have been unable to work due to ongoing health issues associated with Covid-19; when the scheme is expected to come to an end; if the scheme will be extended beyond the current expected end date; if he will outline, in the absence of an extension to the scheme, the supports that will be available to those currently on the special scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [42773/23]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health if he can advise on a response to a representation (details supplied) recently made to his office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [42783/23]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has a policy on the use of artificial intelligence; and if any Departmental functions are assisted by language model-based chatbots (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [42818/23]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce a national lung cancer screening programme. — Ivana Bacik. [42834/23]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1045 of 20 September 2023, the specific requirements for the advertising of local recruitment competitions, as opposed to national panel recruitment competitions, for HSE staff grade and senior grade psychology posts, such that they are compliant with the Commission for Public Service Appointments and the HSE's own recruitment protocols; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [42846/23]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1045 of 20 September 2023, the difference between internal and external appointments in respect of HSE psychology recruitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [42847/23]

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

*708. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will expand the list of documents acceptable to SUSI to verify independent residence (details supplied) for students whose accommodation is through the rent-a-room scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [42133/23]

*709. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider unlocking the €1.5 billion surplus in the National Training Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [42141/23]

*710. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current estimate of first-time registration on traditional apprenticeships and newly developed apprenticeship, respectively; the number of occupation paths under each heading now in place and the further occupations which he anticipates will be in place by the end of 2024. — Richard Bruton. [42143/23]

*711. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current estimate of recipients of undergraduate student support from SUSI, and if he will indicate their distribution between adjacent colleges and distant colleges, and within these categories at the special maintenance rate, at standard maintenance, at partial maintenance and at contribution reduction only support. — Richard Bruton. [42144/23]

*712. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider introducing a national training voucher scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [42148/23]

*713. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to ensure technological universities have access to a borrowing framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [42151/23]

*714. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a late HEAR grant application will be accepted from a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [42198/23]

*715. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to enumerate the number of childcare courses nationally; furthermore, if it is possible to attain a figure to establish how many of these graduates go on to work in the childcare sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [42232/23]

*716. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of data breaches experienced by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [42367/23]

*717. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the CAO application process alerts students of unapproved courses that do not qualify for SUSI grants; if he is aware of the financial difficulties placed upon students who, having commenced such places, are subsequently notified that they do not qualify for a SUSI grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [42466/23]

*718. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what funding, if any, is available for a masters in child and adolescent therapy (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [42497/23]

*719. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline, in light of the recent publication of his report on PhD stipends, the discussions he has had with different universities; if he can confirm, in tabular form, which universities have agreed to increase the value of their stipend; the value of the increase; the date this is being enacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [42567/23]

*720. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, in relation to the issue of PhD stipends and his Department's recent report recommending they be increased, he is aware that some institutions provide stipends from benefaction funds; if he is aware that stipends from such funding sources are being considered for the increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [42568/23]

*721. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide information on a scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [42655/23]

*722. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, in the interests of promoting the Irish language and boosting employment opportunities, he will consider introducing a new Irish-language training course for people in receipt of social

welfare payments, as no such course currently exists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [42667/23]

*723. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he can determine what exact documentation is required by an applicant for a SUSI grant (details supplied) in order to have their application considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [42673/23]

*724. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to address matters raised (details supplied) regarding students from the North wishing to study in universities in the South; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [42688/23]

*725. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to respond to correspondence mailed to his office (details supplied) on a policy matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [42715/23]

*726. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide the numbers by college/course location attendance that compile the reported 21% dropout rate figure (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [42769/23]

*727. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a timeline for when the engineering building in Waterford will be sanctioned (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [42770/23]

*728. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has engaged with the Higher Education Authority and/or universities to give consideration to additional special degree and masters programmes for students pursuing qualifications in early years in order to provide full immersion as Gaeilge in early years’ settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [42786/23]

*729. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has a policy on the use of artificial intelligence; and if any Departmental functions are assisted by language model-based chatbots (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [42817/23]

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

*730. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will change the criteria for funding for some of the smaller islands on the Donegal coast (details supplied). — Thomas Pringle. [42747/23]

*731. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of data breaches experienced by her Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [42372/23]

*732. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development what capital funding streams are open to community groups, such as men's sheds, that are seeking to either build or acquire a permanent facility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [42669/23]

*733. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has a policy on the use of artificial intelligence; and if any Departmental functions are assisted by language model-based chatbots (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [42822/23]

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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

I. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a list of the State apologies issued by Taoisigh in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [42621/23]