



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH**  
**QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Justice when the Garda Reserve regulations will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [43775/23]
2. To ask the Minister for Justice what progress has been made on resolving the pay restoration dispute with criminal barristers. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44134/23]
3. To ask the Minister for Justice to make a statement on the implementation of policing reform in the area of non-core duties. — Pa Daly. [43776/23]
4. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will establish a statutory inquiry, compliant with international human rights standards, into the arrest, detention, interrogation, prosecution and conviction of persons (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [44109/23]
5. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Community Safety Innovation Fund will be extended next year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [43854/23]

**CEISTEANNA EILE**  
**OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

6. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline her proposals for family law reform, with particular reference to the need for an indicative timescale; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44100/23]
7. To ask the Minister for Justice the measures undertaken by her Department to reduce citizenship application processing times, particularly in respect of applications submitted in 2021 and 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43951/23]
8. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on a report (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44145/23]
9. To ask the Minister for Justice to detail the actions her Department has taken to date to ensure the provision of appropriate facilities and interview suites in court service buildings for those who are vulnerable or who have invisible or visible disabilities. — Pauline Tully. [44122/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Justice what steps her Department has taken in relation to recent industrial action at the Criminal Courts of Justice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [43853/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of gardaí in Meath at present; the total number newly employed; and the total number who resigned in each of the years 2020 to 2022 and to date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44011/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the Garda recruitment campaign; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44098/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Justice how she intends to strengthen community policing in Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [43518/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Justice what measures are being taken to ensure increased applications are received in future Garda recruitment drives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [43829/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will comment on her plans to increase step-down accommodation for survivors of domestic violence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44144/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Justice the measures being taken to protect public and civil servants from far Right demonstrations. — Patrick Costello. [44125/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which provision can be made to increase the throughput of gardaí from Templemore to meet current and expanding needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44099/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the Drogheda Implementation Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44097/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps her Department is taking, in conjunction with An Garda Síochána, to ensure that anti-social behaviour is being tackled in our towns and cities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43842/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps her Department is taking to support communities and tackle organised crime; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43843/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Justice the efforts being made to counteract drug trafficking and dealing in our communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43901/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Justice the efforts being made to tackle waiting times for mental health services within prisons; the funding that has been allocated to this within the budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44104/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 49 of 11 July 2023, the status of the independent review of part 4 of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017,

which was due for completion by the end of 2022; the status of the recruitment process to replace the individual who had previously been engaged to carry out the study, and if the new person has been appointed; if the Minister has received the completed report to-date; the expected timeline for the publication of the final report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43950/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Justice if, in light of the new polling published by the Commission for Victims and Survivors Northern Ireland on the impact of the Troubles on the population of this State, she will examine the introduction of bespoke troubles impact payments as exist in the North of Ireland and the island of Britain. — Patrick Costello. [44117/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Justice who is responsible for Garda recruitment; if it is outsourced; if intake targets have been provided and met; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [43953/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress made towards establishing a women’s refuge in Carlow. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [44014/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will establish a public enquiry into the death of a person (details supplied) and the circumstances around their death; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [43850/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí in each of the Cork divisions comparing figures from 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [43952/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will instigate a statutory review of the Prison Service as a safe working environment. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44137/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Justice her response to a petition by a group (details supplied) in relation to a case recently submitted to her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44146/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Justice the up-to-date position regarding the possible posthumous pardoning in the historic cases of Poff and Barrett in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43900/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022, given the ESRI report into gambling harm. — Thomas Gould. [44120/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Justice what measures have been taken to put the Prison Service on a statutory footing. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44136/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the effectiveness of youth diversion projects and their impact of diverting young people away from crime; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [43851/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has cooperated with investigations into historical allegations of abuse in an organisation (details supplied) and alleged cross over with probation service employees. — Paul McAuliffe. [43965/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Justice the work that has been carried out by her Department to review and increase payments to solicitors and barristers in the criminal legal aid scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [43927/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide details on the number of Garda personnel in the Clare-Tipperary Garda division, by county; the number of superintendents in the Clare-Tipperary Garda division and the Garda stations in which they are typically based; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44102/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to address historical allegations of abuse in the Probation Service by a deceased individual and whether an investigation to determine whether abuse was more widespread or should have been detected will take place. — Paul McAuliffe. [43963/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on her Department's engagement with An Garda Síochána, an organisation (details supplied) and the local authorities in regard to the late night soccer leagues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [43852/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is an outstanding WRC award to a prison officer (details supplied); and if so, the reason the award has not been paid. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44138/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on her plans to respond to the strikes of criminal law barristers; if she has plans to raise legal aid fees to pre-2008 levels; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44012/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Justice the efforts being made to tackle waiting times for addiction services within prisons; the funding that has been allocated to this within the budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44103/23]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*43. To ask the Taoiseach the number of jobs created by year in Cork from 1 January 2018 to the most up-to-date figures available for 2023. — Colm Burke. [44405/23]

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

\*44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if an online passport application for a child (details supplied) living in the North that was submitted on 14 August 2023 will issue on time for their travel date 23 October 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44285/23]

\*45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application (details supplied) given the application has passed the target issue date and the applicants travel date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [44306/23]

\*46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide details of the judgements made against Ireland in the Court of Justice of the European Union in each of the past five years in respect of matters which are the responsibility of his Department; the nature of the cases and judgements in question; the total amount in euro of fines and/or penalties paid to date associated with each adverse finding broken down by amount paid by day, week, month and so on, as per the judgement; the remedial procedures, if any, that have been undertaken by the State to address each of the judgements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44331/23]

\*47. 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 in each of the years 2019 to date; the average processing time, by category, academic, enterprise, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44364/23]

\*48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application can be processed for a person (details supplied); if the issue with resubmission links and security questions can be resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44403/23]

\*49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a foreign birth registration for a person (details supplied); if a refund will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44417/23]

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

\*50. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the expenditure in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 on generators purchased to provide dispatchable power to the grid when other sources are not supplying sufficient quantities. — Brian Stanley. [44238/23]

\*51. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the quantity of textile waste produced in Ireland annually in each of the years 2020 to 2022, and to date in 2023; the quantity that is recycled in Ireland as part of a circular economy; the amount that is exported internationally; which countries does Ireland export this material to; the volume of same in each of the years 2020 to 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44254/23]

\*52. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way the Government is preparing for the EU Strategy for Sustainable Textiles; the new regulation that will require Member States to separate textiles from other waste in January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44255/23]

\*53. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the quantity of recycled materials that Ireland exports every year per source material; the countries to which this is exported; the quantities for same in each of the years 2020 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44256/23]

\*54. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline which public body has responsibility for ensuring compliance with section 15.1 of the Climate

Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 on film productions which are in receipt of funding under Section 481 of the Taxes Consolidation Act (TCA) 1997. — Neasa Hourigan. [44259/23]

\*55. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the quantity of soft plastics that is recycled in Ireland in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; what infrastructure exists to recycle soft plastics; if there are plans to develop this infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44265/23]

\*56. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a property owner (details supplied) will avail of high-speed broadband. — Robert Troy. [44266/23]

\*57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44268/23]

\*58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide details of the judgements made against Ireland in the Court of Justice of the European Union in each of the past five years in respect of matters which are the responsibility of his Department; the nature of the cases and judgements in question; the total amount in euro of fines and/or penalties paid to date associated with each adverse finding broken down by amount paid by day, week, month and so on, as per the judgement; the remedial procedures, if any, that have been undertaken by the State to address each of the judgements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44329/23]

\*59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to review correspondence (details supplied) from Bord Gáis; if he can clarify if this meets procedures where feeding electricity from solar panels back in the home is concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44351/23]

\*60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications whether a study would be conducted on the noise and air pollution present in Innishannon village centre. — Holly Cairns. [44386/23]

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

\*61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide details of the judgements made against Ireland in the Court of Justice of the European Union in each of the past five years in respect of matters which are the responsibility of his Department; the nature of the cases and judgements in question; the total amount in euro of fines and/or penalties paid to date associated with each adverse finding broken down by amount paid by day, week, month and so on, as per the judgement; the remedial procedures, if any, that have been undertaken by the State to address each of the judgements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44326/23]

\*62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department is currently undertaking work in relation to the establishment of a national security or intelligence agency; the intended timeframe in which in which they intend to publish a heads of or draft Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44365/23]

\*63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for a statement on members of the Defence Forces pay; how it compares with members of An Garda Síochána; and whether there are



any plans for pay increases.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [44366/23]

*Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.*

\*64. To ask the Minister for Transport when the review which led to the recently announced reduction in speed limits was initially commenced; to outline the research and engagement with third parties which was undertaken during this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44224/23]

\*65. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a timescale on promised works (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [44286/23]

\*66. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide the names of the designated rural areas under the 2023 local hackney pilot scheme which have commenced service; the number of applications received per area; the number of trips which have been completed per areas, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [44314/23]

\*67. To ask the Minister for Transport the current waiting time for the driver theory test in all centres across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44315/23]

\*68. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of the judgements made against Ireland in the Court of Justice of the European Union in each of the past five years in respect of matters which are the responsibility of his Department; the nature of the cases and judgements in question; the total amount in euro of fines and/or penalties paid to date associated with each adverse finding broken down by amount paid by day, week, month and so on, as per the judgement; the remedial procedures, if any, that have been undertaken by the State to address each of the judgements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44341/23]

\*69. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of tests carried out in each NCT test centre from 1 January 2023 to 31 September 2023 inclusive, in tabular form; the number (absolute and percentage) of vehicles that passed at each centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44359/23]

\*70. To ask the Minister for Transport if there will be increased frequency of the C1 and C2 buses at peak times; if updates to the bus routes that serve Lucan will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44412/23]

*Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.*

\*71. To ask the Minister for Finance the up-to-date position regarding the processing and deciding on appeals by the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [44429/23]

\*72. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated total additional revenue which will be generated in a full year by the first two increases in excise duty on petrol, diesel and market gas oil which were implemented in June and September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44226/23]

\*73. To ask the Minister for Finance for clarification on an issue (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [44261/23]

\*74. To ask the Minister for Finance the Government's proposals to deal with the dramatic increases in mortgages held by vulture funds, which is causing great distress to individuals with these mortgages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [44279/23]

\*75. To ask the Minister for Finance if changes are intended in the way the Revenue Commissioners treat the income received by general practitioners from the health service for providing GMS services; if so, the changes; the rationale behind the change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44323/23]

\*76. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide details of the judgements made against Ireland in the Court of Justice of the European Union in each of the past five years in respect of matters which are the responsibility of his Department; the nature of the cases and judgements in question; the total amount in euro of fines and/or penalties paid to date associated with each adverse finding broken down by amount paid by day, week, month and so on, as per the judgement; the remedial procedures, if any, that have been undertaken by the State to address each of the judgements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44330/23]

\*77. To ask the Minister for Finance to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); the reason for this change in tax treatment for GPs; if he has engaged with the Revenue Commissioners on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44349/23]

\*78. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of family home mortgages that are now in the hands of vulture funds in 2023; how many of those mortgages are/were the subject of alternative payment arrangements or split/shelved portion mortgages prior to them being sold to vulture funds, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [44473/23]

*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.*

\*79. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide details of the judgements made against Ireland in the Court of Justice of the European Union in each of the past five years in respect of matters which are the responsibility of his Department; the nature of the cases and judgements in question; the total amount in euro of fines and/or penalties paid to date associated with each adverse finding broken down by amount paid by day, week, month and so on, as per the judgement; the remedial procedures, if any, that have been undertaken by the State to address each of the judgements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44336/23]

\*80. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if negotiations are ongoing in relation to grade restructuring for conservation rangers to go from an effective clerical officer grade to executive officer grade; when he expects these negotiations to conclude; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [44420/23]

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

\*81. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 51 of 29 June 2023, the number of employment permits issued in respect of non-EEA home care workers since the start of January 2023; the number of applications refused; the number of applications pending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44242/23]

\*82. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44282/23]

\*83. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide details of the judgements made against Ireland in the Court of Justice of the European Union in each of the past five years in respect of matters which are the responsibility of his Department; the nature of the cases and judgements in question; the total amount in euro of fines and/or penalties paid to date associated with each adverse finding broken down by amount paid by day, week, month and so on, as per the judgement; the remedial procedures, if any, that have been undertaken by the State to address each of the judgements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44328/23]

\*84. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the timeframe for the visas of non-working EEA nationals to be processed; the number of visas of working non-EEA nationals that have been awarded and declined in counties Cavan and Monaghan since March 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44140/23]

\*85. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has plans for any further supports to help businesses coping with increased costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [43191/23]

\*86. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the code of practice for remote working; and when implementation is to be expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [44379/23]

\*87. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider extending the quota of meat processor operatives under general employment permits in view that the quota has been filled and there is a shortage of operatives in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44404/23]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention or that of his officials has been drawn to the shortfall in employer to employee engagement in respect of proposed redundancies at a company (details supplied); the steps he will take to ensure that employee rights are protected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44406/23]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to discuss the steps being taken to advance the establishment of the EU Patent Court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [44418/23]

*Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.*

\*90. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will commission a national plan for the support and management of exceptionally able children in the Irish education system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [44280/23]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a person (details supplied) cannot get school bus transport for her children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44239/23]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Education if a personal assistant will be made available to a person (details supplied) to support them in travelling to and from school. — Denise Mitchell. [44244/23]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the installation of portacabins and a temporary car park at a school (details supplied); the expected timeline for delivery; the reason this work did not commence during the summer months to ensure that these temporary measures were in place for September 2023 to accommodate the increased enrolment that occurred on the basis of a commitment to provide extra rooms; to provide an update on the status of the phase one build of five permanent classrooms; if these classrooms will be delivered for September 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44246/23]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to change the current enrolment criteria for specialist ASD units and classes to accommodate children who are on a waiting list for an assessment of needs but have not acquired that assessment, in view of the current backlog (details supplied); if her Department has a process in place to monitor if schools and preschools will be able to fill their specialist ASD classes in September 2024 due to the delays in acquiring formal assessments through the public system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44247/23]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Education to provide details on the level of home tuition support approved for September 2023 versus the levels approved for each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44248/23]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Education if she has engaged with the Minister for Health in relation to the assessment of needs waiting list which could prevent children awaiting assessment from accessing specialist classes; if where a child is awaiting an assessment of needs and cannot acquire a place in a specialist class, there are any plans to accelerate their assessments; if there is an alternative process in place (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44249/23]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Education to review correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44257/23]

\*98. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the allegations made in relation to a school (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [44267/23]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Education the work that is being carried out by her Department in order to support and assist children who are deemed to be exceptional or twice exceptional; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [44269/23]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Education what special education supports are currently available specifically for children who are exceptional or twice exceptional; how these supports can be accessed by schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [44270/23]

\*101. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review an application under the teacher refund scheme and advise why it was not paid in light of course conditions being met (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [44277/23]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure NEPS psychologist and SENO positions are filled without further delay (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44320/23]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Education the NEP's psychologist and SENO positions which are currently vacant in County Westmeath; and the measures that are being taken to fill these positions without further delay. — Robert Troy. [44321/23]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of the judgements made against Ireland in the Court of Justice of the European Union in each of the past five years in respect of matters which are the responsibility of her Department; the nature of the cases and judgements in question; the total amount in euro of fines and/or penalties paid to date associated with each adverse finding broken down by amount paid by day, week, month and so on, as per the judgement; the remedial procedures, if any, that have been undertaken by the State to address each of the judgements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44327/23]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of school transport for school pupils (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [44350/23]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of school transport for school pupils (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [44352/23]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of school transport for school pupils (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [44355/23]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of school transport for school pupils (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [44356/23]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Education if she will support a school (details supplied) in securing the neighbouring plot of land for the purposes of parking and other activities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [44369/23]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a primary school (details supplied) is still awaiting broadband connection; the timeline for when the matter will be completed; if the matter can be escalated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [44398/23]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a detailed update on the grant funding scheme available to primary schools for ICT, including the provision of whiteboards, under the digital strategy for schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [44414/23]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify when construction of a modular building for the ASD unit at a school (details supplied) will take place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [44439/23]

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

\*113. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide details of the judgements made against Ireland in the Court of Justice of the European Union in each of the past five years in respect of matters which are the responsibility of her Department; the nature of the cases and judgements in question; the total amount in euro of fines and/or penalties paid to date associated with each adverse finding broken down by amount paid by day, week, month and so on, as per the judgement; the remedial procedures, if any, that have been undertaken by the State to address each of the judgements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44340/23]

\*114. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén uair a dhéanfar íocaíocht le bean tí (sonraí tugtha) as ábhar oidí a chothaigh sí ar chúrsa i lár Mí Lúnasa; údar na moille lena híocaíocht; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [44380/23]

\*115. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén céatadán de na teaghlaigh a chothaigh scoláirí faoi Scéim na bhFoghlaimoirí Gaeilge an samhradh seo a fuair íocaíocht iomlán as gach cúrsa; cén uair atáthar ag súil go n-íocfar an chuid eile; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [44381/23]

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

\*116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Section 12(2) of the British-Irish Agreement applies to Waterways Ireland; if this provision includes lease agreements and encroachment licenses, on foreshore or Waterways Ireland property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44407/23]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Waterways Ireland is a State authority to which Section 13(1)(b) of the Statute of Limitations 1957 would apply. — Pearse Doherty. [44408/23]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if negotiations regarding any disposal of assets by Waterways Ireland are subject to full transparency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44409/23]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Waterways Ireland has or would consider issuing a commercial operating license to operators for developments before they are regularised and legalised; and the checks that are currently in place before issuance. — Pearse Doherty. [44410/23]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Waterways Ireland has utilised any unauthorised developments for the purpose of boat storage, repair or maintenance



in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44411/23]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when drafting of the Planning and Development Bill 2023 first commenced; when it was completed before submission to Cabinet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44229/23]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when call four of the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund will be open to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [44234/23]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of tenancies registered with the Residential Tenancies Board in each local authority area in 2022. — Michael McNamara. [44252/23]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for the difference in the figures contained on his Department's website in relation to housing market statistics (details supplied) in the columns entitled dwellings inspected and total inspections carried out; and if he will provide more details on the different inspections referred to under each of the said headings in the annual data in respect of the level of inspections and enforcement carried out by each local authority available on his Department's website. — Michael McNamara. [44253/23]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social homes built in Cork city and county in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [44262/23]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of cost rental and affordable homes built in Cork city and county in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [44263/23]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social and cost rental homes planned for delivery in 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [44264/23]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the judgements made against Ireland in the Court of Justice of the European Union in each of the past five years in respect of matters which are the responsibility of his Department; the nature of the cases and judgements in question; the total amount in euro of fines and/or penalties paid to date associated with each adverse finding broken down by amount paid by day, week, month and so on, as per the judgement; the remedial procedures, if any, that have been undertaken by the State to address each of the judgements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44334/23]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason local authority home loan mortgage interest rates have risen; his views on this increase; if he is aware of commercial banks now offering lower fixed rates than the State backed scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44347/23]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the threshold for HAP can be increased (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44378/23]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the progress of Actions 7.1 to 7.6 of Housing for All to date, and other actions his Department is taking to increase the supply of housing for people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44387/23]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total funding allocation and total funding drawn down for the disabled persons grant scheme and improvement works in lieu of local authority housing scheme by local authority in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44388/23]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total funding drawn down by local authority for the housing adaptation grant scheme to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44389/23]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the value and total number of grants awarded under the housing adaptation grant scheme in 2023 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44390/23]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when annual waiting list data will be published for the housing adaptation grant scheme, a commitment contained in the Housing Options for Our Ageing Population policy statement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44391/23]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of public changing places facilities available, by location, in tabular form; the actions being taken by his Department to increase the number of available facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44397/23]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the Government target for the number of houses to be retrofitted in County Kildare; how many of that target number have been retrofitted to date; and how many are in the pipeline for retrofitting in the foreseeable future. — Patricia Ryan. [44468/23]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify if the Hill of Allen is on the Public Monuments Register; if not, whether the Government plans to speak with all relevant stakeholders to examine the opportunity for the State to take ownership of very important key landmark in County Kildare, which is associated with St. Brigid. — Patricia Ryan. [44469/23]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he or the Government have plans to establish a distinct unit to operate together across both his Department and the Department of Health to provide for a joint plan to ensure the provision of age friendly independent and supported living environments, given the increasing aging population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [44472/23]



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

\*140. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider adding the provision of lunch to coeliac children through the school meals programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [44368/23]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for carer's benefit in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44272/23]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite a decision on a carers allowance application by a person (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [44273/23]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports that are in place for pensioners who are struggling to pay a high electrical bill because of continuous use of medical equipment; considering situations where an application for supplementary welfare allowance was refused due to receipt of a household benefits package; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44275/23]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the appeals officer received and reviewed a report (details supplied) before they made a decision on a disability allowance appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44276/23]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide details of the judgements made against Ireland in the Court of Justice of the European Union in each of the past five years in respect of matters which are the responsibility of her Department; the nature of the cases and judgements in question; the total amount in euro of fines and/or penalties paid to date associated with each adverse finding broken down by amount paid by day, week, month and so on, as per the judgement; the remedial procedures, if any, that have been undertaken by the State to address each of the judgements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44338/23]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will urgently review a school meals project application by a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44343/23]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a pension will be introduced for foster carers, who look after thousands of vulnerable children in the State, many of whom have a range of complex needs and who get limited healthcare support due to the lack of available services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44376/23]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will make the benefit payment for 65-year-olds a qualifying payment for the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [44413/23]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a fuel allowance application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44421/23]

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

\*150. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the current criteria which apply to the granting of criminal legal aid; to state or estimate the number of applications which are made and accepted or refused in each year; whether she has any intention to review the legislation in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44225/23]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of citizenships granted to persons not born within the State in each year from 2000 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44227/23]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of citizenship ceremonies held in each year from 2000 to date; the total number of persons who have been granted citizenship at such ceremonies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44228/23]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware that there is a 15-16 week waiting time for immigration appointments in Limerick city; if there is a plan in place to deal with this significant backlog; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [44236/23]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the process which will be undertaken for appointing the board for Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Agency; and whether the recruitment, assessment and selection process will be conducted by the Public Appointment Service. — Holly Cairns. [44301/23]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide details of the judgements made against Ireland in the Court of Justice of the European Union in each of the past five years in respect of matters which are the responsibility of her Department; the nature of the cases and judgements in question; the total amount in euro of fines and/or penalties paid to date associated with each adverse finding broken down by amount paid by day, week, month and so on, as per the judgement; the remedial procedures, if any, that have been undertaken by the State to address each of the judgements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44335/23]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí serving in Schull Garda station, by rank, full-time or part-time status; the areas covered by the Garda station; and the population of the areas covered. — Holly Cairns. [44382/23]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí serving in Bantry Garda station, by rank, full-time or part-time status; the areas covered by the Garda station; and the population of the areas covered. — Holly Cairns. [44383/23]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí serving in Clonakilty Garda station, by rank, full-time or part-time status; the areas covered by the Garda station; and the population of the areas covered. — Holly Cairns. [44384/23]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí serving in Castletownbere Garda station, by rank, full-time or part-time status; the areas covered by the Garda station; and the population of the areas covered. — Holly Cairns. [44385/23]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 290 of 5 October 2023, if the over 30 staff members that are envisaged to form part of the agency will be drawn

from existing staff from other Departments or Government agencies; if not, if they will be new hires in addition to existing Departmental or agency staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44392/23]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of positions to be filled on the benches of District, Circuit and High Courts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44440/23]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons deemed to be missing persons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44441/23]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of gardaí available throughout the country on a full-time basis; the extent to which this number has fluctuated over the past ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44442/23]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which hate speech, hate crime and racism continue to be addressed in all areas throughout the country without exception; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44443/23]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Justice the efforts currently being made to discourage young people from becoming involved in a life of crime including drugs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44444/23]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of citizenship applications currently awaiting a decision; the number of applications granted and refused citizenship each year over the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44445/23]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to increase the strength of An Garda Síochána in the short-term in all divisions throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44446/23]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Justice to what extent the revised bail laws are successfully preventing crimes while an accused is on bail; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44447/23]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which she expects to be in a position to accelerate the training of extra gardaí in Templemore or elsewhere with a view to calling on extra numbers to meet policing standards and requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44448/23]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which she proposes to augment the strength of An Garda Síochána in accordance with the need for an increased Garda presence throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44449/23]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Justice the degree to which An Garda Síochána continue to have sufficient resources at their disposal to meet the threats of organised crime and drug/people trafficking notwithstanding the recent spectacular success in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44452/23]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Justice if she remains satisfied that adequate surveillance resources have been allocated to An Garda Síochána to combat the threat of drug and people trafficking; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44453/23]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí currently available in each division throughout the country on average on duty at any given time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44454/23]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which it might be envisaged to augment/upgrade or modernise the court system given the changing requirements on the administration of justice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44455/23]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which any allocated funds are adequate for the Courts Service; whether any reform is required to deal with the greater volume of work, her proposals in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44456/23]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which her Department funds or supports, in any way, the courts system with particular reference to pay and conditions; the extent to which issues have arisen in this regard in recent times; her proposals to address such issues by way of legislation or otherwise; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44457/23]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which her Department has identified particular issues that might need attention by way of new legislation or other reforms in relation to policing, the family law courts and combatting organised crime, with specific reference to any shortfalls in respect of pay, conditions affecting improvements or amendments in the administration of law including the courts; the nature of any reforms identified; her proposals to address these issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44458/23]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent, if any, to which her Department or the vote from her Department funds the family law courts; the full extent of her proposals for reform in this regard in the short-terms, given the needs that have been identified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44459/23]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent, if any, to which any current court expert witnesses might exert any undue influence on the role, scale and scope of the expert witness in the context of the ongoing review of the family law courts; her proposals, if any to address any issues arising; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44461/23]

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

\*180. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44223/23]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2021 BEEP payment will issue to a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry) following a successful appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44258/23]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider a lime spreading extension to allow lime to be bought and spread up to March 2024 instead of destroying grassland by driving over saturated fields with heavy machinery, taking into account the exceptional wet summer and soil saturation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [44284/23]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of badgers culled, by county, in 2022 and to date in 2023; the number of these badgers found dead in the snares; and the number that were alive and were killed by gunshot or other method. — Holly Cairns. [44292/23]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to clarify the methods used to kill badgers snared by Departmental operatives; what happens to the remains of the badgers; and what terms and conditions are attached to the licence issued by the NPWS which facilitates the killing. — Holly Cairns. [44293/23]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether a badger cull is intended to go ahead in 2024. — Holly Cairns. [44294/23]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of the judgements made against Ireland in the Court of Justice of the European Union in each of the past five years in respect of matters which are the responsibility of his Department; the nature of the cases and judgements in question; the total amount in euro of fines and/or penalties paid to date associated with each adverse finding broken down by amount paid by day, week, month and so on, as per the judgement; the remedial procedures, if any, that have been undertaken by the State to address each of the judgements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44324/23]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of staff employed within his Department with regard to forestry; if a breakdown of roles can be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44357/23]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of staff employed by the Forestry Service; if he will provide a breakdown of roles and responsibilities within the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44358/23]

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

\*189. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount that has been paid to a provider (details supplied) since they were first engaged by the HSE; and what staffing levels are in place, relative to the number of residents, in each facility the provider has. — Pa Daly. [44235/23]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a social worker will be assigned to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44361/23]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the referendum to replace the article of the Constitution that refers to women's "duties in the home" in November. — Emer Higgins. [44374/23]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the status of the Irish Corporate Governance (Gender Balance) Bill 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [44375/23]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps the HSE has taken to support the development of the shovel ready Neurodiversity Ireland project in Sandymount to assist children with disabilities; when they can expect the project to be ready to operate, given the level of services required in Dublin and Leinster; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44240/23]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason a company (details supplied) entrusted with the management of a significant number of properties under contract with his Department, has properties that either remain completely unoccupied or possess and have available family rooms that have not been allocated to anyone for over two months; the reason individuals continue to reside in tents in Stradbally while the company have secure, contracted properties which remain unutilised with vacant beds; if he will provide clarification regarding which department or section are now responsible for assigning persons to properties under contract with his Department as currently it appears that Citywest is no longer in charge of assigning persons to properties, and regional temporary accommodation hub managers are also without this information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [44260/23]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [44281/23]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of the judgements made against Ireland in the Court of Justice of the European Union in each of the past five years in respect of matters which are the responsibility of his Department; the nature of the cases and judgements in question; the total amount in euro of fines and/or penalties paid to date associated with each adverse finding broken down by amount paid by day, week, month and so on, as per the judgement; the remedial procedures, if any, that have been undertaken by the State to address each of the judgements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44325/23]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if she will urgently review a school meals project application by a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44344/23]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will urgently review the level of funding for a community pre-school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44348/23]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the relevant official from his Department can contact a person (details supplied) immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [44367/23]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the difficulties facing parents in trying to access childcare for children aged 1-3; if measures will be introduced to support the recruitment and retention of staff as it is the lack of staff numbers in many facilities, with surplus accommodation, that is reducing considerably the



number of children aged 1-3 that can be cared for in childcare services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [44438/23]

*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*201. To ask the Minister for Health his views on GPs refusing medical card patients access to their lists in line with an agreement made with GPs in 2023 and how a patient can get a GP service if they move from one end of the country to the other under the GMS scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44182/23]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 644 of 3 October 2023, if any research has been conducted or commenced by his Department into the likely number of safe access zones which will be created by the Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44230/23]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the replacement grant for an MRI machine in Monaghan Hospital was not granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44233/23]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown, by site location and amount paid by the HSE in vacant site levy fees to respective local authorities in the past ten years to date. — Catherine Murphy. [44237/23]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that are being made to introduce peripherally inserted central catheter line clean services as part of oncology services at Wexford General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [44241/23]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure funding is put in place for this service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [44243/23]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to trial the use of curved paddles (details supplied) in the carrying out of mammograms given the high number of women who report pain and/or discomfort during breast screening; if he will consider that this may help improve the numbers returning for subsequent mammograms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [44251/23]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hearing aid application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44274/23]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44278/23]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Health whether his Department will provide community intervention team nurses employed by South Doc with the Covid-19 pandemic payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44287/23]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Health whether a school dental programme could be provided in Skibbereen, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44297/23]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Health the number of school dentists in County Cork; the number of schools each dentist supports; and the number of pupils in each school, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [44298/23]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting period for children on waiting lists for braces in County Cork; the efforts his Department is making to reduce this waiting time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44299/23]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the lack of weekend healthcare services in (details supplied); the measures his Department will take to ensure weekend medical cover in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44300/23]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Health the number of haemodialysis patients who carry out their own haemodialysis at home, by county, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [44302/23]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff in the CUH dialysis ward, by role; and the number of patients accessing dialysis treatment in CUH, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [44303/23]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the training provided to haemodialysis patients to carry out their own haemodialysis at home; whether self-administered homecare is best international practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44304/23]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Health whether his attention has been drawn to the considerable domestic energy costs of haemodialysis equipment (details supplied); and what financial energy supports are available to patients who must carry out their own treatment at home due to a lack of capacity in hospitals. — Holly Cairns. [44305/23]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Health if he will advise on the National Clinical Programme for the treatment of ADHD in adults which has yet to be extended to the Community Healthcare West; when funding for this service will be forthcoming; if those who urgently require service can receive care in a different community health area that is providing the same service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44307/23]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Health if compulsory overtime is taken into consideration when calculating pensions within the ambulance service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [44313/23]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1223 of 13 June 2023, if he could provide a breakdown of the €332.2 million spent on ‘business as usual’ outsource by the HSE in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [44319/23]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the judgements made against Ireland in the Court of Justice of the European Union in each of the past five years in respect of matters which are the responsibility of his Department; the nature of the cases and judgements in question; the total amount in euro of fines and/or penalties paid to date associated with each adverse finding broken down by amount paid by day, week, month and so on, as per the



judgement; the remedial procedures, if any, that have been undertaken by the State to address each of the judgements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44333/23]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a medical card application form for a sight test for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [44342/23]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Health if he will regulate the Narconon's residential drug rehabilitation centres to ensure that clients are safe. — Peadar Tóibín. [44360/23]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Health the interactions between CAMHS and the Integrated Children's Service Forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44362/23]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on plans to move all HSE facilities to a single pay-roll system, given that this was to be implemented by July 2023 according to a representative organisation (details supplied); the arrangements for Section 38 facilities; the timeline for implementation of a single payroll system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44363/23]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with the Revenue Commissioners to ensure GMS income declaration can continue to be paid through partnerships, as changing this practice could lead to financial uncertainties, disrupt GP services and contradict Sláinte Care's preferred partnership model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [44373/23]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a further update is available regarding the new primary care centre at Boot Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 given we have reached Q4 2023, despite previous commitments of opening in Q3; if a date is available for when services will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44377/23]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE fully respects and understands a Supreme Court judgement in the case of a person (details supplied) which was ruled on in March 2020. — Alan Kelly. [44394/23]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering the fortification of bread and flour with folic acid, given its role in the prevention of neural tube defects such as spina bifida; the reason mandatory fortification has not been implemented, in view of the evidence to support this measure and the 2006 recommendation of the National Committee on Folic Acid Food Fortification in relation to white, brown and wholemeal breads (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44428/23]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to a WRC ruling (details supplied) when the back dated payments will be made to all Sector 38 organisations. — Patrick Costello. [44430/23]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Health if there is an ongoing collection of data regarding the relationship between pregnancy outcome indicators and alcohol consumption patterns during pregnancy; if he plans to establish a national register for foetal alcohol spectrum disorder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44431/23]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to develop clear clinical guidelines for the diagnosis of foetal alcohol spectrum disorder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44432/23]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the concerning prevalence of foetal alcohol spectrum disorder in Ireland, along with the absence of dedicated health messaging addressing this issue; if there are plans in place to initiate a new public health awareness campaign outlining the dangers of alcohol consumption, and discouraging its use during pregnancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44433/23]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a comprehensive summary of any task forces or committees established within the past decade that have focused on alcohol consumption during pregnancy, including their respective recommendations and the status of implementing these recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44434/23]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Health the current strategies in place to ensure clinical staff receive sufficient training in foetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) to seek information on the efforts being made to enhance awareness of FASD among healthcare professionals and educators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44435/23]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to ensure that individuals with foetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) and their families have access to FASD-informed services in healthcare, education and social services tailored to their specific needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44436/23]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Health the urgent measures he will take to address the serious matter of home care hours and full homecare packages being granted, but not being fulfilled, due to no staff being available to resulting in a person (details supplied); when the care package will be fulfilled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [44470/23]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Health if he has plans in place for the residents of a nursing home (details supplied) which is due to close imminently; if he liaised with the HSE to find a suitable property; the plan that is in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [44471/23]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dementia advisors for each CHO area since Covid in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Patricia Ryan. [44474/23]

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

\*241. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details of the judgements made against Ireland in the Court of Justice of the European Union in each of the past five years in respect of matters which are the responsibility of his Department; the nature of the cases and judgements in question; the total amount in euro of fines and/or penalties paid to date associated with each adverse finding broken down by amount paid by day, week, month and so on, as per the judgement; the remedial procedures, if any, that have been undertaken by the State to address each of the judgements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44332/23]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44393/23]

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

\*243. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide details of the judgements made against Ireland in the Court of Justice of the European Union in each of the past five years in respect of matters which are the responsibility of her Department; the nature of the cases and judgements in question; the total amount in euro of fines and/or penalties paid to date associated with each adverse finding broken down by amount paid by day, week, month and so on, as per the judgement; the remedial procedures, if any, that have been undertaken by the State to address each of the judgements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44337/23]

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ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 2023**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he plans to expand the critical skills occupations list to address skills and labour shortages in the construction industry especially in view of demand in the area of residential construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44370/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason he has referred the Industrial Relations (Provisions in Respect of Pension Entitlements of Retired Workers) Bill 2021 to the Department of Social Protection, despite it being within his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [44424/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider expanding the range of financial supports currently available under the local enterprise offices nationally to include domestically focused retail, personal services, professional services and construction services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [44427/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details of any review carried out by his Department with regard to removing dental nurses from the ineligible list of occupations for employment permits; his plans to review same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44204/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his proposals for an AI advisory council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [44173/23]

6. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider introducing a export credit guarantee scheme to support companies looking to increase their

international trading opportunities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [44194/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the progression of the introduction of a living wage, as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [44415/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider using unused funding for TBESS to fund grant support for businesses that were badly affected by LPG costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [44322/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for a progress report on the National AI Strategy. — Willie O'Dea. [44169/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide details of the number of IDA visits to Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [43520/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 51 of 29 June 2023, for a status update on his Department's engagement with the Department of Foreign Affairs with a view to developing a new business and human rights action plan and implementation body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44203/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will give an update on the work that is being carried out by his Department, with other Government Departments and State agencies, to find solutions for those who live in the North of Ireland and work remotely for southern-based companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [44395/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when specific additional financial supports will be introduced to assist local authorities and community development organisations in the development of enterprise centres, in view of their importance in providing workspace for start-up businesses and small enterprises and the lack of such accommodation at present in areas such as County Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [44465/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider specific supports for small and medium operators in the retail sector due to the significant increased costs of operating a business, some that are out of the Government's control and some that are directly related to Government decisions. — Marian Harkin. [43827/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is satisfied that Personal Injuries Assessment Board (PIAB) is providing a much-needed timely and cost-effective service to the public in assessing personal injury insurance claims. — Seán Haughey. [44202/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline the engagement he, along with his Department and the IDA, have had with the State's tech sector in the past three months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [44396/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the continued efforts of his Department in isolating and identifying the cause of the rising costs of energy and the negative impact on manufacturing, services and distribution sectors; the extent to which efforts continue to provide replacement sources by whatever means, preferably locally sourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44463/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the engagements his Department is conducting in conjunction with the Department of Further and Higher Education with regard to the role of apprenticeship schemes in businesses within the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43845/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is aware of the practice of so-called ‘buy-out’ contracts in the film industry, and the campaign by Irish performers and writers to secure their future residual payments from work on film through stronger implementation of the European Copyright Directive; the action, he plans to take to address their concerns and ensure that Irish performers are not forced to work for worse terms and conditions than performers from other countries working on the same films; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44317/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on progress in the implementation of the Midlands Regional Enterprise Plan; the potential future funding for the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [44197/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will comment on a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [41862/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on progress on the South East Regional Enterprise Plan; the funding for the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [44290/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the way he is encouraging businesses to engage on new sustainability reporting standards. — Robert Troy. [44193/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details of any engagement he has had with an organisation (details supplied) with regard to addressing the shortage of dental nurses and dentists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44206/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on his meeting with the CEO of the Electoral Commission (details supplied) to discuss digital issues, in particular the use of artificial intelligence tools. — Michael Moynihan. [44180/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures that are being taken to increase climate literacy in his Department, to implement green public procurement and to retrofit his Department’s buildings as noted in the Climate Action Plan and in his Department’s Climate Action Roadmap September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [44288/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the position regarding the progression of a new IDA advance facility at Kerry Technology Park; the position regarding the

existing facility (details supplied); the employment data relating to this facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44401/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how he is ensuring that artificial intelligence is fostered and deployed in a way that is safe, trustworthy and builds the confidence for innovation to flourish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44177/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the lack of progress to date on the Industrial Relations (Provisions in Respect of Pension Entitlements of Retired Workers) Bill 2021, and the lack of alternative wording from his Department that would support the progression of the proposed Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brid Smith. [44422/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the supports available to businesses with the rising cost of energy in running a business. — Niamh Smyth. [44133/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will detail the most recent data on the level of Enterprise Ireland-supported jobs in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the number of additional jobs created in each county since March 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44139/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how Budget 2024 will help the SME sector. — Joe Flaherty. [44196/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a team has been appointed to conduct a review of the occupations on the critical skills occupation list and ineligible occupations list for employment permits; when this review will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44399/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the IDA has a presence in China; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44149/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the status of the remote working code of practice being drafted by the Workplace Relations Commission; if he will provide a timeline as to when the code of practice will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44309/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the implementation of the Personal Injuries Resolution Board Act 2022. — Michael Moynihan. [44181/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of applications made under the scheme to assist businesses with the price of kerosene in counties Roscommon and Galway, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44346/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a timeline on the delivery of an advanced building solution in Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [43519/23]



39. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has plans to address the challenges to Irish competitiveness outlined by the National Competitiveness Council. — Richard Bruton. [44199/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps his Department is taking to ensure that SMEs can continue to grow and create jobs in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43844/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what action he is taking assist SMEs with the cost of doing business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [44198/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he can provide an update on efforts that his Department, in conjunction with the IDA, Enterprise Ireland and Clare County Council are undertaking to secure new enterprise for the former Roche site in Clarecastle, County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [44148/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on his recent participation in the inaugural meeting of the Responsible Business Forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44176/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will detail how he intends to improve employment prospects for the area of mid-Louth, considering the high number of commuters in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44296/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason he has referred the Industrial Relations (Provisions in Respect of Pension Entitlements of Retired Workers) Bill 2021 to the Department of Social Protection; the particular areas he is seeking clarification on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [44425/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 85 of 11 May 2023, for an update on the implementation of the white paper on enterprise; the details of the first update report, which was scheduled for Q3 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44207/23]

47. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta an bhfuil aon dul chun cinn déanta maidir le comhráite idir a Roinn agus an feachtas ar son pacáistiú dátheangach sna siopaí; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44318/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on job creation in counties Roscommon and Galway from January 2023 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44345/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the status of the living wage; the expected year at which the minimum wage will reach a living wage as based on current Government projections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44310/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the National Digital Strategy. — Seán Haughey. [44201/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the establishment of the artificial intelligence advisory council; the level of expression of interest to date; and if the council will contain worker representatives from the trade union movement. — Louise O'Reilly. [44312/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the IDA advanced building solution to be provided on the purchased IDA land bank in Mell north Drogheda; the expected timelines on the delivery of the ABS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44295/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if, as reported in May 2023 (details supplied), he plans to further examine if new reporting mechanisms are required for companies such as supermarket chains that would oblige them to provide details on their margins; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44372/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the work to incorporate into legislation the recommendations on collective bargaining made by the high-level group on collective bargaining and industrial relations; if he will provide a timeline as to when the matter will be legislated for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44308/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has analysed the main sources of pressure on business costs at present; and how he believes these might best be addressed. — Richard Bruton. [44200/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans for regulation of technology in business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [44168/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on progress being made to acquire an IDA Ireland purpose-built facility in Longford town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [44195/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a new IDA advance facility will be considered for the Killarney area, given the relative lack of new foreign direct investment in the area in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44402/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the action being taken by the IDA and Enterprise Ireland to support new businesses and jobs in County Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44291/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 60 of 29 June 2023, for an update on the implementation of the West Regional Enterprise Plan to 2024; for a status update on the development of the BIA Innovator Campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44205/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will expedite progression of the proposed the Industrial Relations (Provisions in Respect of Pension



Entitlements of Retired Workers) Bill 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [44423/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 407 of 25 July 2023, if he will outline the details of the smart regional enterprise innovation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [44466/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how he proposes to ensure that AI is developed and used in a manner that is human-centred, ethical, and trust-based, and underpins our engagement in national and international fora; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [44174/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he and his Department continue to monitor the causes of inflation, both internal and external, and their effects on business, trade and enterprise; the efforts to date in identifying possible remedies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44462/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will meet with retail and security workers regarding workplace safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44311/23]