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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

1. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the provision of up to 6kW photovoltaic panels on all schools; when the scheme will be open for applications; and what the provisions of the scheme are. — Sorca Clarke. [45120/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Education if she will deliver on a DEIS Plus proposal for schools in areas of the highest disadvantage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [45280/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a breakdown of the Budget 2024 allocation of €7 million in additional capitation grants for schools; and detail the analysis that was undertaken by her Department regarding sufficiency of this amount. — Sorca Clarke. [45121/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the actions being undertaken by her Department to tackle teacher shortages and ensure teachers that remain in the profession and attract new teachers to posts in primary and secondary schools. — Gary Gannon. [45381/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a breakdown of the Budget 2024 allocation of €50 million for the school transport scheme between capital and revenue; and the details of additional capacity this will cater for and the priority for spending. — Sorca Clarke. [45122/23]

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OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

6. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has examined the substandard condition of buildings at a school (details supplied) in County Clare; if she will give consideration to approving a major capital project to renovate and extend these buildings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44808/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Education the additional resources provided to special education schools in 2023. — Thomas Gould. [44993/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Education to outline progress on the new Wellbeing/Counselling initiative that she announced and introduced this year, and which has been warmly welcomed by the education partners and sector. — John Lahart. [44807/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Education if she can explain the circumstances whereby a school (details supplied) was refused a grant by her Department to equip a sensory room because it did not have a door, but when they contacted the section responsible for the provision of the new room to ask for a door, they were informed that the policy at this time was to only provide quiet rooms which do not have doors; and if he could advise the school how they can access a grant which will allow the school to properly fit out the new room and resolve the issue for their new class. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44713/23]

10. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an dul chun cinn atá á dhéanamh le straitis don Gaolinn sac horas Oideachas in iomlán agus an ndeanfadh sí raiteas ar an abhar. — Aindrias Moynihan. [45013/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to identify measures to make school transport more sustainable as identified in the annexe of actions in the climate action plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44987/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Education the up-to-date position on delivery of a new building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [45012/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Education when her Department will review and sanction the application for a building extension at a school (details supplied) as the current situation around accommodation for students is not sustainable due to their enrolment at 663 (an increase of almost 50% since their original accommodation was granted in 2019) which includes a Co-ed Aonad stream. — Frankie Feighan. [45048/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 158 of 4 May 2023; to provide an update on his Department's review of the guidelines of the use of school buildings outside of school hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [44927/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Education if relevant data from the National Census 2022 is yet available to her Department, with particular reference to the HP Deprivation Index, to assist in determining resource allocations by her Department to tackle educational disadvantage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45052/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the progress of capacity surveys of the school system in relation to installation of solar panels on every school roof here; when she expects to open the application process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [45114/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she is working to ensure that every child has a school place at primary and second level in Kildare North and throughout the country at large with particular reference to children with special needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45020/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will provide funding for necessary work on a school (details supplied), including assessing whether a new school building is needed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [45018/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Education if there are any plans to streamline enrolment nationally (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [45062/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the position for schools who have lost a portion of their play areas due to extension needs of their growing school. — Niamh Smyth. [45094/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Education her estimate of the number of secondary students in each of Kildare, Wicklow, Meath and Louth that will benefit from the introduction of free school books next year; the number of primary students that are currently benefitting from free school books in each of the counties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [44923/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Education the details of any engagement her Department has had with the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications with regard to the promised multi-annual scheme to provide photovoltaic panels in schools; the details of the scheme; the status of the roll-out of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45050/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider changing the qualifying criteria with regard to the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [45075/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Education her estimate of the number of secondary students in each of Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford and Waterford that will benefit from the introduction of free school books next year; the number of primary students that are currently benefitting from free school books in each of the counties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [44928/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she will take to ensure that the Climate Programme by the schools buildings unit will take cognisance of the impact of emissions generated from the siting of new schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [45095/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to review primary school class sizes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45099/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Education how much the increased capitation announced in Budget 2024 will be worth to schools in each of Cork and Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [44926/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Education the degree to which she will ensure the widest possible availability of school transport in Kildare north, with particular reference to the ongoing issues that have arisen in this area at the beginning of each academic year in the past three years to date where some children who have previously had concessionary tickets have been refused the continuation of their ticket; if she will ensure that no child who requires this urgent service, is left without a way to school, particularly where a local demand exists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45019/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Education how she intends progressing separation of church and State in the education system; the funding that was provided for this in the Budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [45016/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Education the way her Department is supporting the creation of teaching qualifications for teachers of special education; her further plans, if any, in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [40385/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to address the barriers to the take-up of funding for and delivery of solar panels on schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [45096/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Education if she envisages a situation where schools in this country will not be reliant on charity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [45017/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on progress on the new school building for a school (details supplied) which she visited in 2022. — John Lahart. [44806/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Education the plans that are in place to improve the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [45025/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the review into school transport. — Robert Troy. [44909/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Education the measures that were included in the Budget to address the recruitment and retention crisis for teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [45015/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Education the funding schemes that are available to secondary schools this academic year to help them with the purchase of musical equipment for students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [45011/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the amount the capitulation funding will be increased for schools on a per student basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [45093/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the timeline for the publication of the school transport review; if a new system will be implemented by her Department ahead of the 2024/2025 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [45098/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children that will benefit from the expanded free school book scheme, as announced under Budget 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [45076/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the review of the school transport scheme; if she has received the completed review to date; the timeline for the publication of the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45049/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Education when schools (details supplied) will be opened upon building works being completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [45097/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Education how much the increased capitation announced in Budget 2024 will be worth to schools in each of Offaly, Laois, Longford and Westmeath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [44922/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Education her estimate of the number of secondary students in each of Cork and Kerry that will benefit from the introduction of free school books next year; the number of primary students that are currently benefitting from free school books in each of the counties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [44925/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Education the engagement that her Department has had with school book publishers and the booksellers' associations regarding the Budget announcement of the extension of the school book grant scheme. — Sorca Clarke. [45130/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Education further to a positive meeting between Board of Management of CBS, Mullingar and officials in the school building unit; and her plans to ensure that the application for additional accommodation is dealt with in a timely and innovative way to ensure the school can adequately accommodate the need of current students and the needs of a expanding town. — Robert Troy. [44910/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Education the actions that are being taken by her Department to tackle teacher shortages at primary and secondary school level, including the 740 special educational needs teachers announced in Budget 2024. — Gary Gannon. [45065/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Education to insist that county-based co-ordinators are put in place for school transport to avoid the problems that arise each year with the scheme. — Brian Stanley. [42410/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Education if there is more than one case in her Department where her education representatives have not engaged with the relevant contractor, arising from substantial building works; and to ensure that any snags or defects arising from substantial building works were remedied before the expiry of the defects liability period and if so, the number of cases in the past three years. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44820/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Education how much the increased capitation announced in Budget 2024 will be worth to schools in each of Kildare, Wicklow, Meath and Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [44924/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Education given her Department's Initial Teacher Education Policy Statement (2023), if it is intended to reduce the initial teacher education (ITE) two-year PME programme to one year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [44904/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Education the breakdown by county of the number of primary schools with only a principal in them, a principal and one mainstream class teacher and a principal and two mainstream teachers respectively provided in tabular form; whether she intends changing the pupil teacher ratio for small rural schools considering the challenge in teaching

multiple classes in the same classroom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45009/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a €20 per child mental health support proposal for all primary school children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45091/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a breakdown of the Budget 2024 allocation of €4 million for additional supports for special schools between capital and revenue spent; and what are the planned areas for investment. — Sorca Clarke. [45129/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Education how much the increased capitation announced in Budget 2024 will be worth to schools in each of Limerick, Clare and Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [44920/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to include Climate Action and Sustainable Development in the leaving certificate curriculum as part of the annexe of actions for the climate action plan; if there are plans to extend this to junior cycle and/or primary education; if there will be additional measures to support climate literacy through formal education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44986/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Education the number of vocational schools which have closed in the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [44811/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Education the proposals, if any, there are to include more schools in the DEIS programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45051/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools in County Mayo that have plans for additional accommodation delayed because of inflationary costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [45026/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to resolve resourcing issues in special schools for the current school year. — Thomas Gould. [44994/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Education the action her Department is taking to ensure that all pupils who apply for school transport next year will be facilitated in view that a number of bus routes that were oversubscribed this year leaving many students without transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45113/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the review of school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [45089/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Education to explain the omission of the restoration of posts of responsibility (such as assistant principal posts) from Budget 2024, despite making promises to do so last Easter. — Gary Gannon. [45068/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to expand the provision of Irish education in the Dublin South Central area. — Patrick Costello. [45028/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Education if, in light of the small area census data release, her forward planning section will re-examine the need for a new secondary school in Dublin 8. — Patrick Costello. [45027/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Education her estimate of the number of secondary students in each of counties Offaly, Laois, Longford and Westmeath that will benefit from the introduction of free school books next year; the number of primary students that are currently benefiting from free school books in each of the counties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [44921/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Education the number of gael scoileanna which have opened, and the number which have closed, in the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [44810/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary schools that had a staffing schedule of mainstream class teachers consisting of a principal plus one mainstream classroom teacher for the school year 2022/2023; the number of these that had more than 40 pupils enrolled in this school year; whether she intends lowering the threshold significantly for the retention and appointment of a second classroom teacher in primary schools in view of the challenge of teaching multiple classes with more than 20 pupils in each classroom in a “two teacher school”; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45008/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Education if she will comment on a recent initiative, free schoolbooks for junior cycle students, announced in Budget 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45090/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Education the funding being provided for major capital works, minor works and emergency works in Carlow schools in 2023; how many schools have benefitted from upgrades; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44929/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Education the reason no funding was provided for reducing class sizes in the Budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [45014/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Education the number of special educational needs classes that are currently being taught by mainstream teachers due to shortages of special educational needs teachers. — Gary Gannon. [45066/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that will be taken to restore the posts of responsibility in national schools across Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [45092/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the progress of the Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the review of the school transport scheme; when she expects the report to be published; her plans to reform the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [45115/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a school (details supplied) in County Louth was refused DEIS status when the secondary school in the same town was given DEIS status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [45010/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has examined the substandard condition of the 1980s prefabricated classroom at a school (details supplied) in County Clare; if she will give consideration to urgently approving a new replacement classroom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44809/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to a review of the current retirement age of school bus drivers and increasing the age limit beyond 70 years provided they hold the requisite licence and satisfy an annual medical examination, in view of the difficulty in getting school bus drivers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45112/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Education when primary schools, particularly DEIS primary schools, can expect to receive their Information and Communications Technology (ICT) grant. — Gary Gannon. [45067/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Education her estimate of the number of secondary students in each of Limerick, Clare and Tipperary that will benefit from the introduction of free school books next year; the number of primary students that are currently benefitting from free school books in each of the counties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [44919/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Education if she has an update on the school bus service covering (Whitechurch to Blarney in County Cork) (details supplied) as a number of eligible children have not received their tickets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [45063/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Education the number of new special needs assistants that were hired since 2022; and if there is an action plan outlining how the 1,200 additional SNA posts provided for in Budget 2024 will be filled. — Gary Gannon. [45064/23]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*82. To ask the Taoiseach the number of small and medium enterprises (less than or equal to 250 persons engaged) which closed in each year 2010 to 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [44907/23]

*83. To ask the Taoiseach the total number of persons currently employed in the manufacturing sector throughout the country; and the extent to which this number has fluctuated over the past ten years. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44576/23]

*84. To ask the Taoiseach the total number of persons currently employed in the services sector throughout the country; and the extent to which this number has fluctuated over the past ten years. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44577/23]

*85. To ask the Taoiseach the bilateral meetings he had during his recent visit to the United States. — Pauline Tully. [45281/23]

*86. To ask the Taoiseach further to Parliamentary Question No. 133 of 3 October 2023, if he will provide detail on the nature of the data breaches suffered by his Department; the severity of the breaches; if all individuals whose information was compromised were notified of the breach; and if the Data Protection Commission was notified of all data breaches. — Peadar Tóibín. [45344/23]

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

*87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if Shannon Airport will now be used as a transit hub for military support coming from the USA to be used to assist Israel in its illegal campaign in Gaza, where a siege has been installed, with the civilian population denied water, electricity, food and fuel (details supplied). — Thomas Pringle. [45227/23]

*88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to explain the rationale in section 14 of a child passport renewal stating that a guardians/parents signature is not required when the child is married; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [44681/23]

*89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if consular assistance will be provided to a person (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [44736/23]

*90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to confirm that Hamas is a designated terrorist organisation in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44757/23]

*91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the dates where the Irish Consulate General or Vice Consul based in the North of England has met with the Mayor of Newcastle to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [44824/23]

*92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason it is not possible for an initial assessment of paper based passport applications to be done upon receipt of such applications so that applicants can be notified of missing or incorrect documentation in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [44865/23]

*93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason that when a person submits a paper-based passport application and is notified of missing documentation, they are returned to the back of queue for processing when they submit the correct documentation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [44866/23]

*94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when he will respond to correspondence sent to him (details supplied) in relation to employment permits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45035/23]

*95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the position regarding Ireland's efforts to promote the safety of civilians on both sides in the ongoing Israeli/Palestinian conflict at an EU level; how these diplomatic efforts are being carried out in practical terms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [45106/23]

*96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [45157/23]

*97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 140 of 3 October 2023, if he will provide detail on the nature of the data breaches suffered by his Department; the severity of the breaches; if all individuals whose information was compromised were notified of the breach; if the Data Protection Commission was notified of all data breaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45336/23]

*98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagements with the Government of Saudi Arabia and its representatives since taking office. — Ivana Bacik. [45358/23]

*99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagements with the Government of Israel and its representatives since 7 October 2023. — Ivana Bacik. [45359/23]

*100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagements with Palestinian diplomats since 7 October 2023. — Ivana Bacik. [45360/23]

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

*101. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are any plans to regulate the costs of public electric vehicles chargers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [44648/23]

*102. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when his officials in 2007 were drafting the Lough Conn and Lough Cullin (Conservation of Brown Trout) Bye-law No. 827, 2007, whether the now defunct North Western Regional Fisheries Board (NWRFB) provided him and his Department officials with validated scientific data to show that rod and line angling was having a direct and measurable impact on brown trout stocks in Loughs Conn and Cullin (River Moy SAC), and if Department officials used any scientific data to ensure that the said bye-law was in compliance with the requirements of Regulation 31 of the European Communities (Natural Habitats) Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 94 of 1997); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [44653/23]

*103. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the WTE staff by job title working in the geological survey division of his Department as of 9 October 2023; the number of vacancies by job title within this division; when each of these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44665/23]

*104. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if an application for the warmer home scheme with SEAI can be expedited (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [44890/23]

*105. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the EU environmental directives that Ireland is not in compliance with; and his timelines to ensure we do comply, in tabular form by directive name and expected date of compliance. — Alan Kelly. [44915/23]

*106. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the funding supports offered by his Department to an organisation (details supplied) since 1 January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44918/23]

*107. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to confirm how many persons in the Dublin Central constituency have been assisted under the better energy homes programme for the years 2020 to 2023 respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45154/23]

*108. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to confirm how many persons in the Dublin Central constituency have been assisted under the warmer homes scheme for the years 2020 to 2023 respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45155/23]

*109. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of persons in the Dublin Central Constituency currently on waiting lists for each SEAI grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45156/23]

*110. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the expenditure to date on residential retrofitting grants by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland; if he will give a breakdown of these grants on the basis of the level of grant aid received; the total costs involved (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [45174/23]

*111. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will expand the warmer homes scheme by SEAI (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [45247/23]

*112. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 154 of 3 October 2023, if he will provide detail on the nature of the data breaches suffered by his Department; the severity of the breaches; if all individuals whose information was compromised were notified of the breach; if the Data Protection Commission was notified of all data breaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45334/23]

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

*113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of females that are currently in recruit training in each branch of the Permanent Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44666/23]

*114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the amount spent on purchasing replacement specialist fire appliances for the Defence Forces Fire Services in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [44841/23]

*115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 161 of 3 October 2023, if he will provide detail on the nature of the data breaches suffered by his Department; the severity of the breaches; if all individuals whose information was compromised were notified of the breach; if the Data Protection Commission was notified of all data breaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45331/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*116. To ask the Minister for Transport the regulations in place (details supplied); if the taxi regulator is aware of such instances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [44646/23]

*117. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people currently on a waiting list for a driving test in north Tipperary; on average, how long it takes to sit a test from the date that the applicant first applies for a test with the RSA; the work that is being undertaken by the RSA to cut these waiting lists; whether more testers being hired; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44655/23]

*118. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional train carriages will be added to the service between Newbridge and Grand Canal Dock at peak times; if additional train services will be considered at peak times for the service between Hazelhatch and Grand Canal Dock; the additional services that have been put in place in response to the rising population of Adamstown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44658/23]

*119. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has received each of the 2022 annual reports and audited financial statements from each State agency under the remit of his Department; if not, the State agencies that have yet to provide their 2022 annual reports and or audited financial statements; when he expects the remaining reports to be forwarded to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44671/23]

*120. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that need to be taken to encourage people who are out walking to protect themselves and wear hi-vis jackets at all times (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44715/23]

*121. To ask the Minister for Transport to detail the latest costs total under consideration by his Department for the construction of the Dungarvan to Mallow Greenway; within these costs outline if he will highlight the variance cost percentages being offered for issues such as construction inflation, environmental impact assessments and planning delays due to judicial appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [44743/23]

*122. To ask the Minister for Transport the updated timeline for publishing in full the route for a project (details supplied); the cost incurred on the project to date and since May 2023; and the dates he has met with the NTA and TII on the project since June 2023 to October 2023, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [44744/23]

*123. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 13 of 5 October 2023, his plans and actions to accelerate the delivery of active travel networks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [44783/23]

*124. To ask the Minister for Transport if a bus service from Leixlip to Blanchardstown Hospital can be facilitated or incorporated into current routes to facilitate elderly people from this area getting to and from medical appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44787/23]

*125. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of additional DART carriages and train drivers that would be required if the frequency of the DART was increased to every 20 minutes in both directions on Sundays and bank holidays. — Catherine Murphy. [44828/23]

*126. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of installing a minimum of one defibrillator at each manned full time train station and for all necessary staff in each of those stations to be trained to use them. — Catherine Murphy. [44829/23]

*127. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount per local authority that was unspent and returned to the NTA under the active travel project implementation heading in the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [44852/23]

*128. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address complaint (details supplied) with the provider; and if he will ensure that they improve the bus services offered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [44855/23]

*129. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider expanding bus routes in the west of Ireland, especially a route which could link Tralee, Limerick, Galway and Sligo. — Pa Daly. [44864/23]

*130. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the efficiency of bus services (details supplied) in the Dublin mid-west area over the past three years; the amount of fines issued to the operator in this same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44869/23]

*131. To ask the Minister for Transport the current estimated date for the opening of the new Shannon crossing road project. — Alan Kelly. [44879/23]

*132. To ask the Minister for Transport when the new south Kerry greenway will be completed. — Alan Kelly. [44881/23]

*133. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason why the waiting time for a driving test in Donegal has increased (details supplied); if he can provide a list of the current waiting times in all test centres nationwide in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44943/23]

*134. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details on the new citylink service from Mayo to Dublin Airport servicing Athlone, and to confirm if this service accepts the free travel pass. — Robert Troy. [44958/23]

*135. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that the NTA prioritises resurfacing works on the N55 between Athlone and Ballymahon, as this main artery has not received substantial investment in some time. — Robert Troy. [44959/23]

*136. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that Transport Infrastructure Ireland prioritise measures to reduce traffic speed on the N55 at Tang County Westmeath (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44960/23]

*137. To ask the Minister for Transport if the NTA can provide a bus stop at Tang County Westmeath. — Robert Troy. [44961/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the progress of the review of the student Leap card and young adult card discounted fare scheme; whether the inclusion of 16-18 year olds in the scheme is being considered; and to provide a detailed breakdown of the

costs and benefits of including 16-18 year-olds in the student Leap card and young adult card discounted fare scheme. — Alan Dillon. [44992/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide his Department's update in respect of the A5 upgrade. — Catherine Murphy. [44997/23]

*140. To ask the Minister for Transport for clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45057/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of the steps Dublin Bus, a company (details supplied) and Transport Ireland are taking when they receive complaints; the process for handling complaints; and how long are they taking to process them. — Paul Murphy. [45102/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of bus services in Dublin that were delayed or unable to run; the reason they were delayed or unable to run; the breakdown of each route and area in Dublin that they service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [45103/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider filling the two vacant positions on the board of the Road Safety Authority; to outline the recruitment process; to outline how long these positions have been vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [45150/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for Transport if transport will be granted to a person (details supplied). — Denise Mitchell. [45172/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to the addition of a cancellation list for driving test appointments at test centres nationally to facilitate those who urgently require a driving test appointment in view of the current five-month waiting time for a test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45195/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for Transport the current average waiting time for driving tests nationally; what progress has been made to date in reducing the five-month waiting time for driving tests experienced by applicants earlier in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45196/23]

*147. To ask the Minister for Transport when additional personnel will be assigned on a permanent basis to the Cavan test centre in view of ongoing delays for applicants awaiting tests at this centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45242/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 11 of 19 January 2023, if he will outline the outcome from the engagement with the Minister for Rural and Community Development or the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Sport, Gaeltacht and Media, on this issue concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [45262/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to have a regular Local Link bus serving the Belturbet area of Cavan. — Pauline Tully. [45292/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for Transport the locations and capacity of each park and ride facility funded by the National Transport Authority, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [45293/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for Transport if NewEra has made contact with officials in his Department on the matter of an Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) board request to make a payment of 2% of their current pensions to IAA pensioners for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [45300/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the long-standing grievance between Irish Aviation Authority retirees and their former employers, that is, the pension increases in accordance with section 41.5 of the Irish Aviation Authority Act 1993; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [45301/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting since March 2023 for a driving test; if the test will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45306/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 194 of 3 October 2023, if he will provide detail on the nature of the data breaches suffered by his Department; the severity of the breaches; if all individuals whose information was compromised were notified of the breach; if the Data Protection Commission was notified of all data breaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45346/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45357/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for Transport to urgently contact the TII regarding the lack of safe park-and-ride facilities along the N3 road (details supplied); if they are aware of safety issues at bus stops along this route including fatalities at some; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45362/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*157. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will seek EU funding to cover the cost of replacing the two customs cutter vessels for the Revenue Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44678/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for Finance to set out what his Department's response is where a developer/builder received help to buy finance but fails to complete the houses to which the help to buy funding applies; and in cases where the buyer is no longer able to occupy the home, whether the Revenue Commissioners can recoup the help to buy funding and the original buyer access the help to buy scheme at another property. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44749/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Finance the capital budget allocation for the Revenue Commissioners in the years 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and the percentage of that capital funding that was actually spent in 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [44827/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for Finance for the Revenue Commissioners plans to reassess their planned revised tax treatment of general medical services income of general practitioners which is to be effective from 1 January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [44857/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Finance to explain how the estimated €3 million cost figure was arrived at in relation to the proposed VAT zero-rating of eBooks and audiobooks in Budget 2024,

including by outlining the number of eBooks and audiobooks sold annually and the average price of eBooks and audiobooks used in calculating this figure. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44957/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware that small construction consultants are experiencing difficulties in obtaining professional indemnity cover, with the limit of indemnity being reduced from €6.5 million to €2 million in some cases, and a rise in premium of a multiple of four times; this is putting consultants in serious danger of not being able to carry out public works; if he will investigate the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44998/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the purchase of second-hand homes by first-time buyers was not included in the help to buy scheme in Budget 2024; if he will commit to re-examining this position with a view to widening first-time buyers' opportunities to own their own home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45002/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 475 of 11 September and 160 of 20 September 2023, if he will consider an amendment to the Finance Act 2024 that would eliminate the anomaly in the approved retirement fund legislation whereby, upon the death of an ARF holder, foster children are treated under the 'others' category rather than the 'child' category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [45107/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is a grant for assistance with fuel for a driver who drives an unmodified car but assists with driving their disabled spouse to and from medical appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45158/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update in relation to insurance measures which are available to residents living in flood risk areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [45228/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will make psychotherapy and counselling services VAT exempt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [45229/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Finance if tracker and variable rate mortgage holders who benefit from the rent-a-room scheme in respect of their principal private residence will be able to access the proposed new mortgage interest relief scheme announced in Budget 2024, provided they meet the criteria as outlined by him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [45257/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will revisit the mortgage interest relief announced in Budget 2024 in order that more people, including those with mortgages of less than €80,000, also benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [45258/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 241 of 3 October 2023, if he will provide detail on the nature of the data breaches suffered by his Department; the severity of the breaches; if all individuals whose information was compromised were notified of the breach; if the Data Protection Commission was notified of all data breaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45335/23]

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.

*171. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on the Clifden flood relief scheme; the works that are proposed for the Owenglin river as part of this scheme; if fallen trees lying on the river will be removed as a matter of urgency before the end of the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44711/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if a person (details supplied) should have entitlement to a portion of a Civil Service pension. — Robert Troy. [44753/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW had a contract with a group (details supplied) to provide services on behalf of the OPW in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; if so, the services that were provided on behalf of the OPW; and the amount paid for these services in each of those years, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [44834/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the options that are available to residents of Shannon town who cannot get flood insurance cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44848/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 266 of 3 October 2013 and the report that OPW is to commission a cull of wild rabbits at a national park in Kerry; the timeframe of the cull, providing exact dates of when it will start and finish. — Paul Murphy. [44849/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will investigate the public service pension entitlement of a person (details supplied), a retired OPW employee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44932/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 151 of 10 October 2023, the reason the Minister of State for the OPW makes no commitment to meet with the elected members of the Inishowen Municipal District, Donegal County Council, as they have repeatedly requested, to examine how the flood defence works at Burnfoot, County Donegal, can be more speedily advanced, considering that the Minister of State for the OPW stated that he was open to meeting the locally elected members in two previous responses to Parliamentary Questions on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [44977/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the breakdown of the Covid Contingency Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [44999/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the current status of the Civil Service Arbitration Board; if dates are being issued for arbitration hearings at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [45117/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will sell the old Garda station in Bunbeg, County Donegal directly to Donegal County Council for use as a site for social housing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [45179/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the flood relief projects currently under construction and funded by the OPW; and when each of these flood relief projects will be completed, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [45291/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total projected capital spend in 2023 broken down by core and non-core and what it represents as a percentage share of GNI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [45295/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total projected capital spend in 2024 broken down, by core and non-core, and what it represents as a percentage share of GNI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [45296/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total projected capital spend in 2025, and what it is projected to represent as a percentage share of GNI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [45297/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 269 of 3 October 2023, if he will provide detail on the nature of the data breaches suffered by his Department; the severity of the breaches; if all individuals whose information was compromised were notified of the breach; if the Data Protection Commission was notified of all data breaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45341/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount collected in entrance fees for national monuments by the Office of Public Works in 2022 and to date in 2023. — Ivana Bacik. [45365/23]

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

*187. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 235 of 05 October 2023, while it is heartening to read about the supports available to companies across the country and across County Tipperary if he will commit to utilising all available State agencies and exerting every possible effort to support the community of Carrick-on-Suir; specifically, if he, his Department and State agencies actively seek an alternative company to take over a factory (details supplied) and address the loss of approximately 50 jobs in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [44631/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the Code of Practice on the right to request remote work will be in place; if it will be in place before the end of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44635/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated full year cost to double the number of Workplace Relations Commission inspectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44679/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is satisfied that a company (details supplied) sufficiently handled the consultation process for upcoming redundancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [44734/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when upholstery and furniture making was removed from the general employment permit lists; the reason for its removal at that time; if he is aware of labour constraints in the sector; if there are any plans to reintroduce this to the general list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44768/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 204 of 26 January, 2023, 1884 , 584 and 585 of 11 September 2023, the reason data on mixed founders, a company with a mix of a male and female founders, is not readily available; if he will provide the definition used by his Department of a female founder in the tabular data provided; and if he will provide the data start-ups with female-only founder teams. — Louise O'Reilly. [44770/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 204 of 26 January, 2023, 1884 , 584 and 585 of 11 September 2023,, in relation to venture capital funding, if he will confirm the definition of 'female decision maker', 'female founded' and 'female led' businesses; and if he will provide the data in relation to companies with female only founders in addition to companies whose founder include a female. — Louise O'Reilly. [44771/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 204 of 26 January 2023, 1884 , 584 and 585 of 11 September 2023, the reason the details on the number of applications for all programmes is not recorded aggregated by gender as this data can provide useful insights; if the data on applicants is aggregated by gender if this information can be provided over the past five years in tabular form; and if not, the reason that is the case. — Louise O'Reilly. [44772/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the breakdown and value of high potential start-up grants received by women-only founder companies, men-only founder companies, and mixed founder men-and-women companies, for the period between 2017 and 2022, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [44773/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment in relation to Enterprise Ireland press release (details supplied) it mentions there were 10 pre-High Potential Start-Ups in 2022; and if he will clarify the funding type for these ten companies and the breakdown of women-only founder companies, men-only founder companies and mixed founder men-and-women companies. — Louise O'Reilly. [44774/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for a list of the venture capital funds used by Departmental agencies over the past five years, and a breakdown of the funding provided to each VC fund, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [44775/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he believes the Pre-Seed Start Fund has been an adequate replacement for the Competitive Start Fund, and if there are any plans to bring back the Competitive Start Fund. — Louise O'Reilly. [44776/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will urgently review the work permit situation for the meat production industry; if he is aware of the chronic workforce shortage which currently exists within this industry and the recruitment restrictions which currently exist; and if he will commit to increasing the meat producer general operative permit quota. — Robert Troy. [44891/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of early warning reports for foreign direct investment companies for each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [44908/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when construction will start on an advanced manufacturing facility in Co. Westmeath (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44954/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the regional enterprise funds will open to applications. — Robert Troy. [44955/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the intention of the overtime element of the new ERO legislation was to see security workers paid time and a half for every hour worked over 48 hours (details supplied); and if not, his plans to close this loophole that employers are now taking advantage of to avoid paying their workers time and a half rates. — Joan Collins. [44995/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment with reference to the Committee on Budgetary Oversight's May 2023 Report on Section 481 – Films Tax Credit, the action he intends to take with respect to the Committee recommendation (details supplied). — David Stanton. [45142/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to respond to concerns raised by the Restaurants Association of Ireland (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [45189/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will seek and provide an update from the WRC as to the expected timeline on production of a code of practice on the "Right to Request Remote Working", for which public consultation closed in early June 2023; when legislation will be progressed following the production of the code of practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [45226/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason work permits have still not been made available to the meat processing industry. — Sorca Clarke. [45236/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No.41 of 15 February 2023, if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied) which noted that the Commission on Taxation and Welfare analysis of universal basic income was based on an insufficient number of studies and recommended that further examination of the proposal be undertaken; his plans for further examination of universal basic income, and to

conduct a pilot in the lifetime of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [45243/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he plans to amend the work permits system for non-EU nationals who wish to come to work in Ireland, in order that permits that have been granted to applicants who subsequently fail to be approved for a visa to travel to Ireland can be re-issued to other eligible workers to take up those positions instead (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [45254/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 284 of 3 October 2023, if he will provide detail on the nature of the data breaches suffered by his Department; the severity of the breaches; if all individuals whose information was compromised were notified of the breach; if the Data Protection Commission was notified of all data breaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45333/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*211. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that an additional needs class is provided for a school (details supplied) for the 2024/2025 school year, that this class has been sanctioned and funded by the NCSE but has yet to be opened; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [44634/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education if she will set out the additional supports her Department will provide to a school (details supplied) which is in an area of obvious economic and educational poverty; if there are any other supports available to this school other than rural DEIS status; the reason this status is of less support than the urban DEIS band 1 status; if she is aware that the Pobal Deprivation Index for the immediate area is at -25.02; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [44650/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of a construction project at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44663/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 708 of 11 September 2023, the current status of an application to build an extension to a school (details supplied) for the provision of two permanent ASD class units and classroom; if there is a role for Cavan Monaghan ETB in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44664/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education the number of school bus ticket applications were issued for the academic year 2023-2024 compared to the previous 2022-2023 academic year in counties Kilkenny and Carlow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44686/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the call for a national education strategy for gifted children; whether the current system for the allocation of resource teachers recognises the needs of gifted children; and if she will consider creating a strategy or issuing a circular to schools on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [44697/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary schools that have ASD units in the Clontarf, Killester, Raheny school planning area; the number of new ASD which have been

approved to open in the area; the expected date of opening of these additional units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [44698/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Education if a school transport case (details supplied) can be responded to; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44710/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Education if she will implement 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. — Marian Harkin. [44722/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Education if a decision not to assist a school (details supplied) with an urgently needed set down area for children to be safely left off due to it being deemed that it was more suitable to carry out work via SWS, can be reviewed; if she is aware of the urgency of the situation given that a near fatal accident occurred as children were crossing the busy N56 road; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44724/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Education if suitable transport can be identified for a total of 25 children (details supplied) to attend the school in view of the large number involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44735/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the refund of a community contribution due to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [44752/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm that a school (details supplied) was covered by State indemnity since 2012 and therefore did not require building insurance, that it continues to be covered by such State indemnity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [44756/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Education concerning special classes, in the context of the ETB and community schools, if the provision of special classes is a matter for individual schools or governing bodies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [44778/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Education if she has considered the concept of reducing the time for teacher training as suggested recently by the Tánaiste. — John Lahart. [44779/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a student (details supplied) did not receive a school bus ticket for the 2023/2024 academic year; if the Bus Éireann system had an issue with the capturing of eircodes, as suggested by the applicants mother; if so, when this issue was resolved; when they will be allocated a ticket for the 2023/2024 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [44785/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Education the reason an additional ASD class has not been approved for a school (details supplied) in County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [44786/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Education to detail how pyrite remediation was funded in each of the six schools it was identified in; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44821/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Education to detail the reason her Department representatives did not engage with the relevant contractor to ensure that any snags or defects were remedied in a school (details supplied) arising from substantial building works there, before the expiry of the defects liability period. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44823/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Education when refurbishment works started at a school in Newbridge, County Kildare (details supplied); and when these refurbishment works are likely to be completed. — Catherine Murphy. [44825/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44845/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider providing better pay and conditions for bus escort employees of special education schools to include enumeration during school holidays, as they provide a vital service, otherwise this service will be lost due to their present conditions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44850/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Education when her Department's professional and technical team will complete the review of a report (details supplied); when a decision is likely to be communicated to the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [44863/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Education the reason no reply was issued to a person (details supplied) regarding a place in a primary school for an autistic child; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [44870/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Education if all efforts can be made to facilitate a school place for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44872/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the situation in which a modular building on the grounds of Firhouse College is still being run on a generator given that the college has no use for the building (detail supplied); the reason for this decision; the reason the building is still being provided with electricity from a generator and that money was spent on something that cannot be used. — Paul Murphy. [44876/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated timeframe for building the new secondary school (details supplied) in Roscrea. — Alan Kelly. [44913/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Education if the academic allowance can be awarded to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [44942/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Education how much the increased capitation announced in Budget 2024 will be worth to schools in each of Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford and Waterford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44952/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Education her estimate of the number of secondary students in counties Galway, Mayo and Roscommon, respectively that will benefit from the introduction of free school books next year; the number of primary students that are currently benefiting from free school books in each of the counties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [44972/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Education how much the increased capitation announced in Budget 2024 will be worth to schools in counties Galway, Mayo and Roscommon, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [44973/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Education if she has received the school transport scheme review; and if she will publish same. — Catherine Murphy. [44996/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Education the consideration and progress that is being made in reviewing and implementing the current leaving certificate cycle; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [45006/23]

*244. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén treimhse ama a bhíonn ann idir an cigireacht agus nuair a bhfaigheann an scoil an stadus scoil gaeltacht go hoifigiúil, cad ba chúis leis an treimhse ama seo, cad iad na céimeanna atá i gceist, cad é an treimhse ama is tapula gur bhaineadh amach, agus an ndeanfaidh sí raiteas ar an abhar. — Aindrias Moynihan. [45007/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Education to provide the data that was used when determining the catchment area for a school in Ballyogan (details supplied), and the reason Ballyogan Estate has been excluded from the catchment area given the school is built within the estate. — Sorca Clarke. [45036/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of school transport for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [45037/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the building of an extension at a school (details supplied); the timeline for this work to be started and finished; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [45101/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the Education (Student and Parent Charter) Bill. — Sorca Clarke. [45118/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Education to examine a school bus transport application (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [45139/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Education to examine a number of school transport applications (details supplied); and if she will instruct the school transport section to reply to correspondence. — Peadar Tóibín. [45140/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Education if an assistive technology grant application (details supplied) has been received by her Department; when a decision on this application will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [45141/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Education to confirm that her Department has received correspondence from a school (details supplied); if the points outlined will be taken under consideration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45152/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Education whether she will consider the provision of a larger school bus in upper Glanmire to assist eight families who are still without transport. — Thomas Gould. [45175/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to assist with the shrinking play area at a school (details supplied) due to building extensions and a growing school population; if the current situation regarding inadequate parking space at the school will be reviewed and addressed, including ongoing safety issues presenting due to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45191/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 228 of 10 October 2023; if he will confirm when the work on the Junior Certificate School Programme review will physically recommence; what is the new timeline for completing this review; when its findings will be issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [45193/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Education the current position regarding building works at a schools (details supplied); when these works will be complete; when the school will be opened; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [45194/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update in respect of school bus transport for a person (details supplied), as a response has not been received from Bus Éireann directly yet. — Fergus O'Dowd. [45203/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Education the breakdown per capita of what will be the allocation to 1st, 2nd and 3rd years of the Government's expansion of the schoolbook grant; and if the criteria will be the same as that currently in place for primary schools. — Sorca Clarke. [45207/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Education in relation to Budget 2024, if the Financial Support Services Unit will have any additional moneys available for schools that are facing financial hardship that sees a rapid increase in pupil numbers after 30 September 2023 cut-off date. — Sorca Clarke. [45208/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a breakdown of allocation specifically to NEPS as contained in Budget 2024, which appears to state a reduction of funding of over €20 million. — Sorca Clarke. [45209/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Education the breakdown of the 1,000 AP posts in primary and post-primary schools. — Sorca Clarke. [45210/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Education when outstanding reps for school transport queries (details supplied) will be issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [45244/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Education what provision is being made to secondary schools to administer the new free school books scheme for junior cycle (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [45250/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update in relation to bus transport for children at schools (details supplied) in Dublin South-West; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [45251/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a new school (details supplied) might not have had special classes designed into the structure at architectural planning stage along with

associated requirements such as sensory (if required); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [45252/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to issues raised regarding a school (details supplied) in Dublin 11; the steps her Department is taking to address these issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [45253/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the disparity that exists in the School Summer Programme whereby children in multi-disability classes in mainstream primary schools are required to be in school for a longer day, and yet receive the same funding allocation as children in special schools who are not required to attend a full day; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [45263/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Education in the context of the school building programme, the extent to which continuous and urgent provision is being made to accommodate school-going children at primary and second level throughout Kildare north; the extent to which discussions have taken place or are so doing with the various school authorities to ensure advanced planning and delivery of school buildings is in line with emerging requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45307/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which special needs provision in terms of school places continues in line with requirements and discussions with the various school authorities, with the need to ensure the elimination of waiting lists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45308/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which progress in the provision of primary and post-primary schools or extension of existing schools is in line with expectations at Prosperous, County Kildare; the extent to which an accelerated programme might be required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45309/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which progress in the provision of primary and post-primary schools or extension of existing schools is in line with expectations at Maynooth, County Kildare; the extent to which an accelerated programme might be required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45310/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which progress in the provision of Gaelcholáiste, Maynooth, County Kildare is in line with expectations at Prosperous, County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45311/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in the delivery of the three-school project at Celbridge, County Kildare with particular reference to replacement for a school (details supplied), long since outdated; the extent to which this project is proceeding in accordance with plans; if any revision is required to expedite progress for the schools in question; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45312/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Education extent to which demand for school places at primary and second level continue to be met at Kilcock, County Kildare given the rapidly expanding population in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45313/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which provision of adequate school places continues in line with requirements at both primary and second level in Clane, County Kildare, given the increased demand arising from burgeoning population; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45314/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which provision of adequate school places continues in line with requirements at both primary and second level in Naas, County Kildare, given the increased demand arising from burgeoning population; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45315/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she expects to be in a position to meet the special needs education requirements throughout north Kildare with particular reference to the growing population, the extra needs arising therefrom in terms of accommodation and special classes or special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45316/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which efforts are being made to provide a solution to the issue of school transport in a number of areas of Kildare north where the demand exists including concessionary to facilitate students attending schools (details supplied) in both directions between Clane and Maynooth and Straffan and Maynooth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45317/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which efforts are currently being made to incorporate the provision of afterschool services at every school in the context of the planning stages of the School Building Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45319/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she continues to have dialogue with the various pre-school, primary and post-primary school authorities in Leixlip, County Kildare with a view to ongoing update of current and possible future requirements given the experience throughout the country where shifts in the population may require the setting of new targets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45320/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she hopes to attract and retain teachers at primary and second level in all areas throughout the country; the regions currently showing greatest pressure in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45321/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which primary school places at Johnstownbridge, County Kildare continue to be assessed with a view to ensuring that accommodation is sufficient to meet population increases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45322/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on progress in the provision of extra school facilities at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45323/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which adequate school places remain available to parents and school children at Moyvalley, County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45324/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which primary school places at Broadford, County Kildare continue to be assessed with a view to ensuring that accommodation is sufficient to meet population increases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45325/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she continues to address the issue of school bullying; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45326/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 311 of 3 October 2023, if she will provide detail on the nature of the data breaches suffered by her Department; the severity of the breaches; if all individuals whose information was compromised were notified of the breach; if the Data Protection Commission was notified of all data breaches; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45332/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Education the number of recipients of home tuition grants due to mental health issues for 2022-2023; the average number of weekly hours they received; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [45352/23]

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

*289. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to ensure that all available supports are provided to ensure that Ireland and, in particular, the north east is advertised appropriately as an ideal location for the development of a major film studio (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44636/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media whether she agrees that the National Famine Commemoration Day should be treated equally to St. Patrick's Day and the National Day of Commemoration and broadcast live on RTE Television. — Paul Murphy. [44682/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if he is aware of buyout contracts that disadvantage Irish creatives in the audio-visual industry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [44731/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update in relation to any engagements with the EU Commission in relation to the short-term holiday let register agreed by Cabinet in December 2022; if there are any updates in relation to its implementation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [44861/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if he will provide a list of all sporting groups and clubs she has met since she took office including date of meeting, sporting organisation met, location of meeting and Government/public representatives present, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [44892/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on sports capital applications (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [45148/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a breakdown of funding provided to an organisation (details supplied) from 2013 to 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [45246/23]

*296. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán céard iad na riachtanais bhreise ó thaobh saoráidí tithíochta a gcaithfear cloí leo sa bhreis ar na rialacha tógála le bheith cáilithe chun scoláirí a choinneáil faoi Scéim na bhFoghlaimoirí Gaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45261/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 345 of 3 October 2023, if she will provide detail on the nature of the data breaches suffered by her Department; the severity of the breaches; if all individuals whose information was compromised were notified of the breach; if the Data Protection Commission was notified of all data breaches; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45345/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide an update on the steps she is taking or plans to take with respect to the use of the National Stadium by an organisation (details supplied); if she or officials from her Department have engaged with the organisation as part of efforts to investigate the use of the National Stadium by the organisation; the basis for her concerns in this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45370/23]

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

*299. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the cutting of seaweed at a location (details supplied) requires a licence. — Sean Sherlock. [44906/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is considering allowing disability allowance to be disregarded for the purposes of the housing adaptation grant for people with a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [44633/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the state expenditure on long-term leasing in each of the years 2015 to 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44647/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses delivered, and estimated timeline for further delivery by number of units, in tabular form by year as part of the Limerick regeneration. — Thomas Gould. [44649/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the policy in relation to allocating social housing with additional rooms to families who have children with additional needs, i.e., if an OT recommended a child to have access to a sensory room in their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [44654/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has received each of the 2022 annual reports and audited financial statements from each State agency under the remit of his Department; if not, the State agencies that have yet to provide their 2022 annual report and or audited financial statements; when he expects the remaining reports to be forwarded

to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44669/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current situation regarding an application for funding to adapt a building (details supplied) in County Cork as an accommodation centre for refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [44700/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that one of the State's largest mortgage providers (details supplied) is unwilling to allow a second charge on mortgages, thus blocking its customers from accessing the vacant property refurbishment grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [44706/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of refusals by the Housing Agency for the cost rental backstop, by reason for refusal, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [44716/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the process for determining eligibility of a property for the cost rental backstop; and the criteria that would make a property unsuitable despite eligibility of the tenants. — Thomas Gould. [44717/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is considering the request from the Tallaght Community Council regarding aerial fire-fighting equipment for the Tallaght Fire Station via the South Dublin County Council (details supplied); and the actions he will take with regard to providing this equipment. — John Lahart. [44719/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of new houses and apartments which are managed by local authorities or voluntary housing agencies, and which have become available and are occupied for each of the years ending 31 December 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44727/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has reviewed the data on the success of HAP-qualified tenants to obtain tenancies in Dublin; and if measures are under consideration to make the system more successful, either by shortening the administrative processes or by lifting the current caps. — Richard Bruton. [44740/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total capitalisation of the Land Development Agency to date; the dates on which the capitalisation took place; the amounts of funding allocated on each of these dates; and how these funds are allocated both in terms of voted Government expenditure and the general Government balance. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44747/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline his understanding of the financial and governance issues currently taken place within an organisation (details supplied); the amounts of money involved separate to the outstanding income tax bill; whether the organisation will require additional Government funding in 2023; if so, the estimated amount; whether the Government's funding model for homeless services providers has created an environment where these organisations are under pressure to cross subsidise their SLA funding in a manner which may create increased or inappropriate risk in the management of their finances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44748/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm the date on which he provided Ministerial approval to Waterways Ireland for the introduction of the issuing of NR-EMP and R-EMP permits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44750/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his attention has been drawn to the decline in marine life and water quality in Lough Hyne; if a dedicated conservation management plan has been put in place for the Lough Hyne marine nature reserve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44764/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions his Department is taking to control and eradicate invasive plant species such as rhododendron in Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44784/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 370 of 3 October 2023, the position regarding the definitions in the Act, given that the 2022 Census is now the latest census report of the Central Statistics Office' for the purposes of section 4 of the Land Development Agency Act 2022 and given that a change in methodology means that the 2022 Census results no longer include Dublin or other cities as towns. — Ivana Bacik. [44847/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update in relation to any engagements with the EU Commission in relation to the short-term holiday let register agreed by Cabinet in December 2022; if there are any updates in relation to its implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [44862/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding allocated to the STAR investment programme for 2024; if this is voted Government expenditure or funded through some other mechanism; and if so, to explain how it is accounted for in the general Government balance. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44903/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when Ireland will be in compliance with the +water framework directive. — Alan Kelly. [44914/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the EU directives relating to his own Department that Ireland is not in compliance with, and his timelines to ensure we do comply, in tabular form, by directive name and expected date of compliance.,. — Alan Kelly. [44916/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he supports the full construction of the Shannon-Dublin pipeline by Uisce Éireann. — Alan Kelly. [44930/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the total number of active HAP tenancies in each local authority for the most recent date available. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44965/23]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the €250 million URDF funding announced in Budget 2024 by specific funding scheme, i.e. refurbishment grant. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44966/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the croí cónaithe funding announced in Budget 2024 by croí cónaithe towns and croí cónaithe cities funds. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44967/23]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the additional €10 million provided for planning matters in Budget 2024, indicating how much is for An Bord Pleanála, for local authorities and the training initiative; and if possible, to provide a further breakdown of posts being funded for ABP and local authorities. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44968/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the €9m additional funding announced in Budget 2024, detailing how much of this funding is for adaptation grants for older people and how much is for refurbishment of traveller accommodation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44969/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total expenditure in 2022 and to date to date in 2023, on social and affordable housing funded through SHIP, CALF, CAS, AHF, CREL, AHB borrowing and LDA expenditure. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44979/23]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the capital allocation of €5 billion for social and affordable housing in Budget 2024 by the following categories, SHIP, CALF, CAS, AHF, CREL and AHB borrowing and LDA expenditure. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44980/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of additional housing first tenancies that will be provided in 2024 with the additional capital allocation of €35 million announced in Budget 2024. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44981/23]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how much of the additional €55 million for affordable housing announced in Budget 2024 will be for the affordable housing fund and the cost rental equity loan; the total amount of funding for these two funds allocated in 2024, and the number of units expected to be delivered through these funds in 2024. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44982/23]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total approved capitalisation approved by Government to date; the dates on which these capitalisations were approved; the amounts of this capitalisation drawn down to date; the total additional borrowing capacity permissible by the LDA in addition to this capitalisation; and the amount of this borrowing approved and drawn down to date. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44991/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can provide the number of landlords registered with the Residential Tenancies Board in each of the past 5 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [45135/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Marine Protected Areas Bill 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [45147/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will detail on a county or local authority basis the number of residential purchases in each that have been

approved for support under the first home scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [45166/23]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason an additional €16 million for the Cork Event Centre was pledged under Budget 2024; what documentation was received by his Department to come to that decision; if he will publish that documentation; if he will detail all public monies currently pledged to the project following the decision in the Budget, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [45232/23]

*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline what the 2024 budget is for assisting families availing of the enhanced defective concrete blocks grant scheme; if he is satisfied that this amount will be sufficient to cover the costs of all those who wish to avail of the scheme. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [45233/23]

*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will provide the necessary funding to Donegal County Council to allow it to commence the process of remediating its housing stock affected by defective concrete blocks. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [45234/23]

*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to conflicting information related to a planning matter as stated (details supplied); the analysis which he or his Department has carried out on the planning permission in question; how the conclusion was reached; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [45248/23]

*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has engaged with an approved housing body (details supplied) regarding recent financial governance concerns that have arisen; if his Department has received any requests from this AHB for funding support since 1 August 2023; if he or his officials have engaged in any way with the AHB since 1 August 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45256/23]

*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans through further resources to aid Dublin City Council in dealing with its significant backlog in conveyancing works (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [45277/23]

*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the capital works projects that were carried out in each of the national parks under the remit of his Department in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and the further capital works projects that are scheduled to be carried in each of the national parks in 2024 and in 2025, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [45294/23]

*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 364 of 3 October 2023, if he will provide detail on the nature of the data breaches suffered by his Department; the severity of the breaches; if all individuals whose information was compromised were notified of the breach; if the Data Protection Commission was notified of all data breaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45339/23]

*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will respond to correspondence from a person (details supplied) seeking urgent clarification in relation to assurances from Irish banks and financial institutions that homes that are remediated under the

enhanced defective concrete blocks grant scheme will be mortgageable or re-mortgageable for existing homeowners or potential buyers in the future. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [45363/23]

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

*345. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when cuts made to contributory pension eligibility (details supplied) will be reinstated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [45240/23]

*346. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a specific industry sector has been identified in the recent increase seen in unemployment figures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [44426/23]

*347. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline the inquiries, if any, which are undertaken by her or her Department to ensure that an applicant for a gender recognition certificate under the Gender Recognition Act 2015 has a settled and solemn intention of living in the preferred gender for the rest of their lives, as required by the Act; the steps taken to establish the veracity of statutory declarations made to that effect by applicants under the Act; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44637/23]

*348. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update directly to a person (details supplied) that has been waiting on a decision on an appeal. — Catherine Murphy. [44652/23]

*349. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to publish the report on the benchmarked/indexed rate of State pension payments which was introduced as an input to the Budget process this year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [44699/23]

*350. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of childcare career events held by the European Employment Services (ERS Ireland) in the Department of Social Protection held outside Ireland in 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively; and the cost of each event and the outcome. — Kathleen Funchion. [44712/23]

*351. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when section 6 of the Civil Registration (Amendment) Act 2014 will can be commenced; the estimated timeframe for when technical amendments by way of primary legislation for civil registration will be brought before Dáil Éireann; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44720/23]

*352. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when her Department is expected to pay the pension arrears and the exact amount to a person (details supplied) in County Leitrim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [44721/23]

*353. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to give a progress report on the school meals programme and its successful expansion. — John Lahart. [44780/23]

*354. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if any financial assistance is available to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44789/23]

*355. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to indicate eligibility for fuel allowance for a person (details supplied) who is in receipt of disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44790/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to indicate in the case of a person (details supplied) who has applied for a top up on her EU based pension and who requires additional assistance for her ongoing care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44799/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied) whose appeal has been pending since November 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44867/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are any plans to allow for an increased contributory pension qualified adult allowance payment for persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [44882/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views that those aged 70 years and over in receipt of the household benefits package should be entitled to any lump sum payments provided to those who qualify for the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [44886/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will publish the payment dates of all additional lump sum payments announced as part of Budget 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [44933/23]

*361. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine the reason a person in receipt of a partial contributory pension does not receive a full increase and only receives a pro-rata increase; if she agrees that this leaves partial pension holders at a disadvantage in terms of cost-of-living increases. — Robert Troy. [44936/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review an overclaim on behalf of a person (detailed supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44937/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for a clarification on a pension matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [44940/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the hot school meals programme can be extended to a school in Tipperary (details supplied), considering the recent announcement as part of Budget 2024, and the fact that this is the only school in the town at either primary or secondary level that currently does not have access to this programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44956/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) has an entitlement to dental benefit based on their PRSI contributions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45004/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a child who has turned 18 years old since May this year, but will be in full-time education in 2024, will be entitled to the extension to the child benefit payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [45088/23]

*367. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rationale that disallows those who qualified for State pension through the invalidity pension, to be entitled to bonus for people on the invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [45110/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a payment will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45116/23]

*369. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to confirm the current total number of recipients of fuel allowance payments living in the constituency of Dublin central. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45149/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in respect of a carers allowance application for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [45192/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45238/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to a disability allowance appeal (details supplied); the reason for the delay in an appeal decision being made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [45255/23]

*373. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 415 of 3 October 2023, if she will provide detail on the nature of the data breaches suffered by her Department; the severity of the breaches; if all individuals whose information was compromised were notified of the breach; if the Data Protection Commission was notified of all data breaches; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Kirby. [45343/23]

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

*374. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Government will consider giving a person (details supplied) honorary Irish citizenship in appreciation of his work on the Irish peace process. — Alan Kelly. [44976/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Justice for a breakdown for the current wait times for an initial hearing in the District, Circuit, Central, High and Supreme Courts, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [44630/23]

*376. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline if the expression transgender has been defined elsewhere in Irish law. — Carol Nolan. [44638/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 436 of 9 May 2023 and 521 of 23 May 2023, the reason if Ukrainian applicants for temporary protection have provided his Department with proof of their address in Ukraine as stated in her replies, her Department cannot provide a breakdown of the regions in Ukraine from where those applicants originated from; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44639/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who have been remanded to the Irish Prison Service while awaiting removal from the State since January 2023 by month, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44672/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1231 of 11 September 2023, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this PQ answered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44685/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Justice if demonstrating public support for proscribed terrorist organisations through such activities as marches, displaying of banners, posters or online activity which affirms the goals of such organisations, is prohibited by law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44759/23]

*381. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide a list of all organisations or groups designated as terrorist organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44760/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has made any efforts to determine the presence of the Hamas terrorist organisation within the State, and also supporters of the Hamas terrorist organisation in Ireland who may be funding its operation internationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44761/23]

*383. To ask the Minister for Justice when Part 15 Legal Services Regulatory Authority Act will be commenced; the reason it has not been commenced to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [44763/23]

*384. To ask the Minister for Justice if permission to remain can be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44788/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Justice whether family reunification in respect of four children can be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44798/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of attempted murder and serious assault causing harm cases reported to Gardaí within the Kildare division in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [44831/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Gardaí by rank attached to the Kildare divisional drugs unit as of 10 October 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [44832/23]

*388. To ask the Minister for Justice the transport budget allocation to the Irish Prison Service in the years of 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [44833/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress with regard to the application by a person (details supplied) to move from a prison in Britain home to Ireland, in order to be closer to his family, where their father is extremely ill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44889/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Justice the policies that are in place regarding support for minors attending court sittings in circumstances other than when they are witnesses. — Sorca Clarke. [45039/23]

*391. To ask the Minister for Justice the engagement her Department have had with the Courts Service regarding the potential expansion or additional sittings outside of Dublin of specific children's courts. — Sorca Clarke. [45040/23]

*392. To ask the Minister for Justice when an application for naturalisation will be finalised (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45084/23]

*393. To ask the Minister for Justice to confirm the status of an application for Irish citizenship by naturalisation (details supplied); when a decision is likely to be reached, given that it is over 29 months since the application was submitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45086/23]

*394. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason applicants for an Irish visa are requested to show bank statements of a person with whom they will be staying when they arrive in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [45071/23]

*395. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will instigate an independent investigation into the treatment of whistle-blowers within the Prison Service, such as in the case of a person (details supplied), with specific reference to dignity at work and the use of the civil service code to discipline staff. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [45167/23]

*396. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of addiction councillors employed by the Irish Prison Service, by institution and by year from 2013 to date. — Patrick Costello. [45176/23]

*397. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure to be followed in order to obtain Irish citizenship in the name of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45225/23]

*398. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of drug seizures by gardaí in the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and if this figure can be broken down to include type of drugs, quantity, and money value, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [45267/23]

*399. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of drug seizures by gardaí in County Wexford in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and if this figure can be broken down to include the type of drugs, quantity and money value, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [45268/23]

*400. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons arrested for drug offences in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, and if a breakdown can be provided by the type of offence. — Peadar Tóibín. [45269/23]

*401. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons arrested for drug offences in County Wexford, in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and if a breakdown can be provided by the type of offence. — Peadar Tóibín. [45270/23]

*402. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans to open new visa processing offices in Washington DC and Seoul in South Korea. — Pauline Tully. [45289/23]

*403. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of senior investigating officers courses held for gardai within the Cavan-Monaghan division in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [45290/23]

*404. To ask the Minister for Justice if the budget provided by her Department is adequate to meet the ongoing challenges of crime prevention and policing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45304/23]

*405. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 438 of 3 October 2023, if she will provide detail on the nature of the data breaches suffered by her Department; the severity of the breaches; if all individuals whose information was compromised were notified of the breach; if the Data Protection Commission was notified of all data breaches; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45340/23]

*406. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons arrested for rape or sexual assault in each county in the State, in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [45376/23]

*407. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of prisoners currently in the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [45377/23]

*408. To ask the Minister for Justice the current prison bed capacity in the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [45378/23]

*409. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of prisoners currently in the State who have previously served time in prison for a previous offence. — Peadar Tóibín. [45379/23]

*410. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda members in each roads policing unit by Garda division, to date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45380/23]

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

*411. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the amount of pesticide used in the State in the years 2020 to date any Government targets or commitments to reduce usage, both in terms of percentage and overall quantity, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44632/23]

*412. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he is next scheduled to meet the CEO of Horse Racing Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44667/23]

*413. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he is next scheduled to meet the CEO of Greyhound Racing Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44668/23]

*414. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of the accusations of animal abuse at the Ballinasloe fair (details supplied); if his Department's inspectors were in attendance the entire time; if he will provide details of any reports they made;

the number of animals that were confiscated; and if any prosecutions were brought. — Paul Murphy. [44683/23]

*415. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine who permits the Ballinasloe fair to go ahead (details supplied); and the decision-making process in relation to same. — Paul Murphy. [44684/23]

*416. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a breakdown of the farmers impacted by the reduction from 250kgs of N to 220kgs of N based on area farmed (details supplied). — Jackie Cahill. [44725/23]

*417. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the necessary legislation has not been introduced to allow Rasaocht Con Éireann to set up its own dedicated stud book, as promised in its Strategic Plan 2018-22, given that Rasaíocht Con Éireann incurs a loss of revenue estimated to be million euros a year to the Irish Coursing Club, and given that this is not a question about the merits or otherwise of their new traceability system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [44738/23]

*418. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if, he agrees with claims frequently made by representatives of Rasaíocht Con Éireann that greyhound racing is an important part of Irish culture (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [44739/23]

*419. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider extending the deadline for lime to be spread beyond 31 March 2024 to 15 July 2024 to allow farmers time to spread the lime after first cut silage if the weather has not improved sufficiently before then; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44755/23]

*420. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how it is intended to regulate the movement of organic manures from grazing platforms on dairy farms to newly rented land or tillage land. — Holly Cairns. [44765/23]

*421. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he intends to publish heads of the Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Bill; whether this will allow for a fully independent chairperson of the Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [44767/23]

*422. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will clarify whether there is a requirement to seek permission from his Department to import non-native honeybees; and if so, the number of imports that have been granted in the past three years to date. — Catherine Murphy. [44782/23]

*423. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of WTE vacancies by job title in the import control division of his Department as of 10 October 2023; the full year cost of filling each of these vacancies and when will each of these vacancies be filled in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [44826/23]

*424. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the type of advice being sought and the purpose of a tender (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44917/23]

*425. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if any of the recommendations from the interdepartmental working group which has been examining issues under the Control of Dogs Act (details supplied) have been implemented and if he will provide details on the recommendation on signage of the by-laws on dogs in parks.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [44934/23]

*426. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason why export receipts from the sale of some 6,500 greyhounds to the UK each year are not included in a report (details supplied), in light of supplementary information from Rasaíocht Con Éireann further to Parliamentary Question No. 731 of 20 September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [44944/23]

*427. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to reference all text in a report (details supplied) which is intended to convey to readers that coursing greyhounds are included in the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [44945/23]

*428. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to clarify whether the ‘cost of preparing and racing greyhounds’ section included in a report (details supplied) includes the cost of ‘preparing and coursing’ coursing greyhounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [44946/23]

*429. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a report (details supplied) excludes all costs incurred in Northern Ireland, by both greyhound owners normally resident in Northern Ireland, and greyhound owners normally resident in southern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [44947/23]

*430. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the cost of preparing and coursing, coursing greyhounds, by stage, in the coursing greyhound pipeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [44948/23]

*431. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to clarify whether the figures for attendance at greyhound race meetings in a report (details supplied) also includes attendance at coursing events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [44949/23]

*432. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether the Irish Coursing Club contributed to the fee paid for a report (details supplied) given its shared benefit from promoting the greyhound industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [44950/23]

*433. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of funding applications made by Cork County Council to his Department in respect of the Old Pier at Keelbeg, Union Hall, County Cork, in tabular form, over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45198/23]

*434. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide details of the proposals for a voluntary dairy exit scheme that is currently under consideration by his Department; if he will provide information regarding the consideration given to the inclusion of an entry scheme for young farmers as part of or alongside the proposed exit scheme; if he will provide information on the various proposals being examined as part of this voluntary scheme and any engagement his Department has had with key stakeholders (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [45276/23]

*435. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what measures his Department has put in place to prevent the arrival of the bark beetle to the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [45298/23]

*436. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the Indicative allocation of funding for Ireland's 2023-2027 CSP, by interventions, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [45299/23]

*437. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 482 of 3 October 2023, if he will provide detail on the nature of the data breaches suffered by his Department; the severity of the breaches; if all individuals whose information was compromised were notified of the breach; if the Data Protection Commission was notified of all data breaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45329/23]

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

*438. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to concerns raised by (details supplied) regarding the staggered increase in foster care allowance; if the final increase proposed for Q4 2024 can be brought forward to January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [45038/23]

*439. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the value of core funding for each individual early learning and care and school age children service for 2022/2023, in tabular form. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45144/23]

*440. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the criteria on the number of support workers required to the number of service users of HSE transport attending day services; if he will review a case (details supplied); urgently as a safeguarding issue if he can add a female support worker on this route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45211/23]

*441. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to increase the funding per child in the early learning years sector. — Catherine Murphy. [44656/23]

*442. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of CAMHS intellectual disability teams based in CHO9. — Kathleen Funchion. [44688/23]

*443. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE vacancies by job title at CDNT based in Clondalkin and Palmerstown; and when these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [44689/23]

*444. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children on waiting lists for therapeutic care in each CDNTs based in CHO2 according to each speciality; and the average waiting times for an appointment. — Kathleen Funchion. [44690/23]

*445. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE child and adolescent psychiatrists and clinical psychologist working in CAMHS, mental health intellectual disability teams in CHO1 in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [44692/23]

*446. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE behaviour therapists working in CDNT based in Galway in the years 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [44693/23]

*447. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE medical social workers in the west Kerry CDNT team in the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [44694/23]

*448. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of HSE funded therapists who have been allocated to special schools in County Cavan, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [44696/23]

*449. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will arrange to have invoices paid (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [44703/23]

*450. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current CDNT WTE posts vacancies across CHO5, broken down, in tabular form, according to each of the 12 teams; the number of those vacancies that are administrative posts; and the actions that are being taken to address those vacancies. — Martin Browne. [44705/23]

*451. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to confirm that assessment of needs hubs in all CHO areas are now fully operational and providing assessment of needs; the number of assessment of needs carried out by such hubs to date; to confirm where hubs are not yet fully operational if she will repurpose that money to ensure that families can privately access assessments themselves as committed to in Dáil Éireann on 23 May (details supplied); if she has included such measures as part of Budget 24; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [44777/23]

*452. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what funding has been allocated to Clan Mór, Navan for each of the years 2018 to 2023; the staffing levels and staffing expertise categories for the past six years; the reason for the 30% plus disparity between per capita funding to the private services versus the not-for-profit services at Clan Mór; the reason funding allocation is short-term only which negatively impacts on the ability of Clan Mór to forward plan with increased waiting lists; if he will seek reform of service provision to clients whose care plan has to undergo a complex multi-layered process to achieve outcomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [44781/23]

*453. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to indicate eligibility for respite care for a person (details supplied) who is in receipt of disability allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44792/23]

*454. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the efforts that are in hand to protect the welfare of the two children of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44795/23]

*455. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps being taken to protect the welfare of the children of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44797/23]

*456. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the efforts being made via Tusla to reunite a person (details supplied) with her son; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44800/23]

*457. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number and location of therapist posts including speech and language therapists, psychological and others appointed to special schools within CHO7 in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [44830/23]

*458. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on HIQA inspections of direct provision centres; the number of inspections that have been undertaken to date; if he will provide a schedule for inspections over the coming months, and if the mandate of HIQA will be broadened to cover emergency accommodation centres. — Catherine Murphy. [44842/23]

*459. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will detail the number of speech and language therapists for each CHO area employed for disability services in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44853/23]

*460. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will detail for each CHO area the number of occupational therapists employed for disability services in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44854/23]

*461. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will investigate the lack of facilities for children with disabilities in second level education in Galway, where families have no alternative but to put their children into mainstream education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44859/23]

*462. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the additional transport provisions that will be put in place at Temple Accommodation Centre, Horseleap, Moate, County Westmeath; if he is aware that some residents are having to pay substantial taxi fee's to get to medical appointment's as the transport provided is inadequate, and that there are instances at this facility where pregnant women have been unable to get to medical appointments. — Robert Troy. [44860/23]

*463. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will detail the number of physiotherapists for each CHO area employed for disability services in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44874/23]

*464. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding the proposed change of the legal status of childminders that would allow parents that use these services to avail of the cuts in childcare fees announced in the two most recent budgets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [44978/23]

*465. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide a full breakdown of the €195 million budget for disability. — Holly Cairns. [44985/23]

*466. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when it is intended to issue guidance to businesses around the requirements and responsibilities under the European Accessibility Act (Directive (EU) 2019/882); the length of time which will be given to

businesses to prepare before the Act is commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44988/23]

*467. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will work with the relevant departments to expedite the recently announced increase in the weekly foster payment, given that they have had no increase since 2009 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [45109/23]

*468. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline for full reimplementing of services provided by the Celbridge CDNT with particular reference to occupational therapy, speech therapy, clinical psychology and social worker services; the positions in this team currently vacant and yet to be filled; the timeline for filling such positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45119/23]

*469. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45108/23]

*470. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to confirm the number of childcare places currently available in the constituency of Dublin central. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45161/23]

*471. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to confirm the number of new childcare places that have been opened in the constituency of Dublin Central for the years 2020 to 2023 respectively. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45162/23]

*472. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to confirm the number of childcare providers that have closed, and the childcare places that have been lost as a result of these closures in the constituency of Dublin central in each of the years 2020 to 2023 respectively. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45163/23]

*473. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the building blocks grant scheme will open for submissions for 2023 and 2024 respectively. — Denise Mitchell. [45170/23]

*474. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will take action in relation to the implementation of a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45197/23]

*475. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to review correspondence (details supplied); if he will provide an update on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45200/23]

*476. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason for the delay for the rise in payments to foster carers under Budget 2024 to end 2024; and if he will bring it forward to alleviate pressures on foster carers. — Sean Sherlock. [45216/23]

*477. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has enough sites to complete the Government's modular homes programme; to identify which sites were offered by each local authority; to identify any local authority that did not engage and identify sites; to identify any local authority that offered sites that were already

designated under the Housing For All Programme; if so, which sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45278/23]

*478. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 532 of 3 October 2023, if he will provide detail on the nature of the data breaches suffered by his Department; the severity of the breaches; if all individuals whose information was compromised were notified of the breach; if the Data Protection Commission was notified of all data breaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45330/23]

*479. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of legal cases taken against Tusla in each year since it was established and to date in 2023; if a breakdown can be provided on the number of cases which were successful; the number which failed and the number which are ongoing, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [45375/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*480. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 832 of 11 July 2023, the estimated number of religious buildings which can avail of the exemption outlined in section 3 of the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44640/23]

*481. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1724 of 11 September 2023, the scope of his engagement with Taillte Éireann, the information was elicited from this engagement, and how this informed the drafting of the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44641/23]

*482. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list figures, average waiting time, number of people waiting more than six months, more than one year, more than two years, more than three years, more than four years, more than five years, more than six years, more than seven years and more than ten years in Galway, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [44642/23]

*483. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make funding available for a drug from Merck called sotatercept, this drug which has had positive results to treat pulmonary hypertension a condition that is progressive and incurable affecting heart and lungs. — Gino Kenny. [44643/23]

*484. To ask the Minister for Health the funding that will be available for new drugs and clinical trials in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [44644/23]

*485. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm if reports that no funding for new drugs and clinical trials will be available for 2024 are correct. — Gino Kenny. [44645/23]

*486. To ask the Minister for Health to respond directly to concerns raised (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44651/23]

*487. 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. [44657/23]

*488. To ask the Minister for Health if a scan for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44659/23]

*489. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans in place to return the C/T scanner to Monaghan Hospital; the timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44661/23]

*490. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided to deliver an MRI scanner to Monaghan Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44662/23]

*491. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals made to each of the CAMHS teams based in County Carlow in the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44670/23]

*492. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hoists currently in use by the Radiology department of St. Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44673/23]

*493. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of staffing all emergency departments with liaison psychiatrists for two years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44674/23]

*494. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE Consultant in Emergency Medicine and Emergency Medicine Registrars based in University Hospital Waterford in the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44675/23]

*495. To ask the Minister for Health if a new chronic disease management hub will become fully operational in County Kilkenny; the staffing details that would be required for the Hub; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44676/23]

*496. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE audiologists by grade employed by the HSE in CHO 5 in the years 2022 and to date in 2023; the locations within CHO5 where these audiologists are based, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44677/23]

*497. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can be provided with a service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44680/23]

*498. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE speech and language therapist posts in the CAMHS teams in County Wicklow that are currently unfilled; and when will these vacancies be filled, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [44687/23]

*499. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in CHO4 waiting lists for counselling and psychotherapy on initial assessment, initial therapy intervention and further therapy intervention lists, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [44691/23]

*500. To ask the Minister for Health the locations within CHO6 where primary care autism assessment teams are located in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [44695/23]

*501. To ask the Minister for Health how long, on average, Coru is currently taking to process appeals for physiotherapists trying to register in Ireland; what steps he is taking to reduce this time period considering the shortage of physiotherapists in Ireland, particularly in light of the extended time periods Coru are taking to consider applications for registration to begin with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44702/23]

*502. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to concerns raised in (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44704/23]

*503. To ask the Minister for Health if the catchment rule in terms of access to physio services is a rigid rule that cannot be made flexible to ensure that citizens have access to proper services if a particular catchment area does not have necessary human resources; if this makes access to service uneven; the number of physio, speech and language, social worker and OT personnel that are in place in each catchment area in the country; and the number of each that is considered a full team in each of these catchment areas. — Peadar Tóibín. [44707/23]

*504. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware foreign nurses currently working as healthcare assistants in Ireland who meet the UK's nursing and midwifery council's English language qualifications do not currently meet the English qualifications in Ireland; if it will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [44708/23]

*505. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for an ADHD assessment in Springfield, Mullingar, County Westmeath. — Robert Troy. [44714/23]

*506. To ask the Minister for Health if boarding out providers funded through the boarding out regulations under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act 1990 are eligible for the Government's Inflation Fund for community and voluntary health and social care providers, announced in February 2023; if so, the timeframe within which payment will be made to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [44726/23]

*507. To ask the Minister for Health is he aware that as of September 2023 the HSE no longer allocates a GP to medical card holders if they are unable to find in their locality a GP with capacity to take them onto their patient lists; and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that in some case severely ill patients whose existing GP is retiring and who are dependent on GPs to issue their repeat three-monthly prescriptions, will now have to rely on attending hospital monthly to ensure continuation of supply. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44728/23]

*508. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that St. James's Hospital has ended the GP blood clinic (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44729/23]

*509. To ask the Minister for Health is he aware that the Limekiln Lane Health Centre, Dublin, has ended its important development checks on two-year-olds; the steps that are being taken to reopen the service which parents of young children were dependent on; and his views on the matter which is causing stress to parents. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44730/23]

*510. To ask the Minister for Health regarding the recent shift to charge €30 for blood tests in hospitals, the reason for this change; the measures being considered to address the resultant financial burden on patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [44732/23]

*511. To ask the Minister for Health if hospitals routinely conduct blood tests for alcohol or drug traces in patients admitted after serious car accidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [44733/23]

*512. To ask the Minister for Health the steps a person should take to get medical treatment from a doctor, given that their existing GP is retiring and he has been unable to find another practice in Dublin 8, 10, 12, 20 or 22 that will take them on to ensure continuity of treatment for liver disease and continuity of medication after the current three-month prescription runs out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44737/23]

*513. To ask the Minister for Health if dementia is classified as a disability in his Department's healthcare policy or the policy of the HSE; if not, the reason for same; if there are plans to change this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44741/23]

*514. To ask the Minister for Health to address concerns that some older persons who do not hold a medical card are being asked to pay extra money at their chemist in order to get their medication put into a blister pack; if reimbursement options are available for such persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44742/23]

*515. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on psychotherapy registration through CORU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44745/23]

*516. To ask the Minister for Health if an organisation (details supplied) can be included in the next round of discussion for registration of psychotherapy through CORU; to outline the consultation process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44746/23]

*517. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44751/23]

*518. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consult with the relevant departments to introduce a scheme to partially reimburse those with a formal coeliac disease diagnosis for the purchase of gluten-free foods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44762/23]

*519. To ask the Minister for Health his assistance and clarification with a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44766/23]

*520. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to introduce the shingles vaccine to the national immunisation programme similar to what is in place for people over 65 years of age, with no charge, in Northern Ireland. — Joe Flaherty. [44802/23]

*521. To ask the Minister for Health the transport options that are available for older people in Dublin Bay North who wish to attend events specifically organised for older people in the area where they are unable to use public transport; whether she will address the lack of transport options available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [44804/23]

*522. To ask the Minister for Health for details on non-payment of the pandemic payment to a company (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [44805/23]

*523. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric urologists based at CHI Temple Street in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023; and the number of hours per week each consultant is based at the hospital, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [44835/23]

*524. To ask the Minister for Health the additional revenue that would be generated if private patient charges in HSE funded Hospital for single occupancy rooms increased by a further 25% based on 2022 figures. — Catherine Murphy. [44836/23]

*525. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE clinical specialist physiotherapist in musculoskeletal orthopaedics at Tallaght University Hospital in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [44837/23]

*526. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list to see each consultant ENT surgeon at St Vincent's University Hospital in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [44838/23]

*527. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of revenue generated through sales at public restaurants at both Mater Hospital and Beaumont Hospital in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and when is the contract to provide this service at both hospitals next due for renewal. — Catherine Murphy. [44839/23]

*528. To ask the Minister for Health the steps a person (details supplied) should take where all local GPs have refused to accept them as a medical card patient and the HSE is no longer able to assign persons to a GP practice without GP acceptance under the GP agreement 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44843/23]

*529. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) is entitled to free prosthesis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44844/23]

*530. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44846/23]

*531. To ask the Minister for Health if an urgent appointment will be expedited for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44856/23]

*532. To ask the Minister for Health to review (details supplied); the funding that is in place for defibrillators and local voluntary groups of redcross; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44858/23]

*533. To ask the Minister for Health when the school dentist (details supplied) in the Mizen Medical Centre will be replaced; if this position has been advertised; when the service is likely to resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [44871/23]

*534. To ask the Minister for Health to investigate a gap in supply for a drug (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [44873/23]

*535. To ask the Minister for Health what plans the HSE have to ensure that medical laboratory waste is most efficiently dealt with and recycled as part of their plans to decarbonise the treatment of such waste. — Alan Kelly. [44877/23]

*536. To ask the Minister for Health the number of contracts the HSE has with a company (details supplied); the nature of such contracts; and the of each, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [44878/23]

*537. To ask the Minister for Health when the new community nursing home in Nenagh will be opened and staffed. — Alan Kelly. [44880/23]

*538. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an itemised breakdown of new developments funding announced in Budget 2024, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [44884/23]

*539. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an itemised breakdown of the non-core current allocation announced in Budget 2024, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [44885/23]

*540. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing homes that have given notice to the Chief Inspector of HIQA that they wish to deregister and repurpose their buildings in the past three years and to date in 2023; the reasons for repurposing their premises; what affect the 36 weeks of cooling-off period has on the number of places available to the elderly in nursing homes around the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [44887/23]

*541. To ask the Minister for Health if scans at the early pregnancy unit in Cavan General Hospital are available at the weekend; if scans can be provided to concerned women at weekends; if he will review this and implement same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44888/23]

*542. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the very significant number of overseas fully qualified nurses who can only work as carers, because of a deficiency in their English fluency; and if he has considered how these persons could be supported to resume full nursing roles after a period in Ireland; and if he is aware of the claim that the standard of fluency in English required is higher here than in the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [44894/23]

*543. To ask the Minister for Health if a price has been agreed for the purchase of the Mount Carmel nursing home and site in Roscrea that has been referenced in the HSE's 2023 capital plan; and if he will provide, in tabular form, dates and attendees of all meetings between the HSE and the owners of the site and any other parties to date. — Alan Kelly. [44895/23]

*544. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the 49 recommendations set out in the Mental Health Commission's report regarding Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [44900/23]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide funding for new treatments and new drugs in order to give every patient the best possible outcome for their treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44901/23]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health the payments made in 2022 to doctors under the GMS, to include payment details in all categories, GP name, location and provide this information on a county basis, in tabular form (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [44905/23]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health when the rapid HTA, undertaken by HIQA in November 2022, reviewing the evidence of the clinical and cost-effectiveness of continuous (includes the Dexcom, Medtronic & GlucoRx CGMs) and intermittent (Freestyle Libre) glucose monitoring systems for people with type 1 Diabetes will be published; and if it recommends the widening of access to these devices; and if funding will be provided to do so. — Cathal Crowe. [44911/23]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health the measurements that are in place year-on-year to ensure the HSE becomes carbon neutral over the coming years. — Alan Kelly. [44912/23]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide funding to patients who have to travel to hospital for treatments who have no access to public transport and are not capable of driving; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44939/23]

*550. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a comprehensive breakdown of the €31.5 million allocated in 2023 to the free contraception scheme in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44951/23]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health why a person was excluded from the pandemic recognition payment (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [44953/23]

*552. 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. [44970/23]

*553. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that low dose naltrexone is not covered under the medical card or hardship scheme and that this is used to treat long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44971/23]

*554. To ask the Minister for Health what arrangements will be in place for dermatology patients at Letterkenny University Hospital when the only dermatologist retires shortly. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [44974/23]

*555. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the letter from 78 GPs in Donegal, conveying their serious concerns about the ongoing crisis at Letterkenny University Hospital, calling for a review of services at the hospital and asking him to come to Donegal and meet with them to discuss their concerns; and if he will agree to this request. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [44975/23]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health the current orthodontic waiting times for Dublin, Limerick and Cork; the number of patients in each seen by public orthodontists to date in 2023; the number of patients in each outsourced to private orthodontists to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44984/23]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of mental health funding under Budget 2024. — Holly Cairns. [44989/23]

*558. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients awaiting knee and hip surgeries at Letterkenny University Hospital; and the number of cancellations of appointments for knee and hip surgeries at Letterkenny University Hospital in each of the years 2021, 2022, and 2023, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [45000/23]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health the number of day surgeries that have been cancelled at Letterkenny University Hospital in 2021, 2022, and 2023, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [45001/23]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health if two minor injury clinics will be established in Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45003/23]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ask the HSE to urgently review the decision not to include a surgical hub for the north-west and to consider Donegal town as one of the locations for a surgical hub, due to its location between Sligo University Hospital and Letterkenny University Hospital (with almost 40,000 in-patients combined annually) and to support the ability of surgeons and consultants to work through the long waiting lists for surgical procedures at both hospitals and to deliver equality of access to healthcare for the people of the north-west. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [45005/23]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that were put in place for patients with complex cancer cases in Portiuncula Hospital prior to the hiring of a consultant radiologist six weeks ago, in terms of their representation at the multidisciplinary meetings at Galway University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [45034/23]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary total hip and primary total knee replacement surgeries performed at Letterkenny University Hospital during each of the calendar years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [45041/23]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary total hip and primary total knee replacement surgeries outsourced by NTPF from Letterkenny University Hospital to private sector during each of the calendar years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [45042/23]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary total hip and primary total knee replacement surgeries performed at Sligo University Hospital during each of the calendar years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [45043/23]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary total hip and primary total knee replacement surgeries outsourced by NTPF from Sligo University Hospital to the private sector during each of the calendar years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [45044/23]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health the total value (cost) of NTPF funding for outsourcing surgical patients from Letterkenny University Hospital to undergo all surgical procedures in the private sector during each of the calendar years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [45045/23]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the total value cost of NTPF funding for outsourcing surgical patients from Sligo University Hospital to undergo all surgical procedures in the private sector during each of the calendar years 2018 to 2022, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [45046/23]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health to publish the latest report from the HSE Working Group on Residential Treatment and Rehabilitation (Substance Users). — Thomas Gould. [45053/23]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time, by facility, from referral to admission for addiction rehabilitation and detox. — Thomas Gould. [45054/23]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health given that an estimated up to 5% of children and young people in Ireland are impacted by foetal alcohol spectrum disorder, the dedicated supports that are currently available to children and families, and the plans by child and family services to address the needs of children on the foetal alcohol spectrum (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [45055/23]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health whether Tusla has any estimates for the number of children involved with social work services who may be on the foetal alcohol spectrum, given that foetal alcohol spectrum disorder is the leading known cause of preventable intellectual disability in the world; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [45056/23]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health when a payment to a person will occur (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [45077/23]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health for clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45078/23]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the full details of the audit on the €150 million temporary assistance payments scheme for voluntary and private nursing homes; the date on which the audit was completed; if any of the findings of the audit has led to any nursing homes returning monies; if so, the nursing home involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [45081/23]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will engage with the unions and workers involved in the Section 39 community and voluntary sector organisations who are engaging in strike action from 17 October 2023; if he will recognise the vital work carried out by these organisations and the need to remove the pay disparity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [45085/23]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive an urgent appointment in CHI, given the appointment set for 18 October 2023 has been postponed to 15 November 2023 and the child is on their 11th antibiotic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [45105/23]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved nursing posts in the paediatric emergency department in the Regional Hospital, Mullingar. — Sorca Clarke. [45123/23]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health the recommended number of paediatric nursing posts in an emergency department seeing more than 12,000 children a year. — Sorca Clarke. [45124/23]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts currently filled on a permanent basis by paediatric-qualified staff. — Sorca Clarke. [45125/23]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinical nurse manager posts for the paediatric emergency department in the Regional Hospital, Mullingar. — Sorca Clarke. [45126/23]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency department staff in the Regional Hospital, Mullingar currently trained in the Irish childhood triage system. — Sorca Clarke. [45127/23]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health given the level of actual, compared to recommended staffing in the Regional Hospital, Mullingar if he feels that his Department is staffed to a safe level. — Sorca Clarke. [45128/23]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an urgent medical appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [45143/23]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite surgery for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45145/23]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to provide access to the long-term illness scheme for persons affected by hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45146/23]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45153/23]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health when a child will be seen for an urgent assessment (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [45159/23]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health if, in light of the shortage of nurses, if the granting of NMBI nursing registration will be considered, after the successful completion of adaptation training or RCSI aptitude test, to those healthcare assistants with a nursing degree/diploma from their home country and who have been working in Ireland for at least two years; if he will acknowledge that most of those working as carers will qualify for Irish nursing registration if the NMBI accepts the English language qualifications prescribed by the UK's Nursing Authority for foreign nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45164/23]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health the reason why a report (details supplied) cannot be accepted as part of an LTI application in view of previous reports approved on that basis. — Robert Troy. [45165/23]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health when he and his Department will be prepared to sign the Joint Ministerial Declaration on the Guarantee of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in the European Union; the reason it was not possible to sign the declaration with the other Member States at the time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45168/23]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the statement within a review (details supplied) which states that “that 92.7% of urgent CAMHS cases were responded to within three working days”; how many people were referred in this category; the nature of the response given to people within three working days; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [45169/23]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which it is intended to facilitate the family of a person (details supplied) in respect of fair deal scheme charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45177/23]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health if he will commit to meeting with a group that wish to discuss current and increasing regulation on tanning bed usage; if he will consider a central database or register to regulate customer usage; if he will consider mandating the requirement of a medical clearance certificate and six monthly update or renewal of cert; including stricter ID policy to ensure no person under 18 years of age is using tanning beds; if he will carry out an education and awareness campaign in transition year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [45185/23]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health if he will comment on the RTE report (details supplied) of August 2023 which showed there were almost 107,000 adverse incidents reported within the health service and that the number of incidents that have risen over the past five years; what steps or measures he has taken in view of these incidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [45186/23]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health if urgent assistance through CAMHS can be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45187/23]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health to review an urgent case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45188/23]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify a pension query for a person (details supplied). — Michael Collins. [45190/23]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting list for podiatry appointments by CHO area and region including the length of time each person has been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45201/23]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE posts vacant across all community healthcare services by CHO area and region, including the length of time the post has been vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45202/23]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on progress made to date by his Department on work to develop a policy framework to guide policy on the regulation of health and social care professionals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45204/23]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm if any further progress has been made to date by his Department regarding the inclusion of certified athletic therapists in the CORU regulation process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45205/23]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration would be given to the inclusion certified athletic therapists in the CORU regulation process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45206/23]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health his response to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45223/23]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive the pandemic recognition payment. — Sean Sherlock. [45224/23]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health to address the issue of non-payment of the pandemic recognition payment (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [45230/23]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine the issue of the non-payment of the pandemic recognition payment (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [45231/23]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the amount of money allocated to section 38 and section 39 mental health organisations in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively; including a breakdown of the names of each of these organisations and how much is allocated to each organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [45235/23]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the English qualifications which apply to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland for nurses from abroad, and the restrictions which this is putting on foreign nurses from registering as nurses in this country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [45239/23]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the funding given to mental health in Budget 2024; to outline what is new funding and where this will be allocated; the percentage of the health budget that is allocated to mental health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [45245/23]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that will be taken to remove the HSE recruitment embargo for clerical/administrative staff (details supplied). — Brendan Griffin. [45249/23]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who started on chemotherapy, hormonal treatments and immunotherapy in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [45271/23]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health the number of babies born with drug or alcohol addiction in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [45272/23]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women screened by BreastCheck in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [45273/23]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women screened by CervicalCheck in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [45274/23]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1788 of 11 September 2023, how the funding for each CHO will be spent; who decides which community and voluntary organisations will receive the funding; and what role will LDATFs/RDATFs play in allocating this funding. — Thomas Gould. [45279/23]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GMS registered dentists in Cavan-Monaghan in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [45284/23]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE ophthalmic registrars working in Cavan General Hospital in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [45285/23]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GMS registered general practitioners in Cavan-Monaghan in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [45286/23]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric in infectious diseases based in CHI Temple Street in of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [45287/23]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE lactation consultants positions in CHO1 in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [45288/23]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health if the non-payment of the pandemic recognition payment to a person (details supplied) will be investigated and resolved.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [45303/23]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health what action is being taken by the HSE to assist people who are not medical card holders to access GP services in areas where GPs have retired, such as the town of Charleville, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [45305/23]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No.614 of 3 October 2023, if he will provide detail on the nature of the data breaches suffered by his Department; the severity of the breaches; if all individuals whose information was compromised were notified of the breach; if the Data Protection Commission was notified of all data breaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45338/23]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health when day care services will be reinstated at Carndonagh, Community Hospital, County Donegal; if he is aware that a public meeting, attended by hundreds of people in the local community, took place recently, calling for the urgent reinstatement of these services. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [45353/23]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will deliver a minor injury unit to be based at Carndonagh Community Hospital as part of the plan to reduce attendances at the crisis laden Emergency Department at Letterkenny University Hospital. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [45354/23]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health the reason cannot get an appointment with a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45355/23]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health if he will conduct a review of the lack of support given to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [45356/23]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health the number of diagnoses of HIV, gonorrhoea, chlamydia, syphilis, pubic lice and HPV in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [45361/23]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by the HSE on private recruitment firms in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the number and type of staff recruited by such firms in each county during that period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [45364/23]

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

*631. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether a local public representative would be precluded from applying to the Board of Skillnet; if so, the reason for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [44709/23]

*632. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has examined the cases of the students who earned a place on their chosen college course, when their papers were re-evaluated, but have been told it will not be available until next year; and if he will assess whether, for at least some of those students, it would be possible for the college to accommodate them without too much disruption. — Richard Bruton. [44754/23]

*633. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to a letter sent to the office of the Minister of State for Skills and Further Education (details supplied), if he will meet with the organisations (details supplied) and Laois Offaly ETB; and when the organisation can expect a response from his office. — Louise O'Reilly. [44769/23]

*634. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current status of the Construction Safety Licensing Bill 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [44840/23]

*635. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason an applicant to a Board was unsuccessful (details supplied); the pathway to receive full feedback on their application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [44883/23]

*636. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether he would consider approving a course (details supplied) for tax relief. — Holly Cairns. [44983/23]

*637. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who sought the SUSI grant on the grounds of estrangement from parents in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [45275/23]

*638. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how many instructors are employed by Cavan-Monaghan Educational Training Board to conduct cybersecurity associate level 6 apprenticeship training in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [45282/23]

*639. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 716 of 3 October 2023, if he will provide detail on the nature of the data breaches suffered by his Department; the severity of the breaches; if all individuals whose information was compromised were notified of the breach; if the Data Protection Commission was notified of all data breaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45337/23]

*640. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in relation to the €67 million announced for apprenticeships in the Budget Expenditure Report (2024), how much of this comprises unspent funds from the €30 million that was announced for apprenticeship in Budget Expenditure Report (2023); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [45347/23]

*641. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in relation to the €400 thousand bursary announced in the Budget Expenditure Report (2024) for apprenticeships from underrepresented areas; the qualifying criteria; how many awards this equates too; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [45348/23]

*642. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in relation to his announcement that PhDs will receive a €3,000 increase in their stipend, if he can confirm that this applies to institutional scholarships; if the funding for this will come from the additional €60 million in core funding announced in Budget Expenditure Report (2024); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [45349/23]

*643. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in relation to his announcement of an additional €4.1 million to “enhance the number of places” in GEM for EU students as part of Budget Expenditure Report (2024), can he outline the estimated number of places this equates to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [45350/23]

*644. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline his progress on the roll-out of graduate entry dentistry across selected Irish universities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [45351/23]

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

*645. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the grants and funding streams available to assist community centres with the maintenance and upgrade of their facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [44701/23]

*646. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if any of the recommendations from the interdepartmental working group which has been examining issues under the Control of Dogs Act (details supplied) have been implemented and if she will provide details on the recommendation on signage of the by-laws on dogs in parks. — Joan Collins. [44935/23]

*647. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to provide an update on the evaluation of the Leader Local Development Strategies for the 2023-2027 programme; when the funding allocations are expected to be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [44990/23]

*648. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to provide an update on the town centre first policy in Bailieborough; to detail the plan that has been developed; the funding committed and the expected completion date of the works. — Niamh Smyth. [45058/23]

*649. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to provide an update on the town centre first policy in Carrickmacross; to detail the plan that has been developed; the funding committed, and the expected completion date of the works. — Niamh Smyth. [45059/23]

*650. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if projects in Cavan are to benefit from the Building Acquisition Measure 2023 and if so, to provide details of the project and amount to be received. — Niamh Smyth. [45060/23]

*651. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if projects in south County Monaghan are to benefit from the Building Acquisition Measure 2023; and if so, to provide details of the project and amount to be received. — Niamh Smyth. [45061/23]

*652. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of contracts awarded to suppliers to fit monuments and or plaques in Clare County Council graveyards in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45160/23]

*653. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the men's shed sustainability grant of €2,000 is still available from her Department to assist with the running costs of the sheds and acquiring material for developing skills for the shedders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [45199/23]

*654. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of new approved participants in the senior alert scheme for 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [45237/23]

*655. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 731 of 3 October 2023, if she will provide detail on the nature of the data breaches suffered by her Department; the severity of the breaches; if all individuals whose information was compromised were notified of the breach; if the Data Protection Commission was notified of all data breaches; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45342/23]

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

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

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

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

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52. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the economic policy unit of his Department. — Mick Barry. [45265/23]

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

54. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a list of the State apologies issued by Taoisigh in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2023. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43876/23]

55. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a list of the State apologies issued by Taoisigh in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2023. — Paul Murphy. [43880/23]

56. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a list of the Cabinet Committees on which he sits. — Peadar Tóibín. [44812/23]

57. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the recent European Political Community meeting in Granada, Spain. — Mick Barry. [45266/23]

58. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his engagements during his attending of the European Political Community. — Alan Farrell. [45073/23]

59. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent meeting with the UK Prime Minister during the European Political Community meeting. — Alan Farrell. [45074/23]

60. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the Annual Report of his Department recently published. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43877/23]

61. To ask the Taoiseach the number of tribunals, public investigations and commissions of investigations in process; the length of time each has been underway; when each will conclude; the cost to date of each; and the estimated cost of each at completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [44814/23]

62. To ask the Taoiseach the number of legal cases taken against his Department in each of the past ten years, and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [44815/23]

63. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45328/23]