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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41575/23]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with disability will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [42509/23]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Cathal Crowe. [42581/23]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with disability will next meet. — Michael Moynihan. [42584/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Aindrias Moynihan. [42590/23]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with disability will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [42604/23]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Mick Barry. [42619/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43865/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [43868/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Gino Kenny. [43871/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [44058/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Alan Dillon. [45023/23]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [45032/23]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [43574/23]

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will meet next. — Niamh Smyth. [42877/23]

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Mick Barry. [44963/23]

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]

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

29. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the UN General Assembly. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [43575/23]

30. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent meeting with President Biden. — Brendan Smith. [43824/23]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent discussions with President Biden. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43866/23]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent discussions with President Biden. — Paul Murphy. [43869/23]

33. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the UN General Assembly. — Mick Barry. [44964/23]

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

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

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

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will meet next. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [43822/23]

38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will meet next. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [43823/23]

39. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [43831/23]

40. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43867/23]

41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [43870/23]

42. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Mick Barry. [44962/23]

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

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

45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45021/23]

46. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [43878/23]

47. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Mick Barry. [45264/23]

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

49. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the economic policy unit of his Department. — Alan Dillon. [45024/23]

50. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the economic policy unit of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43875/23]

51. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the economic policy unit of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [43879/23]

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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*64. 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; and the costs associated with same in each of those years. — Peadar Tóibín. [45405/23]

*65. To ask the Taoiseach to outline the work completed on implementation of the Wellbeing Framework Policy post-Budget 2023 and prior to Budget 2024; the data sets used in that process; the outcomes of those processes, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [45485/23]

*66. To ask the Taoiseach how the people of Clare will benefit from his Department's allocations in Budget 2024. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45782/23]

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

*67. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application (details supplied), as the applicant's travel date is imminent and all requested supporting documentation has been submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [45382/23]

*68. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of legal cases taken against his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and the costs associated with same in each of those years. — Peadar Tóibín. [45397/23]

*69. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide a detailed breakdown on the organisations in Australia that have made applications under the Emigrant Support Programme since January 2022, including the names and the funding amount approved for each applicant, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [45428/23]

*70. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [45632/23]

*71. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will make a statement of solidarity with people of Gaza and Palestine during this terrible time for them and to condemn the illegal actions of Israel in its continuing regime of occupation, land theft, apartheid and collective punishment which has led to nearly one million Gazan children being without food, water and power. — Pat Buckley. [45755/23]

*72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is aware that workers at the Passport Office are not receiving their entitled pay increments; and if he will investigate the matter and ensure workers receive the pay they are entitled to. — Louise O'Reilly. [45764/23]

*73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs how the people of Clare will benefit from his Department's allocations in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45774/23]

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

*74. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide the details of the source of the revenues paid into the Climate Action Fund, on an annual basis from 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45634/23]

*75. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to detail, on an annual basis, the specific projects and associated funding allocated through the Climate Action Fund, whether the project is categorised as a climate or biodiversity one; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45635/23]

*76. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a copy of annual accounts of the Climate Action Fund, as submitted to the Comptroller and Auditor General for audit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45636/23]

*77. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of legal cases taken against his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and the costs associated with same in each of those years. — Peadar Tóibín. [45395/23]

*78. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if grants are provided to a landowner who gives land over for windmills to be built on their land (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45503/23]

*79. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the Section 18 appointments in place of the Board of Inland Fisheries Ireland (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45572/23]

*80. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide an update on the review of the ministerial accountability framework for the sectoral emissions ceilings as outlined in the climate action plan annex of actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45615/23]

*81. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide an update on progress to develop a KPI monitoring and reporting system as outlined in the climate action plan annex of actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45616/23]

*82. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide an update on the feasibility report of geological resources as part of the transition to a low carbon economy, as outlined in the climate action plan annex of actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45617/23]

*83. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the roadmaps to implement roadmaps to implement CAP 23 have been updated, as outlined in the climate

action plan annex of actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45618/23]

*84. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if Gas Networks Ireland is considered a relevant body under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 following the dissolution of Ervia and its transfer of functions to Gas Networks Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45619/23]

*85. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on NewERA monitoring of the implementation of commitments in the commercial semi-State framework; what conclusions NewERA drew in their latest report; what is the progress of semi-states to implement commitments in the commercial semi-state framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45620/23]

*86. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress to date, to include the public sector, in the Climate Change in the Irish Mind survey, as outlined in the climate action plan annex of actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45621/23]

*87. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average lifespan of a smart meter by model; the number of reported meter failures by model; and the average waiting period for smart meter repair. — Holly Cairns. [45623/23]

*88. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the methodology used for estimated smart meter readings when a meter has failed; and the avenues individuals have to appeal these readings. — Holly Cairns. [45624/23]

*89. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the report into the external review of governance within Inland Fisheries Ireland including an examination of the respective roles of the IFI board and executive will be published, considering it was due to be published by the end of September of this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [45628/23]

*90. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he will be appointing a new chair and board of Inland Fisheries Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [45629/23]

*91. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his office is aware that the An Post post box was removed from a location (details supplied) during renovations and was not reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [45732/23]

*92. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how the people of Clare will benefit from his Department's allocations in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45772/23]

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

*93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of legal cases taken against his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and the costs associated with same in each of those years. — Peadar Tóibín. [45392/23]

*94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how the people of Clare will benefit from his Department's allocations in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45769/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*95. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the lower mission vehicle toll incentive and will be continued beyond this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [45386/23]

*96. To ask the Minister for Transport if Bus Éireann or Local Link are looking at a bus route from Castleblayney to Navan to accommodate persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45371/23]

*97. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of legal cases taken against his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and the costs associated with same in each of those years. — Peadar Tóibín. [45407/23]

*98. To ask the Minister for Transport the extra buses that will be provided to Bus Eireann arising from Budget 2024. — Alan Kelly. [45430/23]

*99. To ask the Minister for Transport if an issue (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [45445/23]

*100. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 213 of 7 March 2023, the current status of a pedestrian footbridge over the Owenriff River in Oughterard; if a designer will be appointed in October 2023; if he will provide a timeframe for the design phase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [45719/23]

*101. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has received the correspondence regarding the unacceptable waiting times for driving tests, which are currently at an all-time high (details supplied); when he intends to issue a response to the correspondence received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [45725/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*102. To ask the Minister for Finance to clarify the conditions that must be fulfilled for a person to claim carers credits; what evidence is required or would be accepted to prove a person was a carer if, for example, they never applied for carers allowance but engaged in caring for a family member for a number of years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45388/23]

*103. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of legal cases taken against his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and the costs associated with same in each of those years. — Peadar Tóibín. [45396/23]

*104. To ask the Minister for Finance the rationale for the €80,000 threshold with regard to the introduction of mortgage interest relief in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [45409/23]

*105. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of additional WTE staff by grade that would be required if the Revenue Commissioners PAYE hotline was operated until 4.30pm between Mondays and Fridays. — Alan Kelly. [45413/23]

*106. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will engage with GPs who will be negatively affected by the recent guidelines issued by the Revenue Commissioners in relation to tax treatment; the steps he will take to support small GP practices and partnerships who are at risk of closing due to these guidelines; if he will work with the Department of Health to resolve this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45437/23]

*107. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the Revenue Commissioners plan to prohibit GMS income being mandated to partnerships or employers, and instead each GMS list holder will have to declare such income in their annual income individually as GPs; the rationale behind this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [45441/23]

*108. To ask the Minister for Finance if any progress has been made to make insurance for thatched properties more affordable; if he will outline the meetings that have taken place between his Department and the insurance sector on the matter; if there are any further actions his Department considers may be open to it to address the high cost of insurance apart from promoting fire prevention initiatives among thatched property owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [45566/23]

*109. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of funding set aside, from windfall taxes, for the Climate Action Fund for 2024-2026, as referenced in the Summer Economic Statement 2023, including the amount ringfenced for nature restoration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45633/23]

*110. To ask the Minister for Finance for a timeline for the drafting and introduction of the legislation establishing the Climate and Nature Fund, as detailed in the Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45637/23]

*111. To ask the Minister for Finance whether an employer can provide part of an employee’s annual bonus as a voucher under the small benefit exemption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [45647/23]

*112. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of any mechanism by which a person can improve their credit rating in the situation where their home was repossessed and where there was a default on their mortgage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [45664/23]

*113. To ask the Minister for Finance when the public consultation on the National Payments Strategy will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [45670/23]

*114. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of mortgages, previously classed as performing loans, which have fallen into arrears since the beginning of the interest rate increases to date; and how many of those were the subject of previous restructuring, split/shelved portion mortgages or previous alternative payment arrangements. — Patricia Ryan. [45713/23]

*115. To ask the Minister for Finance if there has been any analysis of the success of the Budget 2023 measure to remove VAT on AEDs; if there is any data on the number of AEDs

purchased in 2023 since the removal; if cost reductions have been passed onto consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [45731/23]

*116. To ask the Minister for Finance if Budget 2024 reduced the VAT rate for print maps or eMaps to 0% given that the VAT rate on eBooks and audio books was reduced to 0%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [45750/23]

*117. To ask the Minister for Finance how the people of Clare will benefit from his Department's allocations in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45773/23]

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.

*118. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of legal cases taken against his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and the costs associated with same in each of those years. — Peadar Tóibín. [45402/23]

*119. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the capital works that were carried out in Garda Training College, Templemore in 2022 and to-date in 2023; and the capital works projects at Garda Training College that are likely to commence in 2024. — Alan Kelly. [45432/23]

*120. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline the work completed on gender equality budgeting by his Department post-Budget 2023 and prior to Budget 2024; the data sets used in that process; the outcomes of those processes, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [45464/23]

*121. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the proposed cull of rabbits (details supplied) will take place; if so, when; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45504/23]

*122. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether he can provide details of a company (details supplied) in Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45609/23]

*123. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on the code of practice for the governance of State bodies to reflect the requirement to report under the public sector mandate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45622/23]

*124. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform how the people of Clare will benefit from his Department's allocations in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45779/23]

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

*125. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of legal cases taken against his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and the costs associated with same in each of those years. — Peadar Tóibín. [45394/23]

*126. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the budget allocation for the Companies Enforcement Agency in 2023; and the budget allocation for same in 2024. — Alan Kelly. [45429/23]

*127. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what steps he intends to take to expedite the applications for work permits in the processing industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [45507/23]

*128. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment whether he intends to extend the quota of meat processor operative permits in order to meet current demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [45507/23]

*129. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total moneys issued under the temporary business energy support scheme; what has become of the underspend from this scheme; and if all moneys allocated for business under the scheme will be used to support business or if that money has gone back to the Exchequer. — Louise O'Reilly. [45597/23]

*130. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the composite details of the €250 million increased cost of the business scheme; how will it be allocated; who will benefit; the specific criteria of the scheme; and if he does not have these details, when businesses can expect to be provided with them. — Louise O'Reilly. [45598/23]

*131. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for a breakdown of the €27million allocated to IDA Ireland in Budget 2024 to accelerate its Regional Property and Enterprise Grants Programmes. — Louise O'Reilly. [45599/23]

*132. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for a breakdown of the €9 million allocated to Local Enterprise Offices to increase Measure 1 and Measure 2 grants, Trading on-line vouchers, Lean, Green and Digitalisation Programmes. — Louise O'Reilly. [45600/23]

*133. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if funding will be made available from Budget 2024 for a doubling of the innovation voucher. — Louise O'Reilly. [45601/23]

*134. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for a breakdown of the Science and Technology Programme funding allocated for EI's Modern Methods of Construction Demonstration Park and Innovation Investment in the Construct to Innovate Technology Centre in Budget 2024. — Louise O'Reilly. [45602/23]

*135. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for a breakdown of the of the €750 thousand allocation in Budget 2024 to contribution to support nine Regional Enterprise Plan Programme Managers. — Louise O'Reilly. [45603/23]

*136. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on concerns raised by a small company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [45604/23]

*137. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason businesses with penal rates of €63,700 and €55,200 are excluded from the SME support scheme; how the Government intends to support major employment contributors, such as those in the hospitality sector, particularly in the face of the current cost of living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [45650/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on concerns raised by a start-up company (details supplied) in view of the Budget announcements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [45654/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how many applications were received for the temporary business energy support scheme from its inception to its closure on 30 September 2023; and the sum total granted to applicants from the fund. — Patricia Ryan. [45710/23]

*140. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details and eligibility criteria of the new small businesses energy support scheme as announced in Budget 2024. — Patricia Ryan. [45711/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total amount of funding received by a company (details supplied) since its opening; and if he will provide a breakdown the areas that funding was supplied for. — Peadar Tóibín. [45757/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how the people of Clare will benefit from his Department's allocations in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45771/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*143. To ask the Minister for Education when the Junior Certificate School Programme (JCSP) Demonstration Library Project and JCSP Digital Library Service will be expanded; and if she will consider including a school (details supplied). — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [45389/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for Education the number of legal cases taken against her Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and the costs associated with same in each of those years. — Peadar Tóibín. [45393/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for Education when an application for a change in the nature of the school transport provision will be made for a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [45448/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 191 of 10 October 2023, the number of State-owned/Bus Éireann-owned buses in the school transport fleet for the 2021/2022, 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 school term, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [45493/23]

*147. To ask the Minister for Education what funding her Department will allocate to the National Educational Psychological Service as part of Budget 2024. — Sorca Clarke. [45498/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for Education if current supports in place for a child with Downs syndrome will continue until they are 18 years old (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45506/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for Education when additional accommodation will be provided at a school in County Meath (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45512/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for Education if the matter regarding increasing the age of school bus drivers from 70 to 75 years when medically certified can be reviewed given the current severe pressure on the school transport system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [45513/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for Education the number of pupils, who had direct involvement with psychologists of the National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS) in the school years 2022/2023, 2021/2022, 2020/2021 and 2019/2020, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [45516/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the pilot counselling programmes in primary schools in terms of pupils directly engaged, per year, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [45517/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for Education the reason bus transport has not been provided to students enrolled at schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [45561/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for Education to clarify if a person is eligible for an allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45564/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided to students (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [45571/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for Education if she will amend the guidelines for the annual census on which the capitation grant is based, in light of increased enrolments in schools after 30 September 2023 but prior to the forms closing date of 31 October for students not enrolled in a primary school in Ireland previously; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [45605/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children without a school place who were forced to avail of home tuition in each year over the past five years, in tabular form for both primary and secondary level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [45610/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for Education the length of time each child who was without a school place availed of the home tuition scheme in each year of the last five years, in tabular form both at primary and secondary level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [45611/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children without a school place forced to rely on home tuition who successfully went into the school system thereafter in each year of the past five years, including how many did not, both at primary and secondary level, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [45612/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the Department policy on assisting children without a school place who need home tuition beyond the 12 weeks maximum cited in an earlier reply; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [45613/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the Department policy and practice on assessment of the effectiveness and quality of home tuition for those children without a school place; when they return to or enter the school system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [45614/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the proposed new special school for the south Wicklow/north Wexford area; the capacity of the school; the opening date of any such school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45642/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the provision of funding for transport for students (details supplied) to access offsite sports facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45643/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for Education when the ICT grant will be paid to both primary and post-primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [45660/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Education the measures she will put in place to address the serious situation faced by a DEIS school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [45714/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide the teacher vacancy rate in a school (details supplied); the assistance her Department will offer to fill these vacancies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [45721/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Education the SNA vacancy rate in a school (details supplied); the assistance her Department will offer to fill these vacancies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [45722/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Education the average teacher vacancy rate in secondary schools in Dublin Mid-West, by school; what assistance her Department will offer to fill these vacancies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [45723/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for Education the average SNA vacancy rate in secondary schools in Dublin Mid-West, by school; what assistance her Department will offer to fill these vacancies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [45724/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to extend Youth Reach to include 13/14-year-olds; if not, what options are available to parents who would like their children to attend a Youth Reach service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [45728/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for Education how the people of Clare will benefit from her Department's allocations in Budget 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45770/23]

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

*172. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of legal cases taken against her Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and the costs associated with same in each of those years. — Peadar Tóibín. [45406/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she plans to visit the east coast of the United States early in 2024 to meet senior officials from major film production companies to discuss increasing the number of major films being made in Ireland. — Alan Kelly. [45416/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she can provide details of the number of funding requests through the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme, or other Departmental programmes, for the purchase of AEDs in each of the past five years and to date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [45730/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media how the people of Clare will benefit from her Department's allocations in Budget 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45783/23]

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

*176. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm that New Era is undertaking a review of the LDA; to confirm the terms of reference of that review; and to state when it will be completed and when it will be published. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45563/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when details of the 2023 retrofit scheme will issue to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [45720/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of legal cases taken against his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and the costs associated with same in each of those years. — Peadar Tóibín. [45400/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 531 of 19 January 2022, and 192 of 4 May 2022, the current status of the social housing passport reforms; the reason for the delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [45436/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a breakdown of the €8 million additional funding for housing adaptation grants in Budget 2024, in terms of the disability and older persons' grants. — Louise O'Reilly. [45488/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide more detail on the funding announced as part of Budget 2024, for pilot housing schemes around older people and people with disabilities. — Louise O'Reilly. [45489/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline how much funding for the capital assistance scheme will be allocated in Budget 2024. — Louise O'Reilly. [45490/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how much funding has been allocated for the disabled persons grant and improvement works in lieu schemes in Budget 2024. — Louise O'Reilly. [45491/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding allocated to Limerick City and County Council for the provision of the housing adaptation grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [45495/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to ensure that social housing tenants will not be subject to higher rents because of social welfare rate increases in Budget 2024. — Sean Sherlock. [45510/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether funding was provided in Budget 2024 to increase the income thresholds for housing adaptation grants for older people and people with a disability. — Paul Murphy. [45519/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will be bringing a memo to Cabinet regarding the issue of alleged historic planning irregularities in County Donegal. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45562/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how much funding for the capital advance leasing facility will be allocated in Budget 2024. — Louise O'Reilly. [45596/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of any current schemes which may help second-time house purchasers to purchase second-hand homes; if Budget 2024 has provided for any such schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [45663/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of any scenario where the clawback amount on a local authority home purchased 20 years ago can be reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [45665/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Article 8 of the Broadband Cost Reduction Directive 2014 (2014/61/EU) will be enacted into Irish law by the end of 2023; the reason it has not been implemented to date; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [45668/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a decision will be made on an application submitted to his Department by Galway City Council for a housing grant in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Galway; the reason for the delay in making a decision, given that the works involved are essential to deem the property suitable for

the tenant who has very poor mobility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45672/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a policy (details supplied) to ensure greater access to housing for individuals and families on lower incomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [45673/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many affordable homes have been delivered, by county in 2020, 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [45715/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will extend the timeframe of 13 months to complete works to vacant and derelict properties under the croí cónaithe scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [45736/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications for the tenant in-situ scheme from both tenants and landlords, for each local authority for each of the past five years; the number of successful applications where the tenancy was acquired by the local authority; the number of tenancies where the local authority refused to acquire the property; the reasons for not doing so; the number of cases where a landlord or property owner refused to sell to each local authority; the reasons stated for not doing so, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45762/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how the people of Clare will benefit from his Department's allocations in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45777/23]

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

*198. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on a matter regarding child benefit payments (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [45657/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of legal cases taken against her Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and the costs associated with same in each of those years. — Peadar Tóibín. [45404/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify the situation regarding eligibility for children's allowance for children in full-time secondary education who turn eighteen before the end of the current academic year; and if she will clarify the situation regarding budget proposals in this regard which come into effect in September 2024. — Michael Creed. [45408/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of WTE medical assessors working in her Department in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form; and if there are plans to increase this number. — Alan Kelly. [45427/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for excluding invalidity benefit from the bonus announced in Budget 2024; and her views on whether this is justified, given the rising cost of living. — Martin Browne. [45433/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the options available to a person (details supplied) in a situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [45497/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when parents with children of 18 years and in full-time post primary education can expect to receive children's allowance payments; if such payments will be backdated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45505/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45578/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide a definitive date by which a baby must be born in order for parents to avail of the additional two weeks of parental leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [45655/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what type of payment a person (details supplied) is receiving; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45671/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to reconsider the timeline for the expansion of the children's allowance to include 18-year-olds in full-time education; if the basis for decision to delay this change to September 2024 could be outlined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [45761/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how the people of Clare will benefit from her Department's allocations in Budget 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45781/23]

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

*210. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of legal cases taken against her Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and the costs associated with same in each of those years. — Peadar Tóibín. [45401/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Justice the transport budget allocation to An Garda Síochána in 2022 and 2023; and the expected transport budget that is being provided to An Garda Síochána in 2024. — Alan Kelly. [45419/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated full year cost in 2024 if 30 extra WTE digital forensic examiners engineering grade 3 were recruited to An Garda Síochána. — Alan Kelly. [45421/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Justice if she acknowledges the long-term benefits of supporting organisations such as CASP Clondalkin Addiction Support Programme, which aim to reduce crime through addiction recovery and support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [45658/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Justice how the people of Clare will benefit from her Department's allocations in Budget 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45778/23]

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

*215. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of legal cases taken against his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and the costs associated with same in each of those years. — Peadar Tóibín. [45390/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the repairs to the western marina pontoon at Dingle Fisheries Harbour has commenced; and when are these works expected to be completed. — Alan Kelly. [45417/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Dinish wharf expansion refurbishment programme at Castletownbere Fisheries Harbour has commenced; and when are these works expected to be completed. — Alan Kelly. [45418/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration is being given to the increased cost of running animal welfare and animal rescue organisations as preparations are made to allocate animal welfare grants to various organisations; if increases in funding in line with the additional costs incurred by these organisations are being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [45565/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he intends to renew the lime scheme in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [45630/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has carried out a review or impact assessment on the potential implications the changes to the current Sustainable Use of Pesticides Regulation may have on agricultural sectors in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [45652/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 360 of 26 September 2023, if the lands in question are still designated as geese and swan habitats; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [45758/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how the people of Clare will benefit from his Department's allocations in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45767/23]

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

*223. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the revised capital ceilings under the National Development Plan for his Department given the transfer of specialist disability services to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, in tabular form. — Matt Shanahan. [45919/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if transport will be granted to a person (details supplied). — Denise Mitchell. [45372/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of legal cases taken against his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and

the costs associated with same in each of those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45391/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to bring the Section 39 workers up to pay parity with the Section 38 workers (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [45410/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated full year cost of providing twenty additional emergency residential places for persons with a disability. — Alan Kelly. [45414/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the location of each emergency accommodation centre for international protection applicants across the State; and the number of international protection applicants at each centre, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [45442/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on (details supplied); if he will outline what is currently being planned by his Department for here (if anything); and what stage plans are at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45509/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason a person (details supplied) in County Donegal had their bus escort stopped in June 2023; when the service will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [45511/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the funding announced as part of Budget 2024 under Programme D - An Equal and Inclusive Society which states “Funding will primarily focus on additional therapy assistant posts, additional supports across a number of targeted children’s services and on the expansion of educational programmes in this area” if these additional therapy assistant posts will be utilised in a school setting. — Sorca Clarke. [45514/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the funding announced as part of Budget 2024 under Programme D - An Equal and Inclusive Society which states “Funding will primarily focus on additional therapy assistant posts, additional supports across a number of targeted children’s services and on the expansion of educational programmes in this area” to provide details of which educational programmes are to be expanded. — Sorca Clarke. [45515/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will expedite the proposed Budget increase for foster carers to 1 January 2024, in view of the fact that this group have not had an increase in their allowance for over a decade. — Patrick Costello. [45560/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of the targeted funding which will be allocated to early years services in disadvantaged areas which was announced as part of Budget 2024. — Robert Troy. [45674/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline details of plans by his Department to broaden AIM’s programme funding beyond the ECCE timetable. — Robert Troy. [45675/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to move forward the implementation of increases to payments made by his Department in Budget 2024 to January 2024 instead of November, given the hardship facing many families due to the continuing cost of living crisis; the rationale for the decision if not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [45749/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to clarify the new funding provided for disability services in Budget 2024; to provide a breakdown of the allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [45752/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how the people of Clare will benefit from his Department's allocations in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45768/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the aggressive measures he intends to use to reduce waiting lists for assessments of needs for children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45785/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current waiting lists for first contact from Clare Children's Disability Network Team, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45786/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*241. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE psychologists and behaviour therapists based in CHO3 and 5 in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [45415/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a detailed explanation of the processes, milestones and timelines that led to the recently released tender for Cork University Hospital Clinical Medical School; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [45626/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a detailed timeline of the recent tender for Cork University Hospital clinical medical school progress through the public spending code and associated processes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [45631/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Health if he agrees that there should be a moral obligation on food retail outlets, large or small, to sell fresh fruit, that is, individual fruits, a whole banana, apple, pear, and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [45374/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urge the HSE to reconsider its decision to refuse funding to a cancer support group (details supplied); the reason this group is being denied funding at CHO8 level despite CHO8 funding being provided to other organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45384/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Health to direct the HSE to respond to concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); the reason the HSE has not responded to a number of representations on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45385/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Health the number of legal cases taken against his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and the costs associated with same in each of those years. — Peadar Tóibín. [45399/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have attended the minor injuries unit at Nenagh General Hospital in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [45422/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the CHOs that currently provide rapid access stabilisation units; and his plans to provide funding for such units. — Alan Kelly. [45423/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE advanced nurse practitioner in paediatric rheumatology at University Hospital Limerick in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [45424/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for each HSE weight management clinic, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [45425/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to extend the opening hours of the minor injuries unit at Our Lady's Hospital, Cashel to 8am-8pm seven days a week. — Alan Kelly. [45426/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45434/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Health if respite services (details supplied) in County Donegal are fully operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [45435/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Health if he has been made aware of GPs who will be negatively affected by the recent guidelines issued by the Revenue Commissioners in relation to tax treatment; if his Department will examine these guidelines with a contractual lens to prevent small practices and GP partnerships from closing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [45438/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Health the status of ongoing plans in terms of addressing the concerns raised by the general practitioners in Donegal (details supplied); if he will meet them to discuss these concerns as requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [45443/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he will introduce to address the issues outlined by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45444/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time from check-in to seeing a clinician at Letterkenny University Hospital emergency department; the national average for this figure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [45447/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the average wait time from arrival at the emergency department at Letterkenny University Hospital to admission; what the national figure is; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [45450/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine an issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45451/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Health what actions he has taken to shorten and streamline the vetting process for fully qualified medical doctors from the UK post-Brexit with the IMC; given that many doctors are waiting in excess of two months for their affiliation to be able to work with the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [45492/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to proposed industrial action by some Section 39 workers related to pay disparity disputes; if his Department is engaging with representatives of these organisations to seek to avoid this escalation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [45496/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Health what funding his Department will allocate to the National Educational Psychological Service as part of Budget 2024. — Sorca Clarke. [45499/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Health the reason public patients holding medical cards are being asked to pay fees for MRI scans referred through the public health system in Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [45502/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Health if support centres (details supplied) have been allocated any funding in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45518/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that have been taken since 2020 to improve capacity within community health services in the mid-west to take pressure off the emergency department at University Hospital Limerick; the reasons that such measures have been unable to avoid the high number of presentations at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [45567/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Health if research has been carried out by his Department to ascertain the impact that waiting lists are having on the effectiveness of antibiotics which in many cases are being prescribed repeatedly due to the length of such waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [45568/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Health if the provisions of Budget 2024 will see an increase in services for people with eating disorders; if he has made any provision for the development of a specific model of care for avoidant restrictive food intake disorder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [45569/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Health if certain workers (details supplied) are to receive the pandemic bonus; the reasons for not receiving it to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [45570/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a fair deal review (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [45573/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Health if he will seek details from his Department on the total number of deaths from causations (detail supplied) from 2014 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [45608/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Health if an inquiry was ever held by the Eastern Area Health Board with regard to allegations of child abuse (details supplied) in 1996 as stated in the media (details supplied) at the time; what the outcome was; if a copy of the report is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [45625/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Health the revised capital ceilings under the National Development Plan for his Department given the transfer of specialist disability services to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [45651/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of concerns raised regarding the potential implications of CORU draft registration standards for psychotherapy training and if the proposed standards ensure the highest quality of care for clients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [45656/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a detailed explanation of the processes, milestones and timelines that led to the recently released HSE tender for Cork University Hospital Clinical Medical School; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [45661/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the source of funding for the recently released tender for Cork University Hospital Clinical Medical School; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [45662/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the registration of psychotherapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [45666/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Health can he give a full update on the completion of the day care centre in Monasterevin; and a timeline on a projected opening date for same. — Patricia Ryan. [45712/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he will take to address issues in relation to children, already previously assessed for autism, but due to errors identified in those assessments, are now required to be reassessed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [45716/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the medical cards of children under seven years coming up as invalid at GP surgeries, when they are still well within their expiry date, causing considerable expense, as in the case of the parent of the child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [45717/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive an urgent appointment to have both cataract surgeries completed at University Hospital Limerick, given that this person is waiting since last March and has practically no sight in either eye; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [45729/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the new funding provided for mental health in Budget 2024; to provide a breakdown of the allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [45751/23]

*283. 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. [45756/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a process within the HSE where a person (details supplied) can access the long-term illness card for treatment of hereditary spastic paraplegia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [45760/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Health how the people of Clare will benefit from his Department's allocations in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45776/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Health the mental health supports in place for adults with foetal alcohol spectrum disorder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45787/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list for West Clare CAMHS, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45788/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list for East Clare CAMHS, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45789/23]

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

*289. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the rationale for not addressing the cost of graduate entry medicine fees as a means for increasing the number of qualified medicine graduates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [45383/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of legal cases taken against his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and the costs associated with same in each of those years. — Peadar Tóibín. [45398/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether his attention has been drawn to SUSI guidelines for proof of independent residency (details supplied), whereby they do not account for people renting under the rent-a-room scheme; if he will amend these guidelines to allow students living independently to avail of SUSI grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [45449/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the significant lack of parking availability at the Waterford campus of South East Technological University with students who are commuting by day having their cars clamped for parking on the access roads around the Waterford Campus; if he will provide a hardcore area for overflow parking at this site to alleviate the present parking issues given that he has declared that the former Waterford Crystal site purchase is almost complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [45558/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will make funding available to South East Technological University to provide overflow parking for Waterford campus students, given the general understanding that capital developments through public procurement will take some years to deliver student accommodation and teaching buildings on the newly acquired Waterford Crystal site; when this funding can be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [45559/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 1008 of 21 March 2023, if his Department can provide a copy of any response issued; if none issued, to provide an update on when further information may issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [45627/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on apprentice placements (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [45659/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what plans are in place to deal with the waiting times for apprentices to attend college placements (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45718/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a third level student who is completely estranged from their parents, but has not reached the age of 23 years, can apply for support through a SUSI grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [45726/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the development of the long-term policy approach to support the construction of student accommodation; the expected timeline for the publication of the policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45735/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how the people of Clare will benefit from his Department's allocations in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45775/23]

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

*300. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she plans to impose a ban on dangerous American XL bully dogs in Ireland; the steps she has taken to ensure that owners of dogs requiring muzzles are complying with the law; and the way the public can hope to feel safe in public from dangerous breeds of dog which are described as same by the law. — John Lahart. [45669/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of legal cases taken against her Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023; and the costs associated with same in each of those years. — Peadar Tóibín. [45403/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the 2023 budget allocation for outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme within her Department; and the expected 2024 budget allocation for same. — Alan Kelly. [45431/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of an application by an organisation (details supplied) to Pobal for funding for an additional full-time worker; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45759/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development how the people of Clare will benefit from her Department's allocations in Budget 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45780/23]

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

1. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when a five-year plan for tourism will be announced for the Lee Valley area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [45708/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to outline how the increases in funding for women in sport, announced in Budget 2024, will take shape. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [45182/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the action she is taking in relation to the reduction in tourist accommodation resulting from the refugee crisis. — Robert Troy. [45705/23]

4. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimh. 98 den 13 Iúil 2023, cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir leis an obair athbhreithniúcháin ar na chéad 10 bplean teanga a ceadaíodh faoi Acht na Gaeltachta, 2012; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [45677/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is reviewing the performance of the RTE board in the context of any future further financial aid to RTE from the State; if she has considered the evidence and discussion at Oireachtas Committees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45797/23]

6. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on the large-scale sports infrastructure fund; the number of projects that were allotted funding under the previous round and an update on progress from these projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [45100/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what plans her Department will undertake with regard to Ireland's co-hosting of Euro 2028; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [45082/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if additional funding will be provided towards the development of sports facilities in view of the increasing financial costs incurred by clubs of all sporting disciplines in providing much needed new and upgraded facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45523/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has conducted any analysis of the potential impacts of the construction of the Boyne Greenway on tourism in County Meath. — Peadar Tóibín. [44818/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the Irish bid for co-hosting the 2028 European Football Championships includes a back-up stadium in the event that Casement Park, Belfast is unavailable. — Cathal Crowe. [45070/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she continues to promote Ireland as an attractive holiday location through the arts, sports and culture given the particular market that exists in these areas at the present time; the extent to which it is expected for this to be of benefit to the hotel and catering sectors, on and off season; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45648/23]

12. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil aon mhaoiniú breise ar fáil i mBuiséad 2024 do mhná tí na gColáistí Samhraidh Gaeltachta chun dul i ngleic leis an ngéarchéim ina bhfuil 30% díobh éirithe as ó 2018; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Mairéad Farrell. [45644/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will elaborate on the “targeted measures to support downstream business impacted as a result of the war in Ukraine” announced on Budget Day 2024. — Cathal Crowe. [45069/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media that an area (details supplied) will be included in any tourism plan for the Lee Valley area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [45709/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on how the sports capital programme will support sports clubs to invest in projects that will reduce their emissions and lead on climate action within their communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [45594/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she expects to allocate funds under the major or minor grants/schemes administered by her Department; the extent to which she can assist communities where cost overruns due to Covid are affecting projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45649/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of licence fees paid to date in 2023; how does that compare year on year with 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [45802/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to increase support for grassroots clubs in the League of Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [45607/23]

19. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil sé i gceist aici Scéim Labhairt na Gaeilge a thabhairt ar ais an bliain seo chugainn; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45591/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the estimated expenditure relating to the hosting a major sporting event (details supplied) for each year in advance of the event and including the year of the event; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [45738/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the Large-Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund will open for applications. — Paul McAuliffe. [45220/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to outline the way she is supporting community radio stations across the country; the community radio stations that she has supported in the past; the amount of support each has received; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [45047/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline the progress being made on the implementation of the recommendations of the report on section 481 Film Tax Credit, produced by the Oireachtas Budget Scrutiny Committee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [45369/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on her Department's work to ensure that Dublin is prepared to host the UEFA Euros 2028 tournament, particularly in relation to sufficient tourist accommodation. — Paul McAuliffe. [45219/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline the engagements her Department has had with the Department of Finance and other Government Departments to progress the establishment of the stakeholders' forum, one of the recommendations of the recent report on section 481 Film Tax Credit produced by the Oireachtas Budget Scrutiny Committee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [45368/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the impacts of stock displacement within the tourism sector with 30,000 beds now under contract to Department Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, of which 25,000 are hotel beds; if she will consider a business support scheme in regional areas with the highest occupancy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [45524/23]

27. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cad iad an maoiniú agus na tacaíochtaí nua atá curtha ar fáil don Ghaeltacht agus don Ghaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [45547/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of applications received under the recent sports capital grant scheme; the likely timescale for

processing and approval; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45522/23]

29. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén méadú atá i meastacháin a Roinne do 2024 ar an gcaiteachas reatha agus caipitil don Ghaeilge agus don Ghaeltacht; cé mhéad de sin a bhaineann le soláthar caiteachais breise do phá agus tuarastail in Údarás na Gaeltachta agus Foras na Gaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45690/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way she is supporting traditional Irish music across the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [45031/23]

31. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán céard í an fhaisnéis is déanaí maidir le toghcháin phoiblí do bhord Údarás na Gaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Mairéad Farrell. [45645/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 130 of 12 July 2023, and as per the Performance Delivery Agreement between her Department and Galway Culture Company; the number of quarterly reporting meetings held to date with all public funders of Galway Culture Company, and the dates of same; if minutes are taken and published in respect of these meetings; the details of any management reports received by her Department to date from Galway Culture Company; the status of the drawdown of the €1 million in Galway 2020 legacy funding; the amount drawn down to date; the details of where any funds drawn down have been allocated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45679/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there are any specific funding streams available for sports clubs to construct disabled facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [45682/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her Department's role in monitoring and ensuring that social media platforms are not being used to amplify and enable hate groups to orchestrate campaigns around the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44147/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the position regarding any Department-led initiatives that seek to improve the integration of people fleeing the war in Ukraine into sports clubs and sporting activities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [45595/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media 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]

37. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide a timeline for a detailed breakdown in each of the sub-headings, A to E, in the Department's budget 2024. — Imelda Munster. [45557/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department sees the value in the unscripted TV sector; if she has requested additional tax incentives to be provided for unscripted tv production; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45798/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to outline any plans her Department has to repurpose vacant and or derelict commercial sites as creative spaces for artists. — Gary Gannon. [45742/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline the number of sport capital and equipment grant applications per county, in tabular form, spitting them into capital and equipment applications; if she will outline the applications per sport (i.e., GAA/soccer/rugby etc.); when she forecasts that her Department will have these assessed by; if there will be a process for appeals after the initial announcement of allocations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [45801/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way the Sports Capital Programme will help clubs and National Governing Bodies lead and respond to the climate crisis and drive climate action within communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [45546/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to confirm how much Government expenditure was spent on tourism supports and projects in Cork in 2022 and to date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45753/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide increased support to community radio in respect of high inflation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45766/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the increase provided for in the estimates for 2025 in funding for TG4 and RTÉ respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45689/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to promote the famine walkway. — Robert Troy. [45704/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total amount of Large-Scale Sports Infrastructure Funds that have been allocated and issued; the amount of funds that remain unallocated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [45737/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media how the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme can assist sports clubs and national governing bodies to champion localised measures and adaption to the ongoing climate crisis and drive the adoption of positive climate action across the wider community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [45549/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media whether she supports the calls of representatives of actors, writers and directors for an end to use of buy-out contracts by film producers as a condition for those producers continuing to receive public funding for film productions in Ireland. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45792/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the progress she has made in convening the film industry stakeholder forum as recommended in the recent report by the budget oversight and scrutiny committee on section 481 film tax credit and the Irish film industry. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45790/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what percentage of the overall Budget 2024 has been allocated to the promotion of Irish language and the Gaeltacht; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [45681/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to explain where the funding is being repurposed from within her Department's arts and culture programme to fund the increases announced for the Arts Council, Culture Ireland, Screen Ireland, Safe to Create, and Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, given the overall programme budget is only increasing by 0.7% in Budget 2024. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45588/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if Carlow will benefit from the changes for the screen industry announced in Budget 2024. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [45183/23]

53. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an dtacaíonn sí leis an bPlean Fáis atá foilsithe ag Conradh na Gaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45590/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what further actions, if any, has she taken to address the concerns repeatedly raised by representatives of actors, writers, directors and film crews in relation to their remuneration, conditions and contracts of employment and the failure of film producers in receipt of public funding to meet the requirement of quality employment and training. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45791/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to outline what measures were included in Budget 2024 to support tourism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45754/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what action, if any, she intends to take to ensure recognition of service of film crew in the Irish film industry and to address the vulnerability of film crew to black-balling given the ongoing use of successive fixed-term contracts for the employment of crew by film producers who are in receipt of public funding for film production. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45793/23]

57. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán soiléiriú a thabhairt maidir le Scéim Labhairt na Gaeilge; cén uair a bheidh an scéim i bhfeidhm; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [45676/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to outline women's sport that will be advanced and supported at all levels with the announcement of a doubling in funding for women's sport; the plans that are underway to ensure more women and girls participate in all sports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [45548/23]

59. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad limistéar pleanála teanga nach bhfuil oifigeach pleanála teanga fostaithe iontu

faoi láthair; soiléiriú ar an anailís atá faoi chaibidil ag an Roinn maidir leis an ábhar sin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [45680/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has had discussions with major film and TV studios on potential plans to expand their operations in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [45606/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to report on tourism figures for summer 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [45083/23]

62. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimh. 88 den 13 Iúil 2023, cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir leis an obair athbhreithniúcháin atá idir lámha ag Údarás na Gaeltachta i ndáil leis na córais agus leis an gcur chuige atá i ngníomh ag an Údarás faoi láthair chun tacú le cur chun cinn na Gaeilge sna cliantchuideachtaí agus i ndáil leis na bealaí ina ndéantar an t-ábhar a bhaineann leo a riar; cathain a fhoilseofar toradh na hanailíse; cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir leis an scéim phiólótach; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [45678/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide an update on the National Sports Policy 2018 - 2027, in particular projects or initiatives supported in County Meath as part of it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45586/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the UK and Ireland's bid to host Euro 2028; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [45525/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to list any initiatives, projects and developments planned by her Department for Dublin's north inner city due to begin in 2024. — Gary Gannon. [45743/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to outline how the additional €10 million provided for overseas marketing of Ireland as a holiday destination in Budget 2024 will be spent. — Gary Gannon. [45744/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she engages with other Government Departments and/or State agencies to ensure that there is sufficient hotel accommodation in rural communities in order to enhance the economic potential of every region. — Matt Carthy. [41279/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the interaction his Department has had to date with the statutory committee set up under the Official Languages Act 2021 to plan for the requirement under the Act that 20% of public servants being recruited from 2030 will have competency to do business with the public in Irish; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45688/23]

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

69. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current number of apprentices waiting for off-the-job training at levels 2, 4 and 6 in addition to the numbers waiting for such training in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [45695/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide the full details of what was announced in Budget 2024 for students and how they might avail of the various schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45260/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on his efforts to increase the number of graduate entry medicine places; the reason he has not tried to reduce fees as a means to attract more applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [45694/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the progress on enabling technological universities to borrow to supply student accommodation. — Robert Troy. [45799/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to discuss the development of Cavan Institute as a hub for further education and training. — Niamh Smyth. [45259/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to confirm the number of students that will benefit from measures aimed at those in further and higher education in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45740/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to address the sharp increase to 15% in undergraduate drop-out rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45701/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the SUSI grant will be amended to cover part-time students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [45527/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to the announcement of the significant funding that Magee University would receive from the Share Island Initiative, to expand its capacity, if he will provide details of the nature of the arrangement; the way it will work in practice; the benefits it will bring in terms of workforce planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [45696/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress in the assigning of new schools of veterinary and pharmacy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [45218/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if consideration can be given to allowing an apprentice butcher who lives in the south and who

has been offered an apprenticeship place at a suitable facility in the north (details supplied) to be accepted onto the Solas apprenticeship course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [45367/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is ensuring that the National Maritime College has the required level of funding to continue in providing the essential training in green technology and skills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [45697/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has engaged with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in regard to the need for regulation of digs-style accommodation arrangements. — Holly Cairns. [45584/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on his efforts to increase the number of graduate dentists into the health system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [45693/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the status and timeframe for a centre of excellence for electric vehicle management in Mullingar. — Robert Troy. [45800/23]

84. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta an bhfuil sé i gceist aige straitéis a fhorbairt, nó an cas reatha a fhiosrú, maidir le soláthar cúrsaí tríú leibhéal trí mheán na Gaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45593/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason why the optimum target of €25,000 for the PhD stipend as recommended by the first report of the National Review of State Supports for PhD Researchers, was not implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [45541/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there is a timeline for the publication of the final review report on supports for PhD researchers in Ireland that deals with the status of a PhD researcher and classification as either a student or an employee. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [45539/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has any input into the types of questions posed by “Student Survey”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [44896/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will commit to funding purpose built affordable accommodation for students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [45795/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the total allocation of capital grants (devolved capital grant and the further education capital grants) to the Cork Education and Training Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [45550/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in light of his recent announcement to increase the stipend for SFI and IRC PhD Researchers

if he will now commit to a minimum national stipend for all PhD Researchers, regardless of their current funding source; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [45685/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for the up-to-date position on a new building for an adult education centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [45706/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the supports available to graduate entry medicine students, and to clarify if he will extend existing supports to graduate entry medicine students. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [45540/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 94 of 30 March 2023, if he will provide an update on the position regarding Ireland's application to join the CERN programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [45803/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to expand the availability of accommodation for students at South East Technological University; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [45582/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether post-graduate students studying medicine on dedicated courses in third level institutions to become medical practitioners are or will be able to avail of SUSI grant-aid while attending university on these courses, in view of the need to urgently increase the supply of doctors in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45687/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the development of a digital skills action plan to drive the commitments in the National Digital Strategy, 'Harnessing Digital: the Digital Ireland Framework' to address both the digital talent pipeline and, workforce development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [45532/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the justification for only raising PhD stipends to a meagre €22,000 per annum, when an independent national review of State support for PhD researchers last May recommended a figure of €25,000 per annum. — Gary Gannon. [45748/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will agree to ensuring that a threshold of core funding is put in place to enable supported training organisations to continue to carry out their critical role in providing education and training for the most vulnerable students across our education system; if he will ensure that immediate funding pressures for 2023 are addressed as a matter of urgency through the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [45683/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to further promote a culture of lifelong learning within the workforce, focusing on increasing the lifelong learning rate from the current rate of 9% to 18% by 2025; what the current rate is in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [45533/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which a continuous supply of graduates in the academic and technical areas is provided for in order to meet requirements of industry and education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45641/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the Adult Literacy for Life, or ALL Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [45575/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will make a commitment that other PhDs directly reliant on government funding outside of IRC or SFI will receive an increase in their PhD stipend. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [45542/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to support staff and students of further and higher education who are parents, in order to make education more accessible those returning or continuing education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [45544/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the actions being taken by his Department or by any agency under the aegis of his Department to better understand the trends and to consider the causes and effects of grade inflation on further and higher education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [45029/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the action his Department are undertaking to tackle student accommodation shortages. — Gary Gannon. [45747/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans for legislative changes for the future operation of the National Training Fund, as signposted by Minister Donohoe in his Budget 2024 statement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [45217/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how he is increasing access to apprenticeship for under-represented groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [45554/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to discuss the steps that have been taken on the establishment of a veterinary school on a third level campus; and when a decision can be expected on this matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [45545/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the action he is taking to expand the capacity of apprenticeships, and to expand the supports available to learners and employers who take up apprenticeship opportunities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [45534/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the long outstanding issue of regularising the terms and conditions of adult education tutors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [45553/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to comment on the take-up of apprenticeship schemes in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [45080/23]

112. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the new Statement of Strategy for his Department; when he expects this to be completed and published; the outcome of the consultation period earlier this year; the specific areas that the strategy will build on following the previous 2021-2023 strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [45531/23]

113. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta an bhfuil cur chun cinn na litearthachta i nGaeilge mar chuid den Straitéis Litearthachta Fadsaoil do Dhaoine Fásta a sheol sé i mbliana agus ráiteas a thabhairt ar chur chuige an Rialtais maidir le litearthacht a spreagadh sa Ghaeilge. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45592/23]

114. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which provision is being made or will be made to meet the full requirement of student accommodation adjacent to schools or colleges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45640/23]

115. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of Solas instructors that are available to provide pipe fitting training as part of in-class training phases on apprenticeship programmes; the measures that are being taken to address delays currently experienced on in-class training phases on all apprenticeship programmes for which apprentices are waiting over six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [45707/23]

116. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures that will be introduced for the 2023/2024 academic year to reduce costs for students in further and higher education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45538/23]

117. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the funding for the construction of affordable student accommodation in Galway, announced in November 2022; to clarify if the State will own or partially own the units, once built; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45734/23]

118. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the total allocation of capital grants (devolved capital grant and the further education capital grants) to the Kilkenny and Carlow Education and Training Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [45581/23]

119. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to address precarious work in third level institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45702/23]

120. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the supports that have been made available for third level students, those attending further and higher education and apprentices in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45739/23]

121. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the measures his Department is taking to deliver green skills, as outlined in the climate action plans annexe of actions 2023; to report on the progress to date to accelerate the delivery of green skills apprenticeships and to increase the number of courses and places across the six centres of excellence; what annual targets, if any, have been set; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45221/23]

122. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of learners across the country will benefit from the removal of fees for PLC courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [45579/23]

123. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprentices that will benefit from the once-off reduction of 33% in the contribution fee in higher education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [45576/23]

124. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason why the €1,000 reduction in student contribution fees in Budget 2024 has been deemed a once off measure by his Department. — Gary Gannon. [45746/23]

125. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans he has to resolve the funding crisis facing the provision of supported training; if he and his Department will meet with providers such as (details supplied) as a matter of urgency to agree sustainable funding levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [45684/23]

126. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of craft apprenticeship places that are planned for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [45574/23]

127. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline the number of completed apprenticeships across counties Sligo, Leitrim and Donegal per year between 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023; the support mechanisms that are in place to keep apprentices within the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [45639/23]

128. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 111 of 21 September 2023, for a status update on the proposed new further education college in Galway city; the status of the development of the preliminary business case; if it has been completed and returned to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45733/23]

129. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will give an update on any progress made to resolve the terms and conditions of employment of personal assistants who work in some Education and Training Boards; if he will provide a timeline for when the issue is expected to be resolved; if he will outline the engagement he and his Department has had with others in relation to the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [45366/23]

130. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how further education learners have been prioritised in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [45580/23]

131. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the total allocation of capital grants (devolved capital grant and the further education capital grants) to the Longford and Westmeath Education and Training Board in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [45529/23]

132. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has undertaken any research to determine what students in what faculties or courses are most and least likely to emigrate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [44816/23]

133. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how Budget 2024 will invest in apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [45536/23]

134. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the total allocation of capital grants (devolved capital grant and the further education capital grants) to the Tipperary Education and Training Board in 2023; the proposed allocation for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [45535/23]

135. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when PLC fees are to be abolished for further education students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [45577/23]

136. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will increase HEI block grants to facilitate an increase in university awarded PhD stipends in line with the stipends awarded through the Science Foundation of Ireland and the Irish Research Council. — Holly Cairns. [45583/23]

137. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the way PhD students are to receive extra support following Budget 2024; if he anticipates an increase in the number of PHD students as a result; his targets, if any, with respect to the number of PhD students in the coming years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [45030/23]

138. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are any plans to shorten the length of time an apprentice waits for training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [45552/23]

139. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how many students have started on the new farming apprenticeship in a school (details supplied) respectively; how his Department plans to increase places on apprenticeship programmes such as this moving forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [45551/23]

140. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the assistance that is available for students and their parents who cannot avail of SUSI grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [45528/23]

141. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount that has been allocated in Budget 2024 to student accommodation; the number of units this will supply; how he will ensure the affordability of this accommodation for students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45699/23]

142. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science considering the chronic shortage of skilled labour, the reason he chose to reduce fees by only €1,000 and to make this only a once-off; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45700/23]

143. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide supports for non-State funded PhD students and if he will move to have their employment status recognised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [45796/23]

144. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the total allocation of capital grants (devolved capital grant and the further education capital grants) to the Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board in 2023; the likely allocation for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [45555/23]

145. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way his Department is acting to supporting workforce and talent development of Irish SMEs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [45530/23]

146. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the measures his Department is taking to expand retrofit in education and further education sectors; how many retrofits have been completed in the further and higher education sector in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; what the target is for 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45222/23]

147. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider in fast-tracking SOLAS apprentice applications to shorten the backlog of apprentices in college; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [45804/23]

148. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department is partaking in any work to assess the difficulty and accessibility of the SUSI application process; and if he will consider making the process easier to complete for applicants. — Gary Gannon. [45745/23]

149. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on current and future development plans for the Drogheda Institute for Further Education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [45543/23]

150. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if Atlantic Technological University, Sligo has been approved for purpose-built student

accommodation funded by his Department; if he will outline the process of a Higher Education Institution receiving approval to build student accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [45638/23]

151. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will ensure that the €1,000 reduction in the student contribution fees for higher education students as announced in Budget 2024 is applied to students studying outside this State, such as Northern Ireland and Britain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45537/23]

152. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on progress with regard to (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [45079/23]