



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach.**

1. 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]
2. 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]
3. 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]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a list of the Cabinet committees on which he sits. — Peadar Tóibín. [44812/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a list of the Cabinet committees on which he sits. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46433/23]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a list of the Cabinet Committees on which he sits. — Cian O’Callaghan. [46601/23]
7. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the recent European Political Community meeting in Granada, Spain. — Mick Barry. [45266/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his engagements during his attending of the European Political Community. — Alan Farrell. [45073/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the recent European Political Community meeting in Granada, Spain. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46434/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the recent European Political Community meeting in Granada, Spain. — Paul Murphy. [46436/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the recent European Political Community meeting in Granada, Spain. — Peadar Tóibín. [46373/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the recent European Political Community meeting in Granada, Spain. — Mary Lou McDonald. [46425/23]
13. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the recent European Political Community meeting in Granada, Spain. — Seán Haughey. [46619/23]

14. 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]

15. To ask the Taoiseach to report on any recent meetings he has had with the British Prime Minister. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46439/23]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the British Prime Minister. — Peadar Tóibín. [46374/23]

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

18. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the Annual Report of his Department recently published. — Peadar Tóibín. [46370/23]

19. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the Annual Report of his Department recently published. — Paul Murphy. [46438/23]

20. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the Annual Report of his Department recently published. — Mick Barry. [46494/23]

21. 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. [46827/23]

22. 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]

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

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Alan Dillon. [46344/23]

25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [46371/23]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46435/23]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [46437/23]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mick Barry. [46495/23]

29. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which he continues to have discussions with leaders throughout Europe and elsewhere in regard to the ongoing crisis and potential crises in the Middle East. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46709/23]

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his participation in the extraordinary European Council meeting on 17 October 2023. — Seán Haughey. [46717/23]

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

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

\*31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue from organisations (details supplied) from 2021 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [46753/23]

\*32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will be issued for a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [46804/23]

\*33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on whether the additional allocation of €60 million to official development assistance in Budget 2024 is sufficient to meet Ireland's goals in this area in 2024; how this allocation factors into meeting Ireland's commitments to spending 0.7% of GNI on ODA by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [46886/23]

\*34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the fact that money spent on resettling Ukrainian refugees is being counted towards Ireland's official development assistance spending figures in 2023 and 2024; his views on whether this is appropriate; his further views on whether this will lead to the ODA to be spent overseas being squeezed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [46887/23]

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

\*35. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue from organisations (details supplied) from 2021 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [46751/23]

\*36. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the work, if any, his Department is carrying out in monitoring aircraft fumes in the housing estates surrounding Dublin Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [46775/23]

\*37. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will review an application (details supplied) for a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [46805/23]

\*38. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 57 of 11 October 2023, when he received a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [46831/23]

\*39. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how many solar panels were installed under the warmer homes scheme in each of the years 2020 to 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; how many were standard B2 or above; the post-retrofit of BER of solar panels installed under the warmer homes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [46857/23]

\*40. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the number of homes which have had solar panels installed by the SEAI scheme for the years 2019 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46889/23]

\*41. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average income of households that have had solar panels installed via schemes funded through his Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46890/23]

\*42. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amounts left over from the electricity cost emergency benefits scheme I and II; and to outline how those funds were reallocated. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46891/23]

\*43. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of expenses that were incurred by the Minister in the administration of the electricity cost emergency benefits scheme I and II, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46892/23]

\*44. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of expenses that were incurred by the distribution system operator in the administration of the electricity cost emergency benefits scheme I and II, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46893/23]

\*45. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline the environmental standards and protection of nature which his Department oversees; the level of activity of enforcement in each case, covering inspections, issuing of notices, and prosecution; and if he plans to step-up activity. — Richard Bruton. [46967/23]

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

\*46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue from organisations (details supplied) from 2021 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [46748/23]

\*47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of dentists, pharmacist, nurses and doctors in the Defence Forces Medical Corps; the number of those posts that are vacant; and when these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [46863/23]

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

\*48. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue from organisations (details supplied) from 2021 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [46763/23]

\*49. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the implementation of legislation with regard to scrambler bikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [46765/23]

\*50. To ask the Minister for Transport the work, if any, his Department is carrying out monitoring aircraft fumes in the housing estates surrounding Dublin Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [46776/23]

\*51. To ask the Minister for Transport the current wait time for driving tests in the driving test centres that service the Dublin Fingal area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [46778/23]

\*52. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on phase 9 of Bus Connects, which will service the Fingal communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [46780/23]

\*53. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown of spending on public transport per capita for each county between 2017 and 2023, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [46852/23]

\*54. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new coach parking areas, by location, that were funded by the NTA in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the number of new coach parking areas that will be provided in 2024, in tabular form; and if it is intended to future-proof the bays by including charging points for large-scale-coach EVs. — Catherine Murphy. [46864/23]

\*55. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update in respect of the new Woodbrook train station (details supplied); the body that will fund this project; the expected delivery date; and if he will detail the plans to provide additional capacity on the rail network to accommodate development nearby. — Catherine Murphy. [46871/23]

\*56. To ask the Minister for Transport how many driving tests, on average, a driving tester carries out on a daily basis in Nenagh test centre, County Tipperary; if the centre operates over the weekend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [46896/23]

\*57. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of individuals currently awaiting a driving test in Nenagh test centre, County Tipperary, who have either been provided with a test date, who have been invited to book a test date, or who are awaiting an invitation to book a test date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [46897/23]

\*58. To ask the Minister for Transport how many driving testers are employed on either a full- or part-time basis in Nenagh test centre, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [46898/23]

\*59. To ask the Minister for Transport the reasoning behind an individual not being able to book their driving test on the spot, and instead being required to join a lengthy queue to be invited to book their test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [46899/23]

\*60. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the public toilets in the Bus Éireann station in Tralee have been closed for a number of weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [46924/23]

\*61. To ask the Minister for Transport if there will be a consultation period or if members of the public and local representatives will have any input into the changing of speed limits on local roads as part of the changes in speed limits on national roads (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [46927/23]

\*62. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider further the potential introduction of a scrappage scheme aimed at promoting the use of e-bikes in order to encourage commuters to use this mode of transport instead of private petrol and diesel motor cars, similar to a scheme introduced in France; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [47019/23]

\*63. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on progressing with a sense of urgency the N24 roads project, in light of numerous collisions on the N24, in both the eastern and western sections; if he has discussed the matter with Transport Infrastructure Ireland recently; if consideration will be given to reprioritising the N24 road project as a road-safety measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [47031/23]

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

\*64. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue from organisations (details supplied) from 2021 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [46752/23]

\*65. To ask the Minister for Finance when the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeals can recommence its clinics, considering that there have been no clinics since November 2021 and that there are over 1,000 appellants on the waiting list to have their appeals dealt with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [46802/23]

\*66. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 104 of 18 October 2023, if he will specifically address the issue raised therein regarding the rationale for the €80,000 threshold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [46842/23]

\*67. To ask the Minister for Finance if Ireland will be supporting the adoption of a United Nations tax convention under the proposal set out by the UN Secretary-General (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [46844/23]

\*68. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of debt still warehoused under the tax debt warehousing scheme; the amount of this debt per division; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [46867/23]

\*69. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of tax revenue lost as a result of a company becoming insolvent that had tax debt warehoused under the tax debt warehousing scheme; the amount of tax revenue lost, in tabular form; to provide a breakdown, by amount of tax revenue lost per division; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [46868/23]



*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.*

\*70. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the start and completion timeframes for each localised flood relief scheme including Midleton, County Cork; and the reasons for the delays of completion of each scheme. — Peadar Tóibín. [46876/23]

\*71. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue from organisations (details supplied) from 2021 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [46757/23]

\*72. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether he will grant Cork City Council funding for a flood barrier for Coppervalley Vue in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [46922/23]

\*73. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if a sluice gate on a river (details supplied) will be cleared out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [46937/23]

\*74. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when work will be carried out to a sluice gate (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [46942/23]

\*75. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 33 of 27 June 2023, the status of the independent evaluation of National Development Plan priorities and capacity; if the work has been received by his Department; the timeline for publication of the evaluation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [47052/23]

\*76. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 96 of 15 November 2022, the details of any analysis carried out by his Department into the impact of the ongoing rise in rental prices on the cost of the rented portion of the OPW's office accommodation portfolio; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [47053/23]

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

\*77. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the criteria for the grant for 50% of rates back for local businesses, as announced in Budget 2024; and the opening date for applications for same. — Patricia Ryan. [46979/23]

\*78. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue from organisations (details supplied) from 2021 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [46750/23]

\*79. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the increased cost of business grant will include a provision to aid businesses that may struggle to meet the Government commitment to deliver a living wage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [46832/23]

\*80. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline what the Workplace Relations Commission's response was to a request concerning legislation (details supplied); the reason the directive, guaranteed at the time by the then-Minister, was never implemented; and the position of the Government on this vitally important issue. — Joan Collins. [46846/23]

\*81. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has figures on the cost of hiring people on the National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage which will include ten days' sick pay and the cost of auto-enrolment after its introduction in 2024; if he has any estimate on the cost of hiring people in the years up to 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [46853/23]

\*82. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will respond to concerns and proposals raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [46882/23]

\*83. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline the environmental standards and protection of nature which his Department oversees; the level of activity of enforcement in each case, covering inspections, issuing of notices, and prosecution; and if he plans to step-up activity. — Richard Bruton. [46969/23]

\*84. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the plans the Government has for employment and industry incentives in the south Kildare region, specifically Monasterevin, Rathangan and Athy. — Patricia Ryan. [46975/23]

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

\*85. To ask the Minister for Education if his Department, or any body under the aegis of her Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue from organisations (details supplied) from 2021 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [46749/23]

\*86. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 250 of 17 October 2023, what actions she had undertaken to investigate spare seat capacity on the school bus in question from Ballivor to Longwood, County Meath, when it has been confirmed to parents at a local level that there are five spare seats on the bus; her reasons for stating there are no spare seats; who informed her; if she will apply practical common sense in allocating those spare seats to the students referenced without further delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [46774/23]

\*87. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a current analysis to date of the number of school transport tickets allocated which are not being utilised and the consequent number of spare seats for the school year 2023/2024, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [46798/23]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of capital works for a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [46810/23]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the request by a school (details supplied) that the modular unit works at the school include direction to complete a yard in order that this surface can later accommodate an astro-turf pitch; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46817/23]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Education is she is aware that the current development of modular units at a school (details supplied) will make it very difficult, perhaps impossible, to gain sufficient access to a back field in order to carry out future works on the field; if she has received contrary advice to that position; if so, by whom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [46818/23]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Education if she will respond to the correspondence from a parent in County Kildare (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [46820/23]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review an application for an emergency works scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [46838/23]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Education if transport will be made available for a person (details supplied). — Denise Mitchell. [46839/23]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Education if transport will be made available for a person (details supplied). — Denise Mitchell. [46840/23]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made in relation to the submission to build an ASD unit in a school (details supplied) in County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [46845/23]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Education where a pre-school facility is currently being operated within a school and where her Department is seeking an ASD unit within the school which will result in the closure of the pre-school facility, if her Department can force the closure of the pre-school facility to take over the space within which it is operating; if her Department will provide funding in circumstances (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [46888/23]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 249 of 17 October 2023, what actions she had undertaken to investigate spare-seat capacity on the school bus in question from Ballivor to Trim, County Meath, when it has been confirmed to the parents at a local level that there are spare seats on the bus not used; her reasons for stating that there are no spare seats; who informed her; if she will apply practical common sense in allocating a spare seat to the student referenced without further delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [46916/23]

\*98. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the new school building for a school (details supplied); if a timeline for completion can be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [46939/23]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 203 of 19 October 2023, if she will supply the complete terms of reference provided to the Working Group in question, as requested; the dates of all meetings of the group, whether virtual or in-person, since the Group was established; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [46985/23]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Education to sanction works at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [46990/23]

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

\*101. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department, or any body under the aegis of her Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue from organisations (details supplied) from 2021 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [46762/23]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her officials conduct due diligence in advance of awarding a sports capital grant. — Catherine Murphy. [46836/23]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will clarify whether the granting and use of a sports capital grant to a body (details supplied) has been reviewed by her Department. — Catherine Murphy. [46837/23]

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

\*104. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason, when retrofitting old council housing with more efficient air-to-water heating systems, the council did not replace windows and doors with energy efficient ones, resulting in higher heating costs for tenants due to heat loss through inefficient windows and doors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [46973/23]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue from organisations (details supplied) from 2021 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [46755/23]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the number of biodiversity officers that have been appointed to each local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [46767/23]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of social housing units delivered by AHBs accessing the capital loan and subsidy scheme loans where the loans have now been fully repaid, in tabular form; the total number of social housing units delivered by AHBs accessing the CLSS loans where the loans or part of the loans remain outstanding; to provide a timeline for this second category of CLSS loans, indicating the number

of properties where loans will be repaid in full for each year until all CLSS loans have been repaid; the total number of units of social housing delivered by AHBs with capital advance leading facility funding; and if he will provide a timeline for CALF loans, indicating the number of properties where loans will be repaid in full for each year until all CALF loans have been repaid. — Eoin Ó Broin. [46803/23]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason a building (details supplied) is being left idle and falling into disrepair; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [46806/23]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the cost rental acquisition price guidelines for Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [46816/23]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average time taken for An Bord Pleanála decisions from the date an appeal is lodged in each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; the projected average timescales for decisions in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [46872/23]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities have the appropriate sanction through Circular: NRUP 02/2021 to permit lower densities than 30 units per hectare for serviced sites (ready-to-build scheme) on the edges of towns and villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [46878/23]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the appropriate density for serviced sites on the edges of towns will typically be lower than a standard greenfield residential development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [46879/23]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of developments that are currently being or have been developed by each local authority under the ready to build (serviced sites scheme), and their location, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [46880/23]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the environmental standards and protection of nature which his Department oversees; the level of activity of enforcement in each case, covering inspections, issuing of notices, and prosecution; and if he plans to step-up activity. — Richard Bruton. [46966/23]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason social housing tenants applying for adaptation grants/works are being told by Kildare County Council that there is no money remaining for these works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [46971/23]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans, if any, the Government has to purchase the property and lands at Moore Abbey, Monasterevin, in the interests of heritage and local tourism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [46974/23]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the deserted wives payment, which is currently paid to a person in their 70s, is an eligible payment under the tenant

(incremental) purchase scheme, when it is the tenant's only income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [46993/23]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if grants are available for inspected and condemned septic tanks which were not registered with local authority in 2013 but have registered in 2023 paying €50. — Dara Calleary. [46994/23]

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

\*119. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department, or any body under the aegis of her Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue from organisations (details supplied) from 2021 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [46759/23]

\*120. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí an bhfoilseoidh sí an méid iomlán a íoctar mar ‘Sochar Linbh’ sa stát in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 agus 2022 agus i bhfoirm thábla. — Mairéad Farrell. [46764/23]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if farmers who were in receipt of farm assist between the years 1998 and 2016, and who accrued Class S contributions during this time are eligible for the State pension; if she will advise on any changes to the system of calculating Class S contributions from those on farm assist regarding the State pension since 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [46808/23]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will urgently reinstate fuel allowance to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [46833/23]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline the timelines for auto-enrolment, including when it will be ready to launch; if she plans to seek submissions from asset managers on how they will manage pension savings, given that asset managers may be reluctant to sign-up to a four-year contract that is likely to be loss-making for some time, without any certainty of it being renewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [46854/23]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine and expedite a case on behalf of a person (details supplied), given the length of time the original application is on the system. — Peadar Tóibín. [46861/23]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide details of her Department's plans for a permanent so-called voucher scheme for the Deaf community under Section 9 of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017, in 2024; and to confirm if funding has been allocated to provide this scheme on a permanent basis from 1 January 2024. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [46875/23]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for disability allowance by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [46885/23]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the dates of payment of social welfare payments for Christmas week and the week up to the end of December 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [46907/23]



\*128. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rationale behind a person who is receiving the State pension, and being the carer for their partner, not being entitled to receive the full-rate carer's payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [46925/23]

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

\*129. To ask the Minister for Justice if his Department, or any body under the aegis of her Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue from organisations (details supplied) from 2021 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [46756/23]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Justice when the next garda recruitment competition will open for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [46768/23]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the process of how a UK citizen married to an Irish citizen obtains an Irish passport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [46781/23]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Justice the locations of entry of people who have applied for international protection in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [46784/23]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Justice the locations where people have made their application for asylum in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [46785/23]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Justice the location of residence of each applicant for asylum in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [46786/23]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Justice the percentage of those who are coming to Ireland to seek asylum who are coming through the north of Ireland. — Peadar Tóibín. [46787/23]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Justice how many people who already were in Ireland under a student visa, holiday visa, and so on, have applied for asylum in each of the past five years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [46788/23]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of attempted murder and serious assault causing harm cases reported to gardaí within all of the DMR divisions in each of the years 2020 to 2022 and to date in 2023, by division, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [46790/23]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Justice how many people who have come through or are in the asylum application process and who are resident in Ireland have criminal records; and how many people who have come through or are in the asylum application process and who were resident in Ireland have been sent home in each of the past five years, and to date in 2023 as a result of having a criminal record either gained abroad or in Ireland. — Peadar Tóibín. [46800/23]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Justice how many asylum applicants have failed the asylum application process in each of the past five years and to date in 2023; and how many of this cohort have left Ireland and/or have been removed from Ireland in the corresponding timeframe. — Peadar Tóibín. [46801/23]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of attempted murder and serious assault causing harm cases reported to gardaí within all of the Cork, Galway Waterford, Kilkenny and Limerick divisions in the years of 2020 and to date in 2023, by division, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [46807/23]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a breakdown of the awards of study visas, by country of origin of awardees, since the beginning of 2022, in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [46812/23]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Justice to indicate the current and/or expected position in regard to an application for naturalisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46814/23]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Justice if a review of the operation of county and city sheriffs' offices, including the need to put in place an independent mechanism to appeal decisions made by city and county sheriffs, has taken place; if the Joint Review Group to examine the role of sheriffs has completed its report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [46894/23]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Justice if Irish embassy, consular, or mission staff in Albania and Georgia, which are designated safe countries, have engaged with any representatives of the Albanian or Georgian governments or government agencies to determine the reason such large numbers of their citizens are choosing Ireland as a country in which to apply for international protection, given that there are no conflicts presently ongoing in those countries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [46901/23]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Courts Service plans to review and streamline the probate processing service due to ongoing and lengthy delays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [46902/23]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Justice if a decision has been made on an application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry to become a peace commissioner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [46943/23]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Justice the visa options available to an American citizen (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [46945/23]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the environmental standards and protection of nature which her Department oversees; the level of activity of enforcement in each case, covering inspections, issuing of notices, and prosecution; and if she plans to step-up activity. — Richard Bruton. [46970/23]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Justice if a decision has been made on an application under section 3 of the Immigration Act 1999 by a person in County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47020/23]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Justice if, in view of the fact that her attention has been drawn to a case within the IPS, she will engage with management and the officer (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [47058/23]



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

\*151. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue from organisations (details supplied) from 2021 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [46746/23]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an urgent reply will issue to a query (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [46815/23]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when payment of basic income support sustainability scheme will be made available to a farmer in Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [46830/23]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date on which the announced sheep improvement scheme payment increase from €12 to €20 will take effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [46919/23]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the process whereby a fisherman can get a disputed harbour charge reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [46944/23]

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

\*156. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a scheme (details supplied) will extend beyond March 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [46956/23]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue from organisations (details supplied) from 2021 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [46747/23]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to indicate the eligibility criteria for redress/compensation as part of the mother and baby homes redress scheme in the case of a person (details supplied); the procedure to apply for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46773/23]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department is planning to locate asylum seekers in Coole, County Westmeath, and in Castlepollard, County Westmeath; if so, how many; their country of origin; their gender and age bracket; if he or his Department have engaged in any consultation whatsoever with the communities; and what funding will be provided for community resources in each case. — Peadar Tóibín. [46791/23]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to clarify if all children in a school (details supplied) will have access to services; and what the plans are to broaden these hours and services in the school. — Joan Collins. [46819/23]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there were any measures introduced in Budget 2024 to enable parents of children waiting an extended period of time to receive therapy interventions by their CDNT to access either the treatment abroad scheme, the Northern Ireland planned healthcare scheme or the national treatment purchase scheme. — Pauline Tully. [46828/23]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what improved and specific help will be given to emergency foster carers for their contingent need, for example in the provision of packs of emergency supplies, appropriate to the various age groups, so they can begin, with the necessary ease and equipment, the wrap-around care of highly-vulnerable children at a crisis time in their young lives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [46869/23]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what actions his Department has taken to satisfy itself as to the quality and cleanliness of hostels used by Tusla as emergency accommodation for vulnerable teens; and if such actions have not been undertaken, whether his Department will now commit to doing so and as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [46870/23]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will review a case (details supplied); if this process is discriminatory to children with disabilities who are recommended to attend playschool for their development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [46884/23]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline, where a pre-school facility is currently being operated within a school and where his Department is seeking an ASD unit within the school which will result in the closure of the pre-school facility, what supports or funding options may be available to the school to construct an additional space on the school grounds to maintain the pre-school and to avoid its closure; the funding available to rural communities to build a childcare/pre-school facility within their community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [46895/23]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure that a service (details supplied) is included in the initial stage of the equal participation model for the early years sector. — Robert Troy. [46929/23]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of beneficiaries of temporary protection availing of international protection in County Donegal currently, broken down by townland, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46952/23]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 289 of 28 February 2023, what land has been made available to the OPW by local authorities, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [46957/23]

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

\*169. To ask the Minister for Health when psychology services will be put in place for a child (details supplied), given that they have been on the waiting list for over two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [46900/23]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a primary care appointment for psychology for emotional regulation and socio-emotional communication for a child (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [47027/23]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue from organisations (details supplied) from 2021 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [46754/23]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the development of the National Sexual Health strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [46766/23]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Health if, in view of changes to the recruitment process for qualified paramedics, the competency assessment process for qualified paramedics has undergone a review, following the problems identified by the Oireachtas Health Committee in January 2023, in particular the multiple-choice questions exam; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [46793/23]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Health if newly recruited qualified paramedics will undertake the same multiple-choice questions as part of their induction program commencing October 2023, as were previously used in the competency exam by the National Ambulance Service in the recruitment process at candidate selection stage prior to 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [46794/23]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the competency assessment process for qualified paramedics by the National Ambulance Service; his views on whether the process is clear and transparent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [46795/23]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm that any competency assessments that newly appointed qualified paramedics to the National Ambulance Service undertake will be appropriately structured, so that each question can be referenced to the PHECC paramedic training standard document; if the questions cannot be referenced to the PHECC paramedic training standard document, if this will be considered suitable grounds for appeal and a re-sit of the exam; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [46796/23]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Health if he will put in place an appropriate appeals mechanism for qualified paramedics newly appointed to the National Ambulance Service, whereby they can appeal the result of an exam; if so, if those wishing to appeal their result will be permitted to view their exam papers or their incorrect answers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [46797/23]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Health the reason vitamins and supplements are not covered by the medical card scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [46809/23]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Health how many healthcare professionals are employed within each HSE region, including psychiatrists, psychologists and multi-disciplinary support service professionals with expertise in forensic learning disabilities; how many of the recommendations were acted on following a report in 2005 by the Forensic Learning Disability Psychiatry Working Group, 'People with a Learning Disability Who Offend: Forgiven but Forgotten', including the establishment of national forensic learning disability service; how many persons with a diagnosed learning disability have been referred to forensic learning disability services outside the State for each year since 2005 and the cost of same, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [46811/23]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of funding allocated to domestic violence services in Donegal for each of the years from 2019 to 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46821/23]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of funding allocated to drug addiction services in Donegal for each of the years from 2019 to 2024 on a per-capita basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46822/23]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Health the reason laboratory services are unable to cope with important routine blood testing; and if phlebotomy services are temporarily closing in other hospitals (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [46823/23]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is a change to the GMS payment for family practises (details supplied); if a new arrangement has been negotiated with the HSE and Revenue; and if the HSE has considered the ramifications. — Joan Collins. [46824/23]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position regarding a national register for the location of AEDs throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [46825/23]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no scheme in place to re-imburse the cost of the shingles vaccine (details supplied); and if he will administer a blanket vaccine as in the over-60s flu and Covid vaccine or bring in a form of re-imburement. — Joan Collins. [46826/23]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the provision of a primary care centre in New Ross, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [46829/23]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for surgery for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [46841/23]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of the spend on ambulance services across Sligo and Leitrim between 2017 and 2023, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [46855/23]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Health the plans, if any, to make melatonin available to patients through the medical card GMS scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46856/23]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) cannot get an appointment in Beaumont Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46858/23]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Bill 2022, and its proposal to legislate in respect of international surrogacy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [46862/23]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Health when the winter plan for hospitals will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [46873/23]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Health if orthodontic treatment can be offered to a child (details supplied); what options are available in this case, whose case it appears cannot be dealt with under the schools programme, who required treatment during Covid and who had to go private for same due to the urgent nature of the treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46874/23]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [46923/23]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite a medical appointment for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [46926/23]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify if CORU's draft registrations plans will dilute standards from level 9 to level 8 criteria for training and remove vital elements of training such as personal therapy and supervision within training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [46928/23]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer patients who had their chemotherapy treatment delayed at Letterkenny University Hospital in each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [46930/23]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm if the second permanent breast surgeon for Letterkenny University Hospital has been ratified/agreed. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [46931/23]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1803 of 11 September 2023, the ongoing costs involved in this job in UHK (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [46938/23]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Health when a person in County Donegal (details supplied) can expect to receive a date for an operation from Galway University Hospital; if and when a referral was made from Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [46997/23]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and when the person concerned can expect an appointment at the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin. — Barry Cowen. [47025/23]

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

\*202. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprenticeships that have been instituted in south Kildare since 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [46976/23]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department, or any body under the aegis of his Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue from organisations (details supplied) from 2021 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [46761/23]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the up-to-date position regarding plans and the timeframe to redevelop the former Pretty Polly plant and site in Killarney, County Kerry, into a further education centre of excellence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [46799/23]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, with regard to the now-vacant old St. Paul's Community School building in Monasterevin, County Kildare, he will give consideration to its possible suitability for use as a centre for apprenticeships and/or further education courses. — Patricia Ryan. [46977/23]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what funding is provided to a programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [46998/23]

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

\*207. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department, or any body under the aegis of her Department, has facilitated in-person or remote briefings on any issue from organisations (details supplied) from 2021 to date; if so, the topic discussed; the fees paid to the organisations for these briefings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [46758/23]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of the €50 million community recognition fund that has been spent; and to detail what the money has been spent on. — Peadar Tóibín. [46792/23]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to provide a breakdown of the allocations made under the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme for 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [46917/23]



\*210. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of community-based organisations that are supported by her Department's community services programme, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [46918/23]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
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**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.**

1. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW has plans to undertake any substantial building work in Shannon, County Clare, specifically remediation works on the Department of Transport's motor taxation office and the passport screening area in Shannon Airport's arrivals hall, operated by An Garda Síochána. — Cathal Crowe. [46933/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he and his Department continue to utilise reform as a means of creating a greater efficiency in terms of delivery of various Government projects throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46712/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform what programmes of public expenditure will be subject to evaluation in the coming year; and whether this process needs to be reformed. — Richard Bruton. [46962/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline details of the emergency funding to be provided following the devastating flooding in Middleton and the wider east Cork region; what timeline is available for these funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [47034/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to report on the progress made to date with respect to the implementation of the Middleton flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [46920/23]

6. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether, in the context of the public sector pay negotiations, performance review will form part of the negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [47018/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he is considering a revision to Budget 2024, given the context of the wide range of inflation projections for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46960/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the capital investment in flooding projects associated with flood risk-management that

is being provided in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [46914/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether the budgeting process operated by his Department promotes innovation to a sufficient extent. — Richard Bruton. [46963/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform 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]

11. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the proposals to amend the Arterial Drainage Act 1945 to include additional waterways including the River Erne system in County Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [46987/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline where the balanced regional spend to the south-east has been accomplished since the formation of the 33rd Dáil (details supplied). — Matt Shanahan. [46935/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the progress that has been made to date in 2023 in relation to the delivery of the CFRAM scheme for County Louth; the current timelines for the delivery of the projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47004/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if, given the recent events in Cork, he will outline the steps he is taking to deliver flood relief schemes in order to protect residents, businesses, and local communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [47040/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline plans by the OPW to provide for flood relief works in County Cork in light of the recent catastrophic flooding there; and if he will provide an update on flood relief works continuing and planned for County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [46932/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the engagement he has had with Cork County Council in relation to flood damages and the support that will be available in response to recent flooding after storm Babet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [46947/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he plans to legislate to bring senior civil servants under the standard disciplinary measures of the civil service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [47044/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if any additional/emergency funding will be provided to the flood relief schemes following recent unprecedented flooding; if his Department plans any new flood relief schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [46911/23]



19. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the measures his Department is putting in place to decrease climate and/or biodiversity harmful spending in the public sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [46909/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if any additional/emergency funding will be provided to the Glashaboy flood relief scheme following severe and unprecedented flooding in Cork; if his Department will propose any new flood relief schemes for Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [46783/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the steps he is taking to empower contracting bodies to factor in past performance in delivering construction projects when applying for future public contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [47041/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he expects to revise his allocation of capital spending across any Departments in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46959/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of vacant properties in the OPW property portfolio; the number of these which require refurbishment in order to be brought back into use; the status of plans for any such refurbishment; his plans to develop a strategy for the repurposing of these vacant buildings for public housing or community use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [46981/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the work undertaken to include nature-based solutions as an integral part of flood relief schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [47030/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the funding his Department has made available to provide a pathway to eliminate the practice of accommodating young people with disabilities in nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [47001/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline the collaboration work between the OPW and Met Éireann in relation to the flooding early warning systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [47029/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he expects to revise funding for any public services in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46958/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if funding will be allocated to Cork north central to undertake minor flood mitigation works to address localised flooding in certain areas and in light of the extreme flooding experienced in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [46782/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline the supports being provided by his Department to assist those affected by the recent flooding in east Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [46921/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his further plans for An Blascaod Mór; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [46989/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform in the context of his delivery of the NDP, the extent to which he has isolated issues likely to culminate in delays in such delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46711/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if funding will be allocated to initiate minor flood mitigation works to address localised flooding in certain areas in light of the extreme flooding experienced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [46910/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 38 of 27 June 2023, the status of the review of the programme for the Coirib go Cósta flood relief scheme; if the additional flood relief works have been scoped and agreed to-date; when the revised project programme will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [46980/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform what engagement there has been between his Department and other government departments this year in relation to the delivery of necessary flood protection schemes in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47005/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform how many major flood relief schemes have been completed under the National Development Plan since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [46915/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform what analysis has been conducted on the impact of the increasing reliance on public private partnership and leasing contracts and the potential impact of public finances into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [47042/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the basis on which he decided to only increase capital expenditure by €250 million in 2024, given the large surpluses in the public finances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47028/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform how many flood relief schemes are currently at the design, planning and construction stages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [46913/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline the progress in reviewing the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [46906/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform what action he and his Department have taken to expand the Equality Budgeting Initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [47000/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for the up-to-date progress on the Flood Relief Programme for the river Lee west of Cork city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [46946/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the proposals to intensify co-operation with the relevant departments and agencies in Northern Ireland to deal with flooding problems, such as those caused by the River Erne system in counties Cavan and Fermanagh; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [46986/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his views on his Department's allocation of monies to the Department of Health in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [46955/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an overview of the Project 2040 Annual report for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [47022/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the cumulative funding allocated under the National Development Plan for flood risk-management measures in the period to 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [46912/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on the proposed Crossmolina flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [46905/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the progress to date on green budgeting analysis and on the development of a standardised, evidence-based approach for assessing climate impact of policy proposals, as noted in the climate action plan's annex of actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [46908/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide details of the current allocation for flood defence schemes for 2023 and 2024; if he is considering an emergency increase due to recent devastating floods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [47035/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the progress the OPW is making on the delivery of 700 rapid build homes; how many active sites exist at present; how many completed sites; the handover dates in respect of each site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [46496/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the steps he is taking to reduce the over-reliance of the public sector on private consultants, making particular reference to the requirement of public bodies to report consultancy fees in their annual financial statement under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [47043/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on flood relief and flood defence schemes in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47026/23]

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52. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Government's agreed decision on derogation will not be as severe as anticipated for west Cork farmers (details supplied). — Michael Collins. [42055/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the top priorities in 2024 for carbon emission abatement in agriculture, in marine and in forestry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [46964/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine with reference to his Department's PV installers registration form, to list the mandatory training courses in solar photovoltaic panel installation that are acceptable to his Department; the institutions that provide such courses; the bodies that certify these courses and the level of certification required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [47015/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for increasing supports to social farming, given the huge and proven benefit to those participating in social farming programmes. — Marian Harkin. [46851/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the work of the Wool Council to date; the frequency with which it has met; what reports have issued to him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47003/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if ACRES Tranche 2 is open for applications; and how many places will be made available on the scheme. — Michael Moynihan. [46865/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how his Department will cope with the reduction in its budget announced in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [46954/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider the expansion of the lime scheme and that it will be made available for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [46949/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware that organic farmers are being discriminated against in the ACRES scheme due to the scoring system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [46300/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action his Department is taking to increase opportunities for women in agriculture, given women are underrepresented in the Irish agri-sector; if data collection will be undertaken in the current Common Agricultural Policy Programme to inform the design of schemes in future programmes in such way as to increase their opportunities in agriculture; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [46499/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that has been made to date in finalising data on the sequestration of carbon by hedgerows to ensure the inclusion of hedgerows in the national inventory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [46950/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to review the proportionality of financial penalties being imposed on farmers for administrative errors; if he believes that his Department is taking account of proportionality in deciding penalties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [46303/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the compatibility of maintaining a nitrates derogation in any form and combating water pollution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [47012/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of TAMS grants that remain outstanding; to outline the timeline for these to be looked at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [47036/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage increase in the cost of farm fertiliser in each of the past 24 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [46377/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the basis on which the areas of natural constraint scheme is considered by his Department to be an agri-environmental scheme; the environmental benefits that derive from the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [46999/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 10 of 13 July 2023, if he will provide an update on the work of the Wool Council; if the €30,000 in departmental funding has been drawn down to date; the plans to provide additional funding or support to the Wool Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [46983/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the promised changes to the income supplement scheme under the bovine TB programme will come into effect, whereby these changes are to be backdated to 1 February 2023, given farmers whose herd have been identified with tuberculosis this year may be missing out on a month's income support from his Department as a result of the timeline between when TB was identified in the herd and when the infected livestock were removed from the farm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [46500/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of improvements to the sheep scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47002/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to ensure that the maximum amount of agriculturally productive land continues to grow given the extent to which the agri-food industry has contributed to the recovery in the aftermath of the financial crash; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46713/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise why certain growers are excluded from the horticulture support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [46730/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the environmental standards and protection of nature which his Department oversees; the level of activity of enforcement in each case, covering inspections, issuing of notices and prosecution; and if he plans to step-up activity. — Richard Bruton. [46965/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to review the farm succession scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [47007/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the establishment of the office of the agri-food regulator; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [46848/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will introduce a fodder scheme for the farmers along the river Shannon who lost meadow as a result of unprecedented rain fall this summer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [47013/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider giving priority to ACRES applications where hen harrier designations exist, given these farmers currently have a designation but no compensation is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [46299/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline his Department's ambitions for climate action addressing the food system; if he will outline his Department's priorities as this year's climate COP approaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [46835/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the application for PGI status for boxty. — Marian Harkin. [46642/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is possible to amend existing ACRES plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [46866/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine with reference to his Department's July 2023 solar PV registered installer list, the number of PV installer registration forms that have received and accepted by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [47016/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 43 of 13 July 2023, if he will provide an update on plans for the introduction of measures to protect the sprat industry, which is concentrated within the six-nautical-mile zone;



if he has received the updated scientific and economic advice from the Marine Institute and Bord Iascaigh Mhara on trawling within the six-nautical-mile zone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [46984/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a full explanation of a recent incident (details supplied) involving European Union produce transiting through the north of Ireland for processing in the south which subsequently led to an EU wide food recall notice being issued; what protocol has been put in place by his Department to prevent such an incident occurring in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [46991/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the supports and grants available to farmers who wish to provide renewable energy and electricity generation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [46995/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he and his Department continue to liaise with all the stakeholders, given the necessity to ensure that soil management techniques are employed to reduce the possibility of soil compacting which may result in surface flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46714/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department collates statistics on the number of persons who obtain a green cert qualification; and if so, if he will provide a year-by-year breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [46378/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on delayed payments to farmers as a result of CAP 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [46953/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the progress of the agricultural sector in reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [47009/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what efforts have been made to address the issue of just one herd keeper being allowed with regard to recognising the role of women in agriculture and overcoming existing structural challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [46728/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will extend the lime scheme to next July; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [46903/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what funding he intends to request for the agricultural sector from the announced Climate and Nature Fund; how he will determine how this fund will be spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [46727/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will introduce a fodder support scheme for farmers in the Shannon Callows who lost their fodder due to the flooding of the Callows in Summer 2023 and who are now without fodder for the winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [46302/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will detail the contacts his Department has had with the EU, other Government departments and other State agencies recently in relation to the nitrates directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [46996/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the sexual and mental health supports he has put in place for young farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [47006/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what efforts have been made to improve the welfare of greyhounds in the racing industry; who is responsible for assessing those welfare standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [46988/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has estimated the likely financial impact of climate-induced flooding and other natural disasters on agriculture in the State in the coming years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [47010/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when approvals will issue in respect of tranche 1 of TAMS 3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [46951/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what proposals are in place to assist suckler and beef farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [46904/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for further details on the increased budget being made available for the ewe premium scheme; the amount per ewe; when will it be paid; if the criteria or terms and conditions will change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [46301/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the Government's review of the Independent Review on Ash Dieback and intended response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [46726/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason there is a need for a separate Irish injured jockeys fund, qualified riders accident fund company and jockeys accident fund; the extent of Government funding for each annually in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [47011/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of his Department's direct financial contribution to the UN Committee on World Food Security, the foremost inclusive international intergovernmental platform on food security and nutrition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [46834/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider introducing a fuel assistance support scheme for the fishing and aquaculture industries similar to such schemes that other European Union members States have implemented, given the increasing price of fuel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [46992/23]



104. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of the restrictions in KVA offered by the ESB for maximum export capacity (details supplied) in relation to farmers availing of the solar capital investment scheme under TAMS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [46948/23]