



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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

**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 to outline the process for determining the appropriate amount of funding under ELS as a whole, and for individual Departments, including where budget deficits exist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [47037/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when he will publish the Revised Estimates for Public Services 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [47188/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide details on the level of engagement between the Office of Government Procurement and the CCPC in relation to public procurement bid-rigging; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [47038/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his response to a media report (details supplied); the engagements he has had with the Minister for Health and the HSE Chief Executive since Budget 2024 was announced on 10 October 2024; his views on whether the health service budget for 2024 is sufficient to meet patient need and progress Sláintecare reforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [47189/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline the estimated level of capital expenditure as a percentage of GNI\* for 2023 and 2024 respectively; how this compares to estimates in the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [47039/23]

**CEISTEANNA EILE  
OTHER QUESTIONS**

**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.**

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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 Kirby. [44814/23]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

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

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

57. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will examine the possibility of utilising Brexit adjustment reserve funding to support farmers before the end of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [46771/23]



58. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how many new applications will be accepted to the ACRES scheme in the forthcoming tranche in October 2023; if he believes that sufficient resources have been allocated to fund this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [47056/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he intends to extend the deadline to submit receipts for the National Liming Programme past 31 October 2023, considering basic income support scheme payments have not yet been made and many farmers are facing serious financial constraints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [46847/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what direct engagement he has had with tillage stakeholders; if he acknowledges that the emergency support package for tillage farmers needs to be more targeted towards tillage farmers unsuccessful in harvesting; if he acknowledges the need for targeted supports for the sector to ensure viability into 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [47057/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if dribble bar slurry tanks will be included for grant aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [47191/23]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

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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.*

\*115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide an update on the status of a passport application (details supplied) as the applicant's travel date is imminent and all requested additional supporting documentation has been provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [47064/23]

\*116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will review a foreign birth register application by a person (details supplied); if, given the extensive additional supporting documents that needed to be provided with this application, he can confirm that his Department has now received everything required to have this application processed at the earliest convenience; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [47066/23]

\*117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will raise the issue of a crackdown on oil pipeline protestors in Uganda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [47068/23]

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

\*118. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 84 of 28 March 2023 and the issues raised by this Deputy in the debate relating to the need to ensure that all householders benefit from the forthcoming energy credits, if she, along with the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications, will ensure that the issues highlighted in that debate are addressed; that customers of certain energy suppliers should not have to seek support from community welfare officers towards energy costs



and should be able to avail of the energy credit schemes announced in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [46421/23]

\*119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the review of Inland Fisheries bye-laws, which are in force for ten years or more, and their continued application, will be commenced, considering his statement on 28 September 2023; what the terms of reference for the review are; what parties will be part of the review; if current Inland Fisheries bye-laws will be stress-tested vis-à-vis the EU Habitats and Water Framework Directives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [47076/23]

\*120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when pension payment will commence from his Department to a person (details supplied). — Duncan Smith. [47088/23]

\*121. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the standards that apply to radiation emissions from telecommunication masts; if different standards apply where they are in close proximity to residential areas, and if the standards applied are updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [47120/23]

\*122. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the review into the Conservation of and Prohibition on Sale of Coarse Fish Bye-Law No. 806 of 2006 and the Conservation of Pike Bye-Law No. 809 of 2006 will commence, considering that both bye-laws protect and conserve invasive and non-native freshwater fish in Lough Corrib SAC, which is completely at odds with Ireland's legal obligations under the EU Habitats Directive (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [47127/23]

\*123. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of WTE staff in the National Cyber Security Centre as of 12 October 2023; and the estimated number of staff that will be in place at NCSC by 31 December 2023. — Paul Donnelly. [47154/23]

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

\*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of persons currently in training to become a qualified air traffic controller; and when each of these persons will qualify, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [47153/23]

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

\*125. To ask the Minister for Transport if the safe routes to school project will be open again for new applications in 2023/2024; what resources are in place to address road safety at our primary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [47067/23]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with Bus Éireann regarding the need to move a bus stop (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [47072/23]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Transport the role of his Department in ensuring that S.I. No. 224/1973 - Air Navigation (Carriage of Munitions of War, Weapons and Dangerous Goods) Order, 1973, is being upheld and enforced; if his Department has records of any breach of this

statutory instrument; if so, to provide the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [47083/23]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a full and comprehensive update on a proposed project for County Mayo (details supplied); what meetings have taken place in relation to this project; the stage this project is at now; if funding has been sought for same; when he expects a decision to be made on this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [47090/23]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a VAT number is required to tax a vehicle (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [47091/23]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Transport if grants are available for the purchase of e-bikes, particularly for older people who would like to avail of this form of transport but who cannot cycle without an e-bike; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [47093/23]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline his plans, and those of the Dublin Airport Authority, to develop an appropriate bus and coach area for users of the airport that will include fully accessible toilets, a tourist information office and a roof covering for waiting commuters. — Catherine Murphy. [47094/23]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions his Department is taking, in consultation with the National Transport Authority, to improve public transport connectivity to and from Shannon Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [47123/23]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will initiate discussions with Bus Éireann concerning its service from the South East Technological University (details supplied); if he will support this proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [47124/23]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Transport the top six most popular Dublin Bus routes, by passenger numbers per direction, in 2022, and for the first nine months of 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [47146/23]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding both Dublin Bus and Bus Éireann with having the facility to accept card payments; and the amount spent to date on this project. — Paul Donnelly. [47147/23]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update and timeframe for the roll-out of the proposed B and D spines as part of the BusConnects service improvements. — Paul Donnelly. [47148/23]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Transport the current position in regard to traffic management proposals for Celbridge, County Kildare, the purpose of which was to alleviate traffic chaos but which did not find favour with local residents and councillors; when it might be expected that such proposals might proceed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47240/23]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Transport when the proposals to proceed with the provision of a second bridge over the Liffey at Celbridge, County Kildare, might be activated in line with ever-



increasing traffic volume requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47241/23]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Transport the current state of the proposals to alleviate traffic in Naas, County Kildare which was rejected by the previous membership of Kildare County Council; if the plans have been revised, updated and improved to encompass more comprehensively the wishes of the Naas members of Kildare County Council and the residents in respect of their preferred options; when work is likely to commence on the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47242/23]

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

\*140. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has plans to review the medical criteria for the provision of a primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [47080/23]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in each county that successfully applied for inclusion under the temporary business energy support scheme; the estimated value or worth of the support in each county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [47099/23]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Finance how many homebuyers have availed of the help-to-buy scheme since July 2020, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [47102/23]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Finance how many taxpayers are currently claiming the rent tax credit, by county, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [47129/23]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated yield if the 8% USC rate was increased by a further 0.75%. — Paul Donnelly. [47144/23]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the bid to host the EU Anti-Money Laundering Association; if he has established a dedicated team of officials to work on delivering the bid; the number of occasions that they have met since their establishment; if he and or his officials has engaged any external consultancy to augment the work of the officials in the context of developing the bid; and if he and or his officials have engaged with the EU Council and the European Parliament in respect of the bid and the bid process. — Catherine Murphy. [47170/23]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Finance for a breakdown of the number of determinations arrived at for the years 2020 to 2022, by each individual tax appeals commissioner. — Matt Shanahan. [47173/23]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated number of mortgages eligible for the mortgage interest relief scheme announced in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47175/23]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of primary dwelling home mortgages with an outstanding balance of less than €80,000 at end-2022; and the estimated number of such mortgages that would otherwise have been eligible for the mortgage interest relief scheme

announced in Budget 2024, had the €80,000 outstanding balance limit not applied. — Pearse Doherty. [47177/23]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Finance if a tax refund recently given in the name of a person (details supplied) was correctly subjected to further taxation by way of PAYE, PRSI and USC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47205/23]

*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.*

\*150. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the progress made by the OPW in safeguarding roads and property adjacent to an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43834/23]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the progress made by the OPW in strengthening the bank of a river (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43841/23]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the most common reasons for a slowdown in the delivery of the National Development Plan, the actions now being taken to address this as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [42067/23]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if funding can be granted to premises on Friar Street, Thurles, County Tipperary, for the installation of flood gates/barriers at the entrances to the buildings on the street, as this street floods regularly during storms due to the insufficient storm water drainage systems in the town; if the OPW will take action to ensure that further damage is not caused to these buildings, considering this has been raised with the OPW on numerous occasions in the past and the OPW is already aware of this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [47063/23]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the performance in relation to timely and value for money delivery of the National Development Plan to date against the revised NDP adopted when the Government came to power; the overspend or underspend involved to date; the steps being taken to expedite the delivery of the plan in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [47086/23]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the discussions he has had with Ministers in relation to the non-delivery of NDP projects to date; the result of these discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [47087/23]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of vacant full-time tiler, roofer and electrician posts within the OPW; and when he expects these vacancies to be filled, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [47160/23]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for a breakdown of the departmental allocation of €708 million allocated for the existing

level of service in Budget 2024, for example, demographics, PSP deal, and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47182/23]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the proposed funding allocation for potential pay increases across the public service in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [47199/23]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on the flood relief work planned by the OPW in the Bettystown and Mornington areas of County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [47200/23]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the degree to which he expects all Government projects being delivered under the National Development Plan to continue to be completed on time and within budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47222/23]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the degree to which he has identified specific issues which have a tendency to slow down delivery on the National Development Plan; the action(s) taken or proposed to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47224/23]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the current discussions in relation to access to Castletown House and lands which are in the ownership of the State (details supplied) are placing adequate emphasis on the absolute necessity to ensure the restoration of the link to the M4/N4 and the protection of Lime Avenue, Castletown House and lands, given that the entrance from main street, Celbridge is no longer viable as it was designed for traffic volumes of another era; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47225/23]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether he remains satisfied that levels of public expenditure here are adequately proofed to ensure the best outcome for the Exchequer and taxpayer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47226/23]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update in regard to the extent to which he expects the various targets in Project Ireland 2040 to be achieved on time and within budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47227/23]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he continues to liaise with all Government Departments and their subsidiaries/agents with a view to achieving the maximum in terms of efficiency and delivery in line with best international practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47228/23]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his preferred options to meet the ongoing social and economic requirements of the country in the context of current and capital expenditure in line with prudent management, whilst placing sufficient emphasis on important infrastructure such as social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47229/23]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the degree to which he expects his Department to be in a position to positively influence economic growth while retaining prudent policy measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47230/23]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline the full extent to date of current recruitment throughout the public sector; the expectation in respect of future recruitment throughout the sector by the end of the current year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47231/23]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the degree to which his Department continues to monitor the impact of Brexit on the public and private sectors here, with a view to addressing any issues arising in the context of public expenditure and reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47233/23]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the degree to which public procurement, and reform thereto, continues to be part of Government policy, with particular reference to the need to ensure maximum economic benefit whilst maintaining good procurement practice and indigenous resourcing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47234/23]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he sees recruitment, in specific vital areas of the public sector, to become a policy initiative in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47235/23]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent if any to which reforms throughout the public sector are likely to yield improved economic performance in the forthcoming year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47237/23]

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

\*173. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has plans to support small and medium businesses with costs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47132/23]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he last met the CEO of the Corporate Enforcement Authority; and when he is next scheduled to meet the CEO. — Paul Donnelly. [47159/23]

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

\*175. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a mechanism for Junior Certificate students to receive the percentage grades of their results to assist them in determining future subject choices; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [47033/23]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the case of a company (details supplied) that, having fulfilled its e-tender obligations for the delivery of modular school units through the public works CF6 contract form, has yet to receive full payment for delivered projects, with overdue amounts exceeding €650,000; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [47081/23]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update in respect of new school buildings for a school (details supplied); the stage that the project is at; and the expected delivery date. — Catherine Murphy. [47100/23]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update in respect of new school buildings for a school (details supplied); the stage that the project is at; and the expected delivery date. — Catherine Murphy. [47101/23]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Education if financial support is available from her Department to improve educational services at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47104/23]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 55 of 2 February 2023, if she will review the further response received (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [47116/23]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Education to give an update on a school transport query (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [47121/23]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary school teachers allocated in each county for 2023-2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [47134/23]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Education who authorised and ordered an audit into increments payable to casual workers employed by educational training boards across the State; when the audit commenced; whether it has completed; what action was proposed as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47137/23]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Education when increments were last paid to casual workers employed by educational training boards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47138/23]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Education whether increments will be paid in the future to casual workers employed by educational training boards; if so, whether they will be backdated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47139/23]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Education the number of Ukrainian pupils currently enrolled in Irish schools at primary level, by county, in tabular form; the number enrolled at post-primary level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [47143/23]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Education the budget allocation for the National Educational Psychological Service in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and the budget allocation for same in 2024. — Paul Donnelly. [47145/23]

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

\*188. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total amount of funding approved in the previous round of the Sports Capital Programme through OSCAR; the amount already drawn down by approved sporting organisations; the latest date for sporting organisations to draw down the approved funding; if failure to draw down previously approved funding could impact on approval of current round applications in the case of clubs acquiring additional lands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [47126/23]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if construction works have commenced on the construction of a new national velodrome centre; and if so, the number of construction companies that applied for the contract but were unsuccessful. — Paul Donnelly. [47155/23]

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

\*190. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of residential dwellings purchased to date in 2023; and the total number of first-time buyers who have purchased residential dwellings to date in 2023, by county, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [47128/23]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which his Department can offer further latitude for immediate expenditure by the various local authorities on measures to address the housing crisis by way of direct build; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47236/23]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which a person (details supplied) can be expected to acquire housing accommodation in the current housing climate, who is a refugee, who received written accommodation from his Department to say they can no longer facilitate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47238/23]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update in respect of the progress made to date by Waterways Ireland regarding its work on the restoration of the Ulster Canal. — Catherine Murphy. [47050/23]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to work with Waterways Ireland to bring the Newry Canal within its network of waterways; and if he has received a request from Waterways Ireland to bring the canal within its area of responsibility. — Catherine Murphy. [47055/23]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what exceptions are made for people on disability allowance who have been renting a local authority house for over 15 years and would like to apply for the tenant purchase scheme to buy that home (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [47073/23]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the flood forecasters at Met Éireann meet daily, including weekends; if there are minutes or notes available from



these meetings; if there was a meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, 17 and 18 October 2023; if information from those meetings on those dates can be shared with the public; if there is a plan to share this type of information going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [47074/23]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to extend proposals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [47082/23]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person who has previously been named on a mortgage, although having never actually resided in the mortgaged property, can be eligible for supports under Departmental schemes such as the help-to-buy scheme or the first home scheme Ireland 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [47084/23]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he met the Mayor of Charlotte during his recent visit to the United States. — Paul Donnelly. [47161/23]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what consultation took place with the local community and with local stakeholders before the renewal of the North Inishowen Coast Special Area of Conservation in recent months. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47164/23]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the submission his Department made to the Department for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform in regard to the adaptation grant for people with a disability and the mobility grant; and the timeframe within which he expects a decision. — Pauline Tully. [47169/23]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on a matter (details supplied); if he will advise on access to financial support to the person concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [47171/23]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if home extensions that commenced in the period between the issuing of Circular PL 04/2023 and the guidance note for local authorities temporary waiver in respect of development contributions, which seemed eligible based on the circular but were not included in the guidance note, are eligible for the development waiver, given that they were commenced on the strength of the circular. — Emer Higgins. [47178/23]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for the delay in considering the Kilkenny Wind Energy Strategy proposed by Kilkenny County Council; if he will outline the process involved in considering the matter and confirm a timeframe for a decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [47183/23]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which arrangements can be made for families currently living on the Grand Canal in County Kildare, who have been informed that the annual fee payable to Waterways Ireland is being dramatically increased, thereby forcing them to seek alternative housing accommodation, which is not readily available; if arrangements can be made as soon as possible for those currently so disadvantaged by this proposal with a view to ensuring that they are being catered for in an understanding way; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47210/23]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to indicate the extent to which proposals to improve traffic flows in Maynooth, County Kildare are being progressed given the urgency of the need and the fact that more than €20 million was approved under LIHAF for same ten years ago, so far without any perceived starting date and likelihood of dramatically increased costs and ever deteriorating traffic flows; whether action can be taken in the shortest possible term to activate these proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47256/23]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the proposals to proceed with the provision of a second bridge over the Liffey at Celbridge, County Kildare might be activated in line with ever-increasing traffic volume requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47258/23]

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

\*208. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for a disability allowance which was submitted at the end of June 2023; if she will consider that the applicant cannot get a GP appointment or avail of services until the application is approved, and will ensure that a decision is delivered at the earliest; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [47079/23]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the medical assessment will be finalised on an application for disability allowance in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47108/23]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when it is expected a decision will be made on a carers allowance appeal (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [47122/23]

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

\*211. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision will be made on a visa extension request by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [47092/23]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Justice when applications (details supplied) will be finalised and permission granted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [47106/23]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Justice when an application (details supplied) will be finalised and visa permission granted; if she will review the circumstances for the delay in processing this application and the reasons for the misinformation provided to the applicant and their spouse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [47107/23]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Justice if a new tender for the provision of new Garda public order unit vans will be put out to tender before the end of 2023. — Paul Donnelly. [47156/23]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on Garda Operation Fleming; the number of persons arrested and charged under this operation; and if this operation is currently live. — Paul Donnelly. [47157/23]



\*216. To ask the Minister for Justice if a fresh recruitment campaign for persons to apply to join An Garda Síochána will be launched before the end of 2023. — Paul Donnelly. [47158/23]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Justice if the proposed Gambling Regulation Bill 2022, will impact on traditional community pastimes such as bingo and card drives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47184/23]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 384 of 17 October 2023, if she will review the case to facilitate the residency of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47204/23]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure now to be followed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47209/23]

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

\*220. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine 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]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of grant aid approved under the Brexit inshore business model adjustment scheme that has not been drawn down by fishermen to date; the reason the funding has not been drawn down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47032/23]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how many of the 12,483 non-coursing greyhounds born and registered with the Irish Coursing Club between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021 were registered to owners normally resident in the Republic of Ireland only (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brid Smith. [47059/23]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how many of the 11,698 non-coursing greyhounds born and registered with the Irish Coursing Club between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022 were registered to owners normally resident in the Republic of Ireland only (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brid Smith. [47060/23]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason responsibility for the horse and greyhound racing industries transferred from the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, as provided for by Section 6(1) of the Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) Act 1939 and Statutory Instrument No. 179 of 2010 - Horse and Greyhound Racing (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order 2010 - Statutory Instrument (S I) 179 of 2010 which came into operation on 1 May 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brid Smith. [47061/23]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to explain the discrepancy in figures given by Rásaíocht Con Éireann in relation to the number of non-coursing greyhounds registered at microchipping stage on the RCETS whose year of birth was 2022 (details supplied), bearing in mind that under existing legislation, all non-coursing greyhounds must be

microchipped upon reaching 12 weeks of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [47062/23]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason VAT cannot be claimed back on calf feeders under the TAMS grant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47070/23]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a detailed breakdown of the number of farmers in each county that are impacted by the reduction from 250kgs of N to 220kgs of N based on the land as declared for the 2023 basic income support for sustainability scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [47085/23]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of issues with the production of passports for foals; if steps are being taken to alleviate the backlog that is building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [47095/23]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will review the TAMS 3 rules as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47103/23]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions he is taking fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to “ensure that inshore waters continue to be protected for smaller fishing vessels and recreational fishers and that pair trawling will be prohibited inside the six-mile limit”. — Holly Cairns. [47109/23]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of recorded injuries and deaths of greyhounds that have occurred at greyhound racing stadiums and events organised by the Irish Greyhound Board between 1 January 2011 and 30 September 2023, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [47110/23]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide information from the Rásaíocht Con Éireann traceability system on how many of the non-coursing greyhound pups born in 2022 were registered on the RCETS in 2023; how many of the non-coursing greyhound pups born in 2022 were registered on RCETS in 2023; how many of the non-coursing greyhound pups born in 2022 were entered on RCETS in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [47111/23]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide information from the Rásaíocht Con Éireann traceability system on the number of non-coursing greyhounds born in each of the years 2020, 2021, and 2022, who were raced in Ireland; the number of non-coursing greyhounds born in the years 2017 to 2023, inclusive, listed under the category ‘export international’ and the country of destination, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [47112/23]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown, by month and track of all greyhound drug testing since 2015, as a percentage of starters at each track, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [47113/23]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of greyhounds registered on the race management system annually between 1 December 2022 and 30 September 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [47114/23]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of racing greyhounds microchipped annually between 1 December 2020 and 30 September 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [47115/23]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to address the issues outlined in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [47125/23]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if logs being imported from Scotland are 100% free of bark; if he will outline any risk regarding the spruce bark beetle (*ips typographus*); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47130/23]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the projected cost of running the forestry division of his Department for the remainder of 2023, and full year 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47131/23]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the cost to his Department for outsourced ecology services for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [47140/23]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the projected cost of outsourced ecology services by his Department for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [47141/23]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the weekly average forestry licence issued across all sections by his Department to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [47142/23]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of badgers caught in body restraint devices on an annual basis since the introduction of their use on a county basis; and if he will also provide a breakdown of the number of animals that died in the device, dispatched by way of licensed firearm and by the administration of IV barbiturates by a veterinary inspector. — Catherine Murphy. [47165/23]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he intends to ban log imports following the confirmation of the spruce bark beetle (*ips typographus*) in Scotland; if so, the date he will bring in the ban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47172/23]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to monitor the needs of the agri-food producing sector, with particular reference to the need to ensure the viability of the family farm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47212/23]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which new markets continue to be established for Irish food and food products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47213/23]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the pig meat sector is adequately supported in a highly competitive environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47214/23]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the poultry production sector here remains viable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47215/23]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the cereal growing sector is adequately supported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47216/23]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which efforts continue to maximise the reduction of carbon emissions in the agri-food sector without reducing production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47217/23]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts ongoing by his Department to address issues around farmer mental health and wellbeing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47218/23]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current strength of the dairy herd; the degree to which, it has fluctuated or is likely to so do in the future with particular reference to displacement by other enterprises in order to comply with the meeting of emissions targets; if due regard is being had for the possibility of a food shortage in the near to mid-future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47219/23]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which ongoing inspections of food and food products for export continues to ensure the highest possible standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47220/23]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the ongoing forestry development programme continues, with due regard for the necessity to use marginal lands as opposed to lands suitable for food production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47221/23]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to indicate, in the context of land management/maintenance, the extent to which land drainage continues to be central notwithstanding encouragement towards rewilding and rewetting, given the tendency of land subject to water saturation may compact to the extent that necessary and adequate drainage cannot take place and consequently soils cannot be aerated; the likely steps to improve this position in order to protect agriculturally viable lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47243/23]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which adequate provision is being made to protect the quality of Irish food producing lands and farms notwithstanding recent flooding, with particular reference to less reliance on flood plains and more emphasis on drainage to ensure that agriculturally productive lands are protected from waterlogging; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47245/23]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which Irish agriculture continues to compete strongly with other competitors in the Irish and European

markets as well as third countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47246/23]

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

\*258. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to address an issue with therapists in a school (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [47078/23]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child (details supplied) will receive an appointment; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47174/23]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an exception can be made for a child (details supplied) in order that they can have access to AIMS and/or ECCE, as has been recommended by the child's assessment team, given that they will not be accepted to playschool, crèche or Montessori without AIMS on the basis that they have not met necessary milestones for their age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [47089/23]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when therapists will be reinstated at a special school in Cork (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [47096/23]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will intervene in the case of a Ukrainian family who are living at a location (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [47136/23]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason for excluding childminders who provide the ECCE curriculum from the core funding flat rate allocation that crèches providing the same care can avail of; and if his Department has plans to make any other funding available to childminders who provide the ECCE curriculum. — Martin Browne. [47179/23]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the progress of drafting new regulations for childminders; and if his Department can provide figures on the number of registered childminders it has consulted as part of the consultation process. — Martin Browne. [47180/23]

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

\*265. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE staff, by job title, at a CAMHS centre (details supplied); the number of vacant staff, by job title, in this office; and when these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [47163/23]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Health if, in light of the embargo on recruitment in the HSE, existing staff who have been approved for transfers from one area to another will still be accommodated with their transfers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [47045/23]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the options available for a private patient to access GP services when they have moved to a new area and have been refused by all local GP surgeries (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [47046/23]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite an appointment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47049/23]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the terms of reference for the work that EU consultants are carrying out at Letterkenny University Hospital currently; the duration of the contract, and contracted price for said work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [47054/23]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47065/23]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Health the reason certain anti-seizure medications are not covered under the long-term illness scheme, despite being used in the treatment of epilepsy which is a specified condition under the LTI (details supplied); if he will provide details on the processes required to have these formulations of medications covered under the LTI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [47071/23]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Health what advice is being given to persons who do not have a medical card and will not be accepted by any GP practice due to books being closed; what option is open to persons in this regard who do not hold a medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [47105/23]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently review the decision to embargo the hiring of new genomic resource associate roles as previously committed to implementation of the National Genetics and Genomics Strategy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [47117/23]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the crisis in home help provision (details supplied); what measures are being put in place to address this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [47119/23]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff (details supplied) employed in whole-time equivalent terms in certain categories in each individual public/voluntary hospital in September 2023, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [47133/23]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital beds currently provided in each public/voluntary hospital as of 20 October 2023 or the latest date available, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [47135/23]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE vacant consultant and registrars posts, by speciality, currently at the Mater Hospital; and when each of these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [47149/23]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocated to each of the three maternity hospitals within Dublin in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [47150/23]



\*279. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently on the waiting list to see each consultant neurologist at Beaumont Hospital. — Paul Donnelly. [47151/23]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CT and MRI scanners in use at Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown, in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [47152/23]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Health what plans are in place to secure the future of a centre (details supplied) that has announced that it is to close due to inadequate annual funding from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [47166/23]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Health regarding the announced closure of a centre (details supplied) due inadequate annual funding from his Department, if he will intervene and ensure the centre remains operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [47167/23]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Health when extra home help hours can be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47168/23]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) cannot get a primary care certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [47176/23]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of the departmental allocation of €708 million allocated for the existing level of service in Budget 2024, for example, demographics, PSP deal, and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47181/23]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Health when a homecare provision/nursing home support scheme will be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47203/23]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which ongoing inspections of food and food products for export continues to ensure the highest possible standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47255/23]

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

\*288. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what funding supports are available for apprentices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [47075/23]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the 2022 and 2023 capital budget allocation for his Department; and the expected capital allocation for his Department in 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [47162/23]