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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach to report on any recent meetings he has had with the British Prime Minister. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46439/23]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the British Prime Minister. — Peadar Tóibín. [46374/23]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the British Prime Minister. — Brendan Smith. [47658/23]
4. To ask the Taoiseach to report on any recent meetings he has had with the British Prime Minister. — Mick Barry. [47663/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the British Prime Minister. — Seán Haughey. [47700/23]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on any recent discussions he has had with the British Prime Minister. — Mary Lou McDonald. [48408/23]
7. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the recently published annual report of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43877/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the recently published annual report of his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [46370/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the recently published annual report of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [46438/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the recently published annual report of his Department. — Mick Barry. [46494/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the recently published annual report of his Department. — Cian O’Callaghan. [46789/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the recently published annual report of his Department. — Brendan Smith. [47659/23]
13. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the recently published annual report of his Department. — Cian O’Callaghan. [47751/23]

14. To ask the Taoiseach the number of tribunals, public investigations and commissions of investigations in process; the length of time each has been underway; when each will conclude; the cost to date of each; and the estimated cost of each at completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [46827/23]

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

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

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

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

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

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

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [47660/23]

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul McAuliffe. [47661/23]

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [47662/23]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mick Barry. [47664/23]

25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [47752/23]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [48503/23]

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

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

29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his participation in the extraordinary European Council meeting on 17 October 2023. — Mick Barry. [47665/23]

30. To ask the Taoiseach to report on any meetings or communication he has with the Israeli government. — Mick Barry. [48577/23]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his participation in the European Council meeting on 26 and 27 October. — Seán Haughey. [47699/23]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

32. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how the extra €7 million allocated in Budget 2024 to the AIM programme will be delivered; to provide further clarity on the number of extra hours eligible children will receive; what ages the scheme is being extended to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [48401/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what progress has been made by his Department on the eight areas of responsibility his Department has undertaken in respect of the twenty-seven actions which are to be delivered upon in the National Youth Homelessness Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [48544/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline, in light of recent statements by members of Government in relation to the pressures currently being faced in terms of the level of people seeking refuge and asylum in this country, the plans his Department has to urgently address these high levels; to address the concerns in relation to the “pull factors” which may be leading to the high levels; his plans to impose further restrictions to reduce pressures on capacity; if he will outline the full level of expenditure by his Department on housing asylum seekers and refugees in this country from 1 January to 31 October; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [48842/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to detail the effect the HSE recruitment freeze will have on delivering disability services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [48528/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

36. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline the measures in Budget 2024 to support childcare facilities and crèches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48539/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he considers the €25 increase in the foster carers payment announced in Budget 2024, after a period of 14 years of no increases, to be reasonable, given inflation rates during that period, and the continuous decrease in the number of foster carers year-after-year. — Gary Gannon. [46364/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of child service providers in Cork; the number that have withdrawn; the number that have issued notice to withdraw for the years 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [48467/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if staff employed by private bodies contracted by the State to provide accommodation to IPAS and BOTPs have received child safety training or been vetted by An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [48546/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the new domestic violence leave policy will come into effect; what rate of payment will be available; how a person may avail of the leave from the effective date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [48474/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what action he intends to take to address the severe shortage of childcare places in Cork city. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [48399/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps his Department has taken to provide information to communities which are accommodating Ukrainian and other refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48439/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on a review (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48553/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reasons that the rise in the allowance for foster carers, as outlined in Budget 2024, has been delayed to November 2024 after the next scheduled Budget announcement, and if he will work to bring that rise forward to earlier in the year. — Sean Sherlock. [48533/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way in which a young college graduate with very severe physical disabilities can secure adequate and appropriate personal assistant support to enable them to become gainfully employed, pay taxes and participate as a fully functioning member of society; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [47470/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the work undertaken to assess the impact of annualised funding for disability services; the research undertaken on multi-annual funding options for disability services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [40453/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has any immediate plans in sourcing a temporary location for a crèche which got flooded during Storm Babet recently (details supplied); if he will give financial supports to the crèche to help it get back on its feet as the crèche was unable to obtain flood insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [48223/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many modular homes have been provided for refugees in 2023; and what plans his Department have to provide additional modular homes. — Marian Harkin. [48376/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress made to date in rolling out a capital programme for childcare and putting in place a development agency for the sector. — Richard Bruton. [48354/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on childcare services in County Meath; the number of childcare places available in the county; the length of the average waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [48510/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details on the healthy eating policy and practice in early learning and care services; how will it ensure the promotion of healthy eating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [48525/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details on the abolition of wardship and the operationalisation of the Assisted Decision-Making Acts and Decision Support Service; how many applications have been received by the Decision Support Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [48475/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in terms of resources to accommodate and provide related support, what plans does his Department have in place to manage the increased flow of Ukrainian refugees and other international protection applicants over the coming winter months. — Marian Harkin. [48375/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he is taking to establish a national DPRO register to ensure all consultations on matters regarding disability are carried out in accordance with general comment 7 of the UNCRPD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [48529/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to clarify if there are plans to ensure that safety inspections are undertaken and oversight maintained in private and commercial accommodation for children and youths in IPAS and BOTP accommodation, by Tusla and HIQA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [48545/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how his Department facilitates childcare providers staying open when there is a change in management. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [48400/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can clarify when a full breakdown of funding for youth work services for 2024 will be made available, by scheme; what capital funding will be available for the sector in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [48547/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update in regard the ongoing dispute around the re-opening of a job evaluation scheme

between Tusla and the Fórsa trade union; to confirm if either he or his officials have met with representatives of Fórsa trade union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [48403/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline the reductions in pre-primary childcare fees for parents and guardians as proposed in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48538/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what engagement he has had on the issue of artificial intelligence in the areas of child protection; and if he will provide the research papers, if any, undertaken by his Department on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [48534/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which his Department or the appropriate body under his aegis continues to monitor the treatment and welfare of children in interim living arrangements arising from temporary Court Orders, with particular reference to the need to ensure their welfare and well-being, and rapid follow-up in relation to issues of any concern that may arise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48148/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the building blocks grant scheme will open for submission for 2023 and 2024, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [48509/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he or his Department maintains ongoing contact with an organisation (details supplied); if his Department continues to provide funding to the organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [48537/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details on the latest actions he has taken within his Department to improve the working conditions of professionals in the childcare sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48438/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1492 of 11 September 2023, when the mother and baby institution redress scheme will be open for applications; the timeline for when payments will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48449/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will point to independent economic indicators that childcare fees have fallen in recent years; how much will have been saved by an NCS-registered family using full-time childcare by the time the recently announced cuts in childcare take effect in September 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [48526/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the cause of the delay in delivering respect care to a child (details supplied). — Matt Carthy. [34588/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to ensure that the rights of children and adults with disabilities are upheld in line with the UN

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [48372/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update from the cross-Departmental group on moving international protection applicants from tourist accommodation to more suitable accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [45556/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to deal with the crisis in children's disability services due to lack of early intervention services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [48373/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has examined the sustainability of different segments of the childcare sector; and how he intends to use the additional resources allocated in the budget for core funding. — Richard Bruton. [48355/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to provide respite care services for children with disabilities in County Monaghan. — Matt Carthy. [34587/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans for the implementation of each of the three recommendations in the special report by the Ombudsman for Children, "Safety and Welfare of Children in Direct Provision" (October 2023); the timeline for implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48454/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he remains satisfied that the interests of children remain to the fore to the greatest extent possible in all situations where their interests and voice might be challenged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48147/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will engage with officials in his Department regarding a service provider in Cork experiencing an issue with its SAC service capacity (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [48466/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details on the progress of applications for birth information and tracing, one year on from the coming into operation of the relevant legislation; how many information releases have taken place; to provide details on the matches that have been made via the contact preference register and tracing services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [48476/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details of any proposals that he is planning to make in relation to accommodation for BOTPs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [48548/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the mother and baby institutions payment scheme; when applications are due to

open; when he expects after this date that payments will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [48402/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how he plans to tackle significant backlogs with respect to assessments of need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48552/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way he is supporting people with disabilities, especially wheelchair users, to attend medical and other appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [48519/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide a report on his Department's engagement in relation to the funding of Section 39 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [47021/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason for the lack of engagement with stakeholders such as an organisation (details supplied) on the Roadmap for Service Improvement: Disability Services for Children and Young People 2023 – 2026. — Sean Sherlock. [48535/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current level of funding provided to an organisation (details supplied) for its recycle mobility programme to help provide independence in mobility for children with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [48436/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has had regard to the OCO report on Safety and Welfare of Children in Direct Provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [48536/23]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*85. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on the timeline for the citizens assembly on education. — Patrick Costello. [47294/23]

*86. To ask the Taoiseach to detail any ongoing or previous use of artificial intelligence within his Department. — Holly Cairns. [47344/23]

*87. To ask the Taoiseach if part of the work of the Child Poverty and Well-Being Programme Office, which was established in his Department and aims to tackle child poverty and enhance children's overall well-being in Ireland, will be to examine infant and young child feeding under its focus area to consolidate and integrate public health, family and parental assistance, and well-being services. — Louise O'Reilly. [47388/23]

*88. To ask the Taoiseach the number of statements of interests for the purposes of Section 19 that have been filed by his special advisors in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will provide a schedule of same. — Catherine Murphy. [47655/23]

*89. To ask the Taoiseach to provide a breakdown of the advertising spend of his Department and agencies under the remit of his Department, by national media outlet and local newspaper outlet, for each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47740/23]

*90. To ask the Taoiseach the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the government of Israel, any state body of the government of Israel, or any engagement within or with Israel, in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023. — Matt Carthy. [47815/23]

*91. To ask the Taoiseach the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the Palestinian Authority, any organ of the Palestinian Authority, or any engagement within, or with organisations in, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in the years 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023. — Matt Carthy. [47833/23]

*92. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department engages a company (details supplied); if so, the duration and nature of the work; and the cost of same to the Exchequer. — Réada Cronin. [48020/23]

*93. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on his engagements with other EU leaders in relation to the ongoing crisis in Gaza. — Patrick Costello. [48036/23]

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

*94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is aware of the case of a person (details supplied); and what efforts he and the Government will make to see that they are safely returned to Ireland. — Pat Buckley. [47298/23]

*95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to detail any ongoing or previous use of artificial intelligence within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [47336/23]

*96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a first-time passport application (details supplied) for a child will issue on time for travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47377/23]

*97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when passports will issue to children (details supplied) who are siblings; the reason for the delay in issuing said passports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [47385/23]

*98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if Shannon Airport is being used by the USA to transport weapons to Israel to potentially be used against the Occupied Territories of Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [47401/23]

*99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [47429/23]

*100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of Irish citizens that are currently in Gaza; what contacts his Department have had looking for assistance; what efforts are being made to repatriate those looking to escape; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [47448/23]

*101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to expedite the passport application of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [47476/23]

*102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 72 of 18 October 2023, when a person (details supplied) can expect to be assigned the correct pay grade and receive their entitled pay increments. — Louise O'Reilly. [47540/23]

*103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to outline his views on the UN Human Rights Council and the office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and whether their recommendations should be followed in Irish law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [47568/23]

*104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of statements of interests for the purposes of Section 19 that have been filed by his special advisors in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will provide a schedule of same. — Catherine Murphy. [47647/23]

*105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will expedite an application for citizenship through the foreign births register (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [47686/23]

*106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide a breakdown of the advertising spend of his Department and agencies under the remit of his Department, by national media outlet and local newspaper outlet, for each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47732/23]

*107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application (details supplied), as the applicant's travel date is imminent and all requested supporting documentation has been submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [47765/23]

*108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the government of Israel, any state body of the government of Israel, or any engagement within or with Israel, in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47807/23]

*109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the Palestinian Authority, any organ of the Palestinian Authority, or any engagement within, or with organisations in, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in the years 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47825/23]

*110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if Irish embassy, consular or mission staff in Albania and Georgia, which are designated safe countries, have engaged with any representatives of the Albanian or Georgian governments or government agencies to determine the reason such large numbers of their citizens are choosing Ireland as a country in which to apply for international protection, given that there are no conflicts presently ongoing in those countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [47850/23]

*111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will carry out a feasibility study for the need for a Passport Office in the west of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [47943/23]

*112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what discussions have taken place surrounding the possibility of Passport Office for the west of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [47948/23]

*113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he acknowledges the need for a Passport Office in the west of Ireland in view of the difficulties that the lack of a Passport Office is causing for the people located in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [47951/23]

*114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department engages a company (details supplied); if so, the duration and nature of the work; the cost of same to the Exchequer for the years 2022 to present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [48012/23]

*115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on the current Irish Aid provided to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees and UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs work in Palestine; how this aid is used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [48035/23]

*116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update in relation to Ireland's role and actions in the ongoing crisis in Gaza; the engagements he has had with other EU Ministers for Foreign Affairs in relation to this crisis; what further steps he believes the EU should take in relation to alleviating the ongoing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [48037/23]

*117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on any interactions he has had with EU Commissioner Olivér Várhelyi in relation to EU-Palestinian aid payments; and if he believes the Commissioner position to be tenable given recent events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [48038/23]

*118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the statements made and actions taken by the Israeli Embassy and its staff in recent days; if he believes that these statements and actions are appropriate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [48041/23]

*119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if, given the statement by the chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, outlining that the ICC has jurisdiction over possible war crimes carried out in the occupied Palestinian territory and Israel (details supplied), if he will push for the ICC to open an investigation into potential war crimes in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [48052/23]

*120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will engage with the International Court of Justice to provide Ireland's opinion on the legal consequences of Israel's occupation of the Palestinian territories in February 2024; what this opinion will entail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [48053/23]

*121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number and details of contracts currently held by his Government Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48309/23]

*122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when he last met the Australian Ambassador to Ireland; and when he is next scheduled to meet the Ambassador. — Darren O'Rourke. [48320/23]

*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when he last met the New Zealand Ambassador to Ireland; and when he is next scheduled to meet the Ambassador. — Darren O'Rourke. [48321/23]

*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of persons who applied for the post of facilities officer at the Embassy of Ireland in Washington DC. — Darren O'Rourke. [48322/23]

*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when an application (details supplied) will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [48417/23]

*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to report on the plans and procedures that are in place to secure safe return home for Irish citizens currently trapped in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [48455/23]

*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on an application for foreign birth registration (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [48478/23]

*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48658/23]

*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48691/23]

*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48707/23]

*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he has taken to ensure the safe passage of Irish citizens from the occupied Palestinian territories, including those family members and dependents who do not hold Irish passports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48778/23]

*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his intentions for Ireland to act as a broker of resolution to the causes of the conflict in the occupied Palestinian territories and Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48779/23]

*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the prospect of violence spreading into a regional conflict in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48780/23]

*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount that has been given by Irish Aid to support Sahrawi refugee camps located in Tindouf, Algeria over the past five years; if more than one singular payment has been made; the amount that has been given per year; if a list will be provided of other non-monetary donations that have been made, for example foodstuffs, medical equipment, building materials and educational materials; the number of official visits Irish Aid has made to the Sahrawi refugee camps over the past five years; and the years in which these visits have taken place if any, in tabular form. — Chris Andrews. [48806/23]

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

*135. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to allocate dedicated funding within the warmer homes scheme towards the retrofitting of 1,000 homes for people with asthma; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48599/23]

*136. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if an incorrect Eircode for a dwelling (details supplied) in County Kilkenny will be corrected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [47250/23]

*137. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what options are available to customers of pre-pay energy companies to recoup the Government energy credits if they did not receive any of them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [47265/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of money that has been ringfenced for local enforcement of the national smokey coal ban, given that one-third of coal sold in this jurisdiction is illegal bituminous coal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [47271/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for a detailed update on the introduction of laws with regard to recycling plastic bottles and aluminium cans; to outline progress on the Government's legislation in this area; and when new regulations for recycling will be introduced and become active for the public to participate in. — John Lahart. [47273/23]

*140. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to detail any ongoing or previous use of artificial intelligence within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [47334/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 160 of 20 June 2023, when a premises (details supplied) can expect to be connected to the NBI network now that it has been reclassified for inclusion in the NBP intervention area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [47349/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what additional funding was allocated to the warmer homes scheme in Budget 2024; and the estimated time

this additional funding will shorten the current waiting list for the scheme. — Pauline Tully. [47371/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the development of a National Adaptation Framework; the timeline for completion and publication of the Framework; whether it will incorporate just transition and environmental justice principles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [47435/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he will make a decision on the proposed increase in the P and T, Telecom Éireann, and Eir pensions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [47490/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he proposes to make up the shortfall in the PhD stipend, to ensure that PhD researchers funded by his Department either directly or through bodies such as the EPA, who have been excluded from the planned increase in stipends for PhD students, are treated in an equitable manner with other Government-funded PhD students by being given an increase in the stipend to €22,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [47579/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of statements of interests for the purposes of Section 19 that have been filed by his special advisors in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will provide a schedule of same. — Catherine Murphy. [47645/23]

*147. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when commercial customers generating electricity from solar panels will get paid for their surplus production that is currently been fed in to the grid free of charge, and subsequently being charged out to the same customer at full rate in the following days. — John Paul Phelan. [47672/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will ensure that the provision of fibre broadband to a medical facility (details supplied) is urgently prioritised. — Robert Troy. [47674/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will review the eligibility criteria for SEAI grants for solar panels to extend its availability to all householders, including those purchasers who bought and occupied their new home after 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [47675/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications whether he has the results of the 2023 salmon survey for the Feale/Cashen fishery; and if he is in a position to indicate if that fishery will be opened in 2024. — Pa Daly. [47681/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline what Government grants are available for households to install a wood pellet stove system. — Robert Troy. [47682/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the advertising spend of his Department and agencies under the remit of his Department, by national media outlet and local newspaper outlet, for each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47730/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the government of Israel, any state body of the government of Israel, or any engagement within or with Israel, in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47805/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the Palestinian Authority, any organ of the Palestinian Authority, or any engagement within, or with organisations in, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in the years 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47823/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures that have been undertaken by local authorities in terms of CCTV monitoring of illegal dumping, including dog fouling and anti-social behaviour, since the enactment of the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [47849/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what changes are proposed to the criteria for SEAI grants; and if those changes will be extended to include windows and doors. — Sorca Clarke. [47884/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will give consideration to bringing in age restrictions on the sale of mobile phone devices (i.e., aged 15 and under - phones with calling and texting functions only; age 15 and over - phones with full multimedia functionality); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [47910/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the schemes available to retrofit redbrick and stone-built houses constructed before 1940, mostly categorised as traditionally built buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47940/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to extend the warmer homes scheme to traditionally built buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47941/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware that the village of Cloone, County Leitrim is not included in the National Broadband Plan, despite a number of queries from local residents who work remotely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [47979/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has engaged with stakeholders on a strategy to improve mobile phone coverage for those in the village of Cloone, County Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [47980/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department engages a company (details supplied); if so, the duration and nature of the work; the cost of same to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [48010/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when Inland Fisheries Ireland will release the 2023 stock figures for the River Feale, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48067/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider a compensation package for draft net fishermen allowed to fish on tidal stretches of the River Feale as they have not been allowed to fish on the river since 2019 due to reduction in stock figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48069/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has any plans to purchase the Abhainn Mhór/Owenmore fishery near An Leithtruigh, Corca Dhuibhne. — Pa Daly. [48229/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number and details of contracts currently held by his Government Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48309/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of grants that were issued by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland to homeowners for attic insulation in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and the average time for these grants to be issued, provided all necessary information has been supplied. — Darren O'Rourke. [48337/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of grants that were issued by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland to homeowners for external wall insulation in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and the average time for these grants to be issued, provided all necessary information has been supplied. — Darren O'Rourke. [48338/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there have been any changes in the administration of SEAI grants for retrofitting as part of the warmer homes scheme as part of Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [48345/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there have been any changes in the administration of SEAI grants for retrofitting as part of the better energy homes scheme as part of Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [48346/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there have been any changes in the administration of SEAI grants for retrofitting as part of the one stop shop scheme as part of Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [48347/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there have been any changes in the administration of SEAI grants for retrofitting as part of the community energy grants scheme as part of Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [48348/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there have been any changes in the administration of SEAI grants for solar PV as part of Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [48349/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there have been any changes in the administration of SEAI grants for retrofitting across the various schemes as part of Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [48350/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there have been any changes in the administration of SEAI grants following the introduction of low-cost loans for retrofitting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [48351/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide clarification on an Eircode (details supplied) and its inclusion in the National Broadband Plan roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48643/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to outline the steps for a new Eircode located within the National Broadband Plan intervention area to be connected by NBI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48644/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48689/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48705/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware that the delivery of the National Broadband Ireland plan has been beset by further delays in rural Wicklow; if the new timeframe advised in October 2023 will be adhered to; and if he will conduct a review on the management of the plan, given NBI's repeated failure to deliver the service to schedule. — Jennifer Whitmore. [48811/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider establishing a long-term, all-estuary vision for environmental monitoring of the Shannon Estuary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [48812/23]

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

*182. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to detail any ongoing or previous use of artificial intelligence within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [47331/23]

*183. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he is satisfied that all necessary precautions are being taken to ensure the safety of Irish troops based in Lebanon; and if there is a process in place to keep their families briefed, in view of the volatile situation currently in Lebanon and the wider region. — Willie O'Dea. [47368/23]

*184. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the reason for the delay in the provision of the Defence Forces pensions and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [47478/23]

*185. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of statements of interests for the purposes of Section 19 that have been filed by his special advisors in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will provide a schedule of same. — Catherine Murphy. [47642/23]

*186. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide a breakdown of the advertising spend of his Department and agencies under the remit of his Department, by national media outlet and local newspaper outlet, for each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47727/23]

*187. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his Department's targets for the issuing of forestry licences in 2023 and 2024; the number issued to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47793/23]

*188. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the reason the Defence Forces will no longer train officer cadets from Malta at the Defence Forces Cadet School in the Military College in the Curragh, County Kildare; the number of requests received to facilitate the training of Maltese cadets since 2009, by year; the number refused, in tabular form; if this is intended to be a temporary or permanent cessation; if temporary when the cadet school is expected to be in a position to facilitate such again; when any changes to existing policy were communicated to the Armed Forces of Malta; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47798/23]

*189. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the government of Israel, any state body of the government of Israel, or any engagement within or with Israel, in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47802/23]

*190. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the Palestinian Authority, any organ of the Palestinian Authority, or any engagement within, or with organisations in, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in the years 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47820/23]

*191. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current number of apprentice carpenters in the Defence Forces; and the supports that are available to those who are required to temporarily relocate for the academic portion of said apprenticeship. — Sorca Clarke. [47891/23]

*192. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide clarity and additional information on the statement made by the Minister of State at the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and at the Department of Education (details supplied). — Sorca Clarke. [47894/23]

*193. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide an update on the independent review into allegations of abuse in the Defence Forces. — Sorca Clarke. [47895/23]

*194. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department engages a company (details supplied); if so, the duration and nature of the work; the cost of same to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [48007/23]

*195. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to outline the value of all contracts for goods or services purchased by the Defence Forces from Israel and Israeli-based firms over the last five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [48042/23]

*196. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number and details of contracts currently held by his Government Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48309/23]

*197. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of fish kills caused by the Irish Air Corps since 1991 in rivers near Casement Aerodrome, Baldonel, County Dublin, in particular the river camac, and the steps taken to make sure such fish kills never happen again. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [48393/23]

*198. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48654/23]

*199. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48686/23]

*200. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48702/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a service is not providing wheelchair-accessible transport to an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [48370/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport the reasons the €170,000 announced for Ballyhaunis under the Smarter Travel funding is no longer available; where this secured funding has gone; when these funds will be made available; and the date upon which the works will commence (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [47249/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport to sanction a raise in the pension of CIÉ retirees (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47252/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ascertain the number of staff employed by the road toll companies since Covid; if the companies can reduce tolls due to the fact that all tills are cashless; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [47305/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the lay-bys are closed on the M17/M18 motorways and the M6 motorway, when drivers are encouraged to rest but there is no place to pull in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [47306/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Coonagh/Knockalisheen Road project in Limerick; when he anticipates the works to recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [47325/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport the reasons for the delay in appointing new contractors to complete the Coonagh/Knockalisheen Road project in Limerick, considering 18 months have elapsed since the previous contractor entered receivership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [47326/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason it has taken 13 months to appoint a new contractor to the Coonagh/Knockalisheen Road project in Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [47327/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport to detail any ongoing or previous use of artificial intelligence within his Department. — Holly Cairns. [47346/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that the speed limit reviews being carried out by local authorities are paused pending instructions from his Department, which is delaying the implementation of safety measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [47387/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will receive his driving test date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [47403/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will approve the establishment of bus shelters in an estate (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [47416/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure double-decker services for a route at peak times (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [47417/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport when a driving test will be issued to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [47425/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any Department-led initiatives aimed at increasing the supply of bus drivers to help achieve climate objectives related to the transport sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [47432/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Mallow relief road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [47511/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Cork-Limerick motorway project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [47512/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Northern Ring Road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [47513/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport if, in line with the reduced fares on public transport operators, there is a similar rate reduction for private operators servicing the same NTA routes. — Robert Troy. [47523/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of the bus fleet serving the Bus Éireann 216 and 220 routes; the number of single and double decker buses; the age of each vehicle; and number of drivers assigned to the route. — Holly Cairns. [47544/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has any plans to undertake a review of the current Local Link morning service to a school (details supplied), with a view to increasing the frequency of the service due to the high level of demand from students in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [47562/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will be facilitated with a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [47592/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect an invite for a test date for her driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47598/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of statements of interests for the purposes of Section 19 that have been filed by his special advisors in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will provide a schedule of same. — Catherine Murphy. [47657/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional capacity can be provided on routes 216 and 220 in Cork, in both the morning and evening, to ensure that all children travelling to school from Maryborough and Douglas can avail of public bus transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [47673/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has plans to introduce bus services to the Bohernabreena area of Dublin south-west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [47687/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason students over the age of 23 years who are not enrolled in full-time education cannot benefit from a student Leap card, especially given that the cost of a part-time postgraduate diploma, masters degree, and so on, puts the individual at a significant economic disadvantage. — Michael Moynihan. [47690/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason students from other EU Member States visiting Ireland cannot benefit from the student fare for public transport services; and if this is standard practice across other EU Member States. — Michael Moynihan. [47691/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 185 of 24 October 2023, whether any steps were taken to establish if an aircraft (details supplied) was transporting US soldiers and/or weapons or munitions while travelling from the USA to the Persian Gulf, as this aircraft was on contract to the US military using US Transportation Command callsign CMB504 and was likely to be on a mission to support the Israeli attacks on Gaza, and on its return journey to the USA it landed at US Naval Air Station Jacksonville; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [47696/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason two train stations, Balbriggan and Skerries, have been excluded from the TFI 90-minute €2-ticket scheme, resulting in an inequity for many commuters travelling to Dublin city centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [47707/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown of the advertising spend of his Department and agencies under the remit of his Department, by national media outlet and local newspaper outlet, for each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47742/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Transport in relation to the Red Line Luas service from Citywest to the city centre, which a regular Luas commuter has reported to be increasingly unreliable, with growing patterns of regular service discontinuation over incidents of different kinds, including Luas infrastructure failure, if he will inquire into the reasons for the lack of a reliable, regular and predictable Luas service; and outline what specifically is being done to improve the service. — Paul Murphy. [47761/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the extra funding being made available to Cork County Council for the repair of local roads which have been devastated during Storm Babet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [47776/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the government of Israel, any state body of the government of Israel, or any engagement within or with Israel, in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47817/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the Palestinian Authority, any organ of the Palestinian Authority, or any engagement within, or with organisations in, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in the years 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47835/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Transport if an urgent audit of a driving test centre (details supplied) will be carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47840/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Transport what funding streams are available from his Department to aid in the design, reconfiguration and support of pedestrian safety in the locality of schools. — Sorca Clarke. [47878/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the N4 upgrade works. — Sorca Clarke. [47881/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Transport what engagement his Department has had, and what plans are being considered or implemented, to improve the Dublin to Sligo rail service. — Sorca Clarke. [47882/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Transport the current waiting times in all driving test centres in Longford and Westmeath; and if additional testers have been allocated to these specific centres to deal with the backlog of people awaiting driving tests, per test centre, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [47888/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the approach he intends to adopt to setting new speed limits; how he will ensure that there is a focus on dangerous speeds, rather than on minor exceedances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [47930/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has any plans to introduce an earlier bus to Dublin from Ballyjamesduff, County Cavan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [47972/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Transport the number permits his Department has issued to the US for transport of weapons via the Irish State in the years 2019 to 2023 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brid Smith. [47996/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department engages a company (details supplied); if so, the duration and nature of the work; the cost of same to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [48022/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Transport if local authorities adhere to standards (details supplied) when installing disabled parking bays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [48030/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the total cost to the taxpayer of the administrative errors incurred by the NTA which have resulted in extensions to the public participation process of the BusConnects Bus Corridor schemes; if these costs could be broken down by each error which has occurred to date, across each Bus Corridor scheme, and to include the costs of re-advertising each time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [48046/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Transport to review two complaints regarding a public transport bus (details supplied); if he will refer these matters to Bus Éireann for reply; if he will note that these complaints regarding this bus are on the increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48051/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with the RSA in respect of the official driving test routes at a test centre in the context of their fairness (details supplied); if the RSA will review the routes and work with the local authority to remark the road and consider alternative locations to test drivers. — Catherine Murphy. [48079/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a schedule by driving test centre, indicating the number of category B tests taken in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will provide a further breakdown of the number of failed tests as part of that schedule, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [48080/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding ringfenced and drawn down for a project list in an area (details supplied); and if a timeline has been established for same, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [48088/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Transport for assistance on a driving test matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48184/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for a delay in issuing a taxi licence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48186/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on a driving test for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48193/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Transport if, in light of the importance of road safety, he will provide clarification as to the reason his Department does not currently publish road collision data on a monthly basis; whether there are any plans to implement a more frequent reporting schedule in the interest of enhancing road safety awareness and prevention measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [48198/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to publish road collision data on a monthly basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [48199/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person will be considered for a transport service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48202/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will support an application to activate funds to determine the design phase of a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48221/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on a roads project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48230/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Transport what proposals he has to ensure that pensioners who were in the CIÉ and Bus Éireann pension schemes, and have not received an increase in their pension since 2008, receive such an increase in pension in line with the cost-of-living since 2008; whether the question of an Exchequer subvention to these schemes has been examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48269/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to ensure there is an adequate bus service on the 419 bus route from Galway to Clifden and Letterfrack; the improvements that are planned for the service on the route particularly at peak traffic hours and late night services leaving Galway up to 11.00 pm to Clifden and Letterfrack; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48271/23]

*261. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Iompair cén uair a chuirfear tuilleadh seirbhísí bus, mar a gealladh i ráiteas a rinneadh faoi Connecting Ireland idir Gaillimh agus an Cheathrú, Leitir Mealláin agus Carna, agus á chur i gcuntas go mbíonn na busanna lán, mar a bhíonn siad go minic, agus go mbíonn orthu paisinéirí a fhágáil ina ndiaidh, an fáth go bhfuil moill leis sin; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48277/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Transport the number and details of contracts currently held by his Government Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48309/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Transport if using an electric powered scooter or bike is an offence against which Garda enforcement is possible; and whether the new legislation on the regulation of such vehicles requires regulations or a commencement date before they become effective. — Richard Bruton. [48319/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be provided for an additional Bus Éireann 187 bus route in both directions, seven days a week. — Darren O'Rourke. [48335/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Transport the capital budget allocation for Transport Infrastructure Ireland in the years of 2022 and 2023; and the expected capital budget allocation in 2024, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [48336/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Transport when a bus shelter will be installed at a location (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [48352/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will amend the rules to allow a SPSV driver's licence holder switch from a WAV licence to a standard taxi licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [48389/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Transport the current plans or investigations to improve reliability and cater to the growing commuter demand in Clondalkin, Chapelizod, Ballyfermot and Tallaght, given the constant service disruptions and overcrowding on the 76/76a bus route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [48411/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has been notified of vehicle recalls involving category M1 vehicles that occurred to date in 2023; if so, to provide, in tabular form, the number of recalls, the manufacturer in each case and the reason for the recall; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [48425/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the relationship he has with the Automotive Market Surveillance Authority; the number and grade of staff working in the authority; the funding, if any, he has provided to the authority in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [48426/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Transport what steps he is taking to facilitate the bringing of bikes on trains, light rail and buses in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [48463/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Transport if an additional bus stop will be erected in a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48472/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the L2455 road improvement scheme, Lehenaghmore, Cork; and whether funding remains in place. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [48483/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Transport the annual funding for National Transport Authority for each year since 2016; the allocation for 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [48492/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Transport the annual funding for Transport Infrastructure Ireland for each year since 2016; the allocation for 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [48493/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Transport the annual funding for Road Safety Authority for each year since 2016; the allocation for 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [48494/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the extent to which cancellations and congestion are experienced in the Ratoath area of County Meath, in particular Bus Éireann 103 and 105X services; if his Department will provide details of all cancelled and late services in 2023; the times and dates of those cancelled and delayed services; the capacity of those services during peak hours to and from Ratoath, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [48606/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is monitoring the play street pilot introduced by Fingal County Council; if his Department has considered how to facilitate the establishment of play streets within the road and traffic law framework in this country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [48619/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Transport the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48666/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Transport the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48698/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Transport the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48714/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update regarding regulations for the Road Traffic and Roads Act 2023; what the regulations include; when they will be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [48721/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the attached complaint in relation to, the availability of service, ongoing lack of service causing issues for passengers with a disability on the number 15 bus route; if he will issue a response to this complaint ensuring it is investigated by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [48726/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with TII about improving safety and maintenance by a stretch of road in County Cork (details supplied); if a contractor can take over the maintenance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [48734/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount that TII spent in 2022, and to date in 2023, on installation of crash barriers separating both directions of traffic on both national roads and motorways; the locations where crash barriers were installed; and the locations in 2024 where crash barriers will be installed separating both directions of traffic on both national roads and motorways. — Catherine Murphy. [48756/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the fact that approximately 2,260 CIÉ salaried pensioners have not received an increase in their pension in line with CIÉ salary increases from 2016 to date; what action is being taken by his Department to remedy this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [48766/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Transport if a request has been made to his Department by Louth County Council to provide the local authority with financial assistance to undertake repairs to roads in the north Louth area as a result of recent serious flooding incidents; if so, what level of financial support his Department will provide to the council in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [48767/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Transport the percentage of applicants that pass their driving test at the first attempt in Nenagh test centre, County Tipperary, for B category licences; how this ranks in comparison with all other testing centres in the country for B category licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [48818/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*289. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal; if he has formally appointed the five new Board members; if confirmation has been received from the National Rehabilitation Hospital that it will host the Board; when the Board will be permitted to resume clinics/hearings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [47270/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of households which have paid the vacant homes tax in 2023. — Ivana Bacik. [47277/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will examine the way tax credits are set up for couples who are not married but who are living together and have children (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47287/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Finance how much projected tax liability the State will generate on the back of a proposal to prohibit income being mandated to GP partnerships or employers, meaning that any GMS income will need to be declared as income by the individual GMS list holder in their tax return from January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47315/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Finance to detail any ongoing or previous use of artificial intelligence within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [47335/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is planning to review the chargeable excess tax and standard fund threshold regime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [47418/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider establishing a national insurance company to cover the costs of flooding damage and other associated costs, especially when so many are currently unable to obtain insurance to protect against flooding damage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brid Smith. [47431/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding proposed changes for January 2024 in the way the Revenue Commissioners treat general medical services income within general practitioner partnerships; if he is concerned that this will impact the number of GPs operating; if his attention has been drawn to the concerns of GPs in how this change is to be administered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. []

*297. To ask the Minister for Finance the tax yield from the gambling levy for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [47480/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Finance the total tax yield from the gambling sector for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [47481/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Finance if, considering that the average cost of a house in Ireland is currently estimated at €305,000, and recognising that prices vary significantly in cities like Cork and Dublin, he will provide a breakdown of the approximate income levels that individuals or families would need to afford a home in these high-cost areas; to provide similar insights for other regions with varying housing costs across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [47485/23]

*300. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will factor overall household income, including all earners in a family unit, for the purposes of calculating lower and higher rates of taxation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [47538/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Finance whether there are new proposals for treating the income of doctors who are in partnerships together; the details of these proposals and the reason for them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [47575/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Finance if parents who are currently renting themselves and also paying the rent for their children in student accommodation will receive the tax credit once for the accommodation in which they are based, or twice to include the student accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [47594/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Finance if students who are currently paying for student accommodation but are not currently in employment and paying tax through that employment can avail of the renter’s tax credit; and if so, how this will function; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [47595/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Finance if the change in the renter’s tax credit which allows for students living in digs accommodation to avail of the tax credit requires the landlord to be registered with the RTB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [47596/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify the situation regarding the income tax free allowance for retired pensioners; if this has increased in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [47601/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of statements of interests for the purposes of Section 19 that have been filed by his special advisors in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will provide a schedule of same. — Catherine Murphy. [47646/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Finance if it is the case that PhD research students are excluded from the new student renters’ credit; if so, if he can outline the rationale for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [47666/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Finance if the rent tax credit can be claimed by a single person who is renting a property for themselves and, at the same time, in respect of their child, for whom the parent is paying for rental accommodation while the child is a full-time student; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [47703/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide a breakdown of the advertising spend of his Department and agencies under the remit of his Department, by national media outlet and local newspaper outlet, for each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47731/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Finance how he will ensure that all tenants are able to avail of the tax credit given that they are not responsible for landlords registering with the RTB (details supplied); if he will make certain that there are no negative impacts to tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [47750/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a breakdown of tax liabilities warehoused by companies in the NGO sector under the debt warehousing scheme, and for these NGOs to be subdivided into the sector they are operating in; and for this information to be provided in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [47754/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a breakdown of tax liabilities warehoused by sporting organisations/clubs sector under the debt warehousing scheme, and for these sporting organisations/clubs to be subdivided by sport; and for this information to be provided in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [47755/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Finance the volume of tax liabilities warehoused under the debt warehousing scheme that Revenue have determined uncollectible for any reason, including liquidation, examinership, cessation of trading, bankruptcy or other, in tabular form; to provide a breakdown of the amount of tax lost per division and per sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [47756/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of customers who had their warehouse status under the debt warehousing scheme revoked due to persistent non-compliance issues; the volume of debt concerned and being pursued by Revenue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [47757/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the government of Israel, any state body of the government of Israel, or any engagement within or with Israel, in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47806/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the Palestinian Authority, any organ of the Palestinian Authority, or any engagement within, or with organisations in, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in the years 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47824/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Finance whether, in circumstances where a parent is in rented accommodation and has a son/daughter in third level education also renting in a different property, he intends increasing the maximum tax credit for renting to double the proposed limit of €750; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [47842/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Finance if, given that it has been stated that Irish contract law allows for a shop or other business to place a sign saying, for example, ‘card only’ (details supplied), and that the act of displaying this sign constitutes a contract binding on the customer, he will outline the grounds of “Irish contract law”, specifically, legislation and articles, on which his interpretation is based. — Louise O’Reilly. [47853/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the implementation of the recommendations of the banking review; if he has considered the merits of establishing a review group to oversee the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [47856/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Finance to clarify what protections are in place for persons who feel they are not being treated fairly by so-called ‘vulture funds’ (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [47865/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a scenario analysis post-Budget 2024 for a person who is a first-time buyer, single and earning €35,000 per year, and how Budget 2024 affects them in housing terms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [47919/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to adjusting the flat rate VAT scheme for farmers (details supplied); if he has engaged with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine on the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47999/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department engages a company (details supplied); if so, the duration and nature of the work; the cost of same to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [48011/23]

*324. To ask the Minister for Finance 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. [48089/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual contribution to the EU by the Exchequer in each of the past ten years, including an estimate of the contribution forecast for the whole of 2023; the income from the EU to the Exchequer in each of these years, including an estimate for this year; whether it is expected that Ireland’s net contribution to the EU will increase in the coming ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48304/23]

*326. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and details of contracts currently held by his Government Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48309/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide details on the position taken by Ireland in the European Union’s decision to support the OECD’s July 2023 Safe Harbour on UTPR; and the analysis considered in taking that position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [48353/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied); if his officials briefed him and/or his immediate predecessor on reported claims made by the senior official; when was he briefed by officials on these concerns; what action he took to address these

concerns; if he plans to address these issues by means of amending legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [48368/23]

*329. To ask the Minister for Finance to confirm how many enforcement actions the Central Bank has taken against Russian individuals or entities who are on the EU sanctions list since the current sanctions regime became operational in 2022, and who have a presence in the Irish financial services system vis a vis ‘Section 110’ Special Purpose Vehicles; how many live investigations are ongoing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [48377/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Finance what options are available where lending institutions refuse to lend to a mortgage applicant where the applicant concerned has cystic fibrosis. — Louise O’Reilly. [48391/23]

*331. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider extending the bike-to-work scheme for people who are self-employed in the interest of meeting our climate targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [48394/23]

*332. To ask the Minister for Finance if a scheme (details supplied) will be reviewed to address an anomaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [48430/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Revenue Commissioners staff assigned to anti-smuggling activities, across all areas of illicit trade, in each of the past ten years. — Emer Higgins. [48611/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Finance if he intends to amend the tax treatment of interest-free loans from parents to their children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [48624/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48657/23]

*336. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48690/23]

*337. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48706/23]

*338. To ask the Minister for Finance if a financial institution can request a letter stating that an individual is not a politically exposed person. — James Browne. [48730/23]

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.

*339. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on the issue of public access from the N4 to Castletown House; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [47321/23]

*340. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to detail any ongoing or previous use of artificial intelligence within his Department. — Holly Cairns. [47341/23]

*341. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the monies expended to date in relation to the flood relief scheme for Mountmellick, County Laois; when works will commence; the position regarding planning permission; the proposed timeframe for such works; when such works will be completed; the monies approved for such works; the cost of such works; the date upon which works were approved; the nature of the works to be undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [47423/23]

*342. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will outline all policies and plans currently in train to deal with the inevitable and increasing impacts of flooding as a result of climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [47436/23]

*343. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if, further to the second serious flooding incident that occurred in east Meath since September, which has destroyed many homes, he will seek an urgent update on discussions between the OPW and Meath County Council in respect of additional flood works required and plans going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [47439/23]

*344. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on the flood relief scheme for Ballina, County Mayo. — Dara Calleary. [47498/23]

*345. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on the flood relief scheme for Crossmolina, County Mayo. — Dara Calleary. [47499/23]

*346. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on the flood relief scheme for Foxford, County Mayo. — Dara Calleary. [47500/23]

*347. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW conducted a traffic audit report at the Celbridge entrance to Castletown House following the loss of the M4 entrance; if so, he will publish this report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [47504/23]

*348. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on the Independent Review of the Distribution and Utilisation of

National Lottery spending; if he will confirm the timeline for delivery of the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47570/23]

*349. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount of funding that has been contributed from the National Lottery; the breakdown of expenditure over the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47571/23]

*350. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if Section 14 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 applies to him and requires him, upon request, to attend the Joint Committee of Environment and Climate Action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [47583/23]

*351. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he has received a request to attend the Joint Committee on Environment and Climate Action; when he plans to attend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [47584/23]

*352. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of statements of interests for the purposes of Section 19 that have been filed by his special advisors in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will provide a schedule of same. — Catherine Murphy. [47652/23]

*353. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when works to an embankment (details supplied) in County Kerry will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47688/23]

*354. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide a complete list of all buildings owned by the State or any of the State agencies across Dún Laoghaire, Rathdown; and the occupancy rates and status of each. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47698/23]

*355. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if a start date has been agreed for the commencement of remedial works on Cairn T, at the Loughcrew heritage site near Oldcastle, County Meath; the plan and schedule for the re-opening of Cairn T to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [47709/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide a breakdown of the advertising spend of his Department and agencies under the remit of his Department, by national media outlet and local newspaper outlet, for each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47737/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will expedite a scheme in County Cork by the OPW under the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Programme (CFRAM) in County Cork (details supplied); if such area has been designated with Tranche 2 status under the scheme; if he will acknowledge that there is now an urgent necessity to bring forward these schemes owing to the events following Storm Babet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [47773/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will liaise with a relevant local authority, the Office of Public Works and other relevant stakeholders to carry out the necessary appropriate screening assessments with respect to a stream (details supplied) in County Cork which bursts its banks during Storm Babet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [47774/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department has considered any proposals for flood relief works at Ballinhassig, Cork; and if not, whether he will now consider same. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47779/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount allocated to the Standards in Public Office Commission in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and under Budget 2024. — Matt Carthy. [47787/23]

*361. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the funding available to Monaghan County Council for flood relief projects under Budget 2024. — Matt Carthy. [47788/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the government of Israel, any state body of the government of Israel, or any engagement within or with Israel, in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47812/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the Palestinian Authority, any organ of the Palestinian Authority, or any engagement within, or with organisations in, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in the years 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47830/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 216 of 15 November 2022, if he will provide an update in relation to the commitment to undertake an examination of the legislative landscape, including a review of the current regulatory environment underpinning the members of the Shannon Flood Risk State Co-ordination Working Group and the consideration of the legal analysis that was, at that point, being carried out. — Sorca Clarke. [47900/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the office of public works own the River/Costal banks they maintain; if there is a public right of access on these banks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47929/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the final public consultation on the Blackpool flood relief scheme will take place; what format it will take, particularly in light of recent flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47942/23]

*367. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department engages a company (details supplied); if so, the duration and nature of the work; the cost of same to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [48017/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether a house (details supplied) will be covered by the Glashaboy flood relief scheme. — Thomas Gould. [48081/23]

*369. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW has plans to review or alter the flood risk management plan which covers Ashbrook in Limerick city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [48113/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW has been instructed to identify a site for a Garda station in the Castletroy/Annacotty area of Limerick; what progress has been made and how much longer the process is likely to take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [48144/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether the OPW is aware of the need to alleviate flooding near a location (details supplied) by carrying out maintenance work on streams and culverts there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48285/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number and details of contracts currently held by his Government Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48309/23]

*373. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48310/23]

*374. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48311/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48312/23]

*376. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the capital budget allocation to the OPW in 2023; the amount of that funding that was spent in the first nine months of 2023; and the capital budget allocation scheduled for the OPW in 2024, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [48339/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform how much of the EU Solidarity Fund is available to Ireland and how much has been drawn down to date by the State; how much has been distributed to victims of flooding to date; and how much of this fund has been drawn down in total by other countries. — Peadar Tóibín. [48451/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform how much of the Civil Protection Humanitarian Aid is available to Ireland and how much has been drawn down to date by the State; how much has been distributed to victims of flooding

to date; and how much of this fund has been drawn down in total by other countries. — Peadar Tóibín. [48452/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to list all of the flood relief schemes that have been identified as necessary by the OPW; to detail for each if they have had their design complete; if they have gone to planning; when planning will be submitted, those with planning refused, those with planning granted, those with a future construction start date (please include start date), those started and those nearing completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [48453/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his attention has been drawn to media reports regarding serious issues with respect to surveillance equipment being procured by his Department (details supplied); if he is satisfied that use of this technology has been subject to due consideration, with reference to the threats and human rights' abuses which have been identified in said media reports; what steps he will take in light of previous concerns being brought to the OPW regarding the use of this technology in the Irish context; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [48636/23]

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

*381. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of persons in receipt of sub-minima rates of pay for those aged 17, 18, and 19 years, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [47280/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide a breakdown of general employment permits (not critical skills employment permits) issued in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, by four-digit SOC code of employment. — Louise O'Reilly. [47302/23]

*383. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide a breakdown of general employment permits (not critical skills employment permits) currently held in the State, by four-digit SOC code of employment. — Louise O'Reilly. [47303/23]

*384. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to detail any ongoing or previous use of artificial intelligence within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [47333/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to report on Ireland's response, if any, to the EU Council Spanish Presidency's call for feedback on the Artificial Intelligence Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [47375/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is satisfied with the manner in which a company (details supplied) managed its recent redundancy process, particularly in light of reports suggesting that affected employees were requested to sign for tax treatments on their pensions before receiving the relevant figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [47382/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will extend the critical skills permit to include non-EU healthcare workers whose salary does not meet the income threshold to apply for a family visa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [47522/23]

*388. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of companies registered in Ireland in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [47527/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if it is possible for a golf club to submit a simplified set of accounts as part of its annual returns to the Company Registration Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [47619/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will take the necessary steps to ensure that the employment permit process and the employment visa process are streamlined under the jurisdiction of one Government Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47630/23]

*391. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of statements of interests for the purposes of Section 19 that have been filed by his special advisors in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will provide a schedule of same. — Catherine Murphy. [47644/23]

*392. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide a breakdown of the advertising spend of his Department and agencies under the remit of his Department, by national media outlet and local newspaper outlet, for each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47729/23]

*393. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the government of Israel, any state body of the government of Israel, or any engagement within or with Israel, in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47804/23]

*394. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the Palestinian Authority, any organ of the Palestinian Authority, or any engagement within, or with organisations in, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in the years 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47822/23]

*395. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment whether the Government statement on the role of data centres in Ireland’s enterprise strategy was screened for a strategic environment assessment. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47847/23]

*396. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the introduction of the Organisation of Working Time (Reproductive Health Related Leave) Bill 2021.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [47852/23]

*397. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of times his Department, under the Protection of Employment Act 1977 (as amended), has been notified to date in 2023 of a collective redundancy situation; to supply a list of companies involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [47854/23]

*398. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is satisfied that the current round of redundancies been undertaken by Google does not fall under a collective redundancy situation; and to outline what steps his Department has made to ascertain the amount

of redundancies taken place currently in Google; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [47855/23]

*399. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of new IDA-sponsored jobs, by county or by region, for the years 2016-2022, inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [47860/23]

*400. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of jobs lost in IDA-sponsored jobs, by county or by region, for the years 2016-2022, inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [47861/23]

*401. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of new Enterprise Ireland-sponsored jobs, by county or by region, for the for the years 2016-2022, inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [47862/23]

*402. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of jobs lost in Enterprise Ireland-sponsored jobs, by county or by region, for the for the years 2016-2022, inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [47863/23]

*403. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide an update on progress being made to acquire an IDA purpose-built facility in Longford town. — Sorca Clarke. [47883/23]

*404. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will respond to issues raised in relation to Budget 2024 (details supplied). — Jim O'Callaghan. [47922/23]

*405. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if it has been brought to his attention that approximately 100 engineers have recently come to Ireland from Israel to work with Intel; if it is the case that Israel is to be a key partner in the development of Ireland's weapons industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [47945/23]

*406. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department engages a company (details supplied); if so, the duration and nature of the work; the cost of same to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [48009/23]

*407. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if Enterprise Ireland has the capacity for analysing novelty in the technology space; and if it needs to develop a more holistic perspective to the tech sector. — Louise O'Reilly. [48031/23]

*408. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the appetite within his Department for the creation of a pilot funding stream for housing supply-related businesses, especially in the property technology/homes market technology space, such as a company (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [48032/23]

*409. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the overall trade in goods or services exchanged between Ireland and Israel and Israeli-based firms over the last five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [48043/23]

*410. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the way his Department applies the whole-of-Government approach regarding Ireland's policy on differentiation between Israel and the illegal settlements on occupied Palestinian land; the practical steps his Department takes in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [48044/23]

*411. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of complaints he has filed to the Corporate Enforcement Agency (CEA) since the establishment of the CEA and or An Garda Síochána in the past ten years to date in respect of grants and or funds his Department provided that in his view were misappropriated. — Catherine Murphy. [48073/23]

*412. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the person appointed by his Department to conduct the strategic review of the labour needs of the meat processing industry; the timeframe for the completion of this review; if work permits will be made available to the meat processing industry while this review is underway; and the timeframe within which these work permits will be made available. — Pauline Tully. [48123/23]

*413. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he met the CEO or senior officials from a company (details supplied) during his recent visit to Chicago. — Darren O'Rourke. [48342/23]

*414. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he and/or the IDA has engaged with a company (details supplied) in respect of reports that the company will file for bankruptcy in the United States and the impact of that in Ireland in respect of its operations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [48541/23]

*415. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will introduce a measure to protect persons who pay up front for services and the supplier of the services closes their business prior to the service being delivered, such as orthodontic services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [48590/23]

*416. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the Workplace Relations Commission's Code of Practice, due to be finalised in order for the commencement of Part 3 of the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2023, will be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [48620/23]

*417. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how many meetings have taken place, if any, in 2022 and to date in 2023 between his officials and officials from the Department of Health to discuss the range and quality of food offerings in the retail sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [48668/23]

*418. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48656/23]

*419. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the remote working code of practice being drafted by the Workplace Relations Commission will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [48681/23]

*420. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48688/23]

*421. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48704/23]

*422. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he met with the CEO of a company (details supplied) during his recent visit to South Korea. — Catherine Murphy. [48759/23]

*423. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he expects the Industrial Relations (Provisions in relation to Pension Entitlements of retired persons) Bill 2021 to proceed to its next stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [48764/23]

*424. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider, given the frequency of flooding events, putting a form of the emergency business flooding support scheme and the enhanced scheme on a statutory basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [48769/23]

*425. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what funding and supports are available to women entrepreneurs looking to start agricultural businesses or agri-food enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48840/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*426. To ask the Minister for Education the number and details of contracts currently held by her Government Department with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48309/23]

*427. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a timeline for when secondary schools that have been through the process of divestment will actually be divested to new patrons. — Patrick Costello. [47293/23]

*428. To ask the Minister for Education to detail the funding available to support patronage changes, including but not limited to legal and rebranding costs for both the outgoing and incoming patron. — Patrick Costello. [47295/23]

*429. To ask the Minister for Education if she intends to publish a review of the pilot divestment programme and to provide a timeline for this publication. — Patrick Costello. [47296/23]

*430. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a breakdown, by county, of school attendance funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [47310/23]

*431. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children, by county, who will benefit from the free schoolbooks scheme at second level under the junior cycle scheme for the 2023/2024 academic year. — Jim O'Callaghan. [47311/23]

*432. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children, by county, who will benefit from the free schoolbooks scheme at primary level for the 2023/2024 academic year. — Jim O’Callaghan. [47312/23]

*433. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline, in relation to a specific case (details supplied), the reason a psychologist has not been allocated by NEPS, despite the requests of their school; and whether a psychologist from a different area will be allocated. — Paul Murphy. [47318/23]

*434. To ask the Minister for Education whether the NEPS area including a particular school (details supplied), does not have any psychologists appointed; and what geographic area and how many schools are included in this area. — Paul Murphy. [47319/23]

*435. To ask the Minister for Education whether additional SNAs will be allocated to a particular school (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [47320/23]

*436. To ask the Minister for Education to extend recognition to route 4 training through the Teaching Council for trained staff to work with special needs children. — Brian Stanley. [47324/23]

*437. To ask the Minister for Education to detail any ongoing or previous use of artificial intelligence within her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [47332/23]

*438. To ask the Minister for Education how many school bus services in County Roscommon are currently not running due to lack of drivers or lack of buses; how many children are affected as a result of these challenges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47378/23]

*439. To ask the Minister for Education if a review is being carried out in relation to DEIS; how a school can apply for DEIS status; if additional consideration is given to Gaeltacht secondary schools with a high proportion of non-national pupils so that they can access the DEIS supports required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [47379/23]

*440. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department would consider plans to expand the transition year programme to include modules supporting vocational skills and life skills such as first aid, culinary skills, road safety and driving education, or any potential partnerships or collaborations for implementation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47381/23]

*441. To ask the Minister for Education when the proposed frontloaded SNA allocation model is due to be introduced; how the frontloaded allocation model will work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [47395/23]

*442. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a permanent school building for a school (details supplied); to provide a detailed update on the proposed site acquisition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [47396/23]

*443. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a permanent school building for a school (details supplied); to provide a detailed update on the proposed site acquisition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [47397/23]

*444. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); when construction will commence; to provide a detailed schedule of works including the estimated timeframe from construction to completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [47398/23]

*445. To ask the Minister for Education when additional accommodation for a school (details supplied) which was approved in May 2022 will be progressed and delivered as the school is experiencing severe overcrowding issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [47399/23]

*446. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); when construction will commence; to provide a detailed schedule of works including the estimated timeframe from construction to completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [47400/23]

*447. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the building works applications for modular units in a school (details supplied); the timeline for delivery of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [47433/23]

*448. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the application by a school (details supplied) for a school bus; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [47440/23]

*449. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the ancillary and IT grant for a school (details supplied); the reason the grant has not been issued; when the payment will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [47441/23]

*450. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 290 of 20 September 2023, if she can supply the roll number and name of all new post-primary schools established between 2000-2007, indicating the year the new roll number was issued and the school planning area in each case, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [47442/23]

*451. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 200 of 10 October 2023, if eligible parents who applied for the special transport grant will be considered for a backdated grant to when the service ceased, to help with the costs previously accrued while transporting their children to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47446/23]

*452. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [47447/23]

*453. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the provision of a school transport service for pupils left without a bus to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [47449/23]

*454. To ask the Minister for Education when the solar panel programme for schools will be rolled out; if she can give an indication to a timeline; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [47450/23]

*455. To ask the Minister for Education her views on an issue affecting a school (details supplied); if she will clarify the position regarding the tender process and planned handover date of September 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [47452/23]

*456. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to concerns related to the management of the construction site for a new temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied); if the site manager for this project can meet with school management to address these concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [47453/23]

*457. To ask the Minister for Education if some leeway will be given for a school (details supplied) in danger of losing a teacher, in view of extenuating circumstances. — Cathal Crowe. [47493/23]

*458. To ask the Minister for Education if she has sought an update from the NCSE regarding the number of ASD places for primary and post-primary schools in the Ballincollig area; if so, how many places will be available for the September 2024 term; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [47516/23]

*459. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to ensure that all students in Cork north central with ASD will have a secondary school place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [47517/23]

*460. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to ensure that all students in Cork north central with ASD will have a primary school place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [47518/23]

*461. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that there are sufficient school places in Cork city and county for the September 2024 intake; what engagement she has had with the NCSE in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [47519/23]

*462. To ask the Minister for Education when officials from her Department will meet with a school in County Mayo (details supplied) as requested by the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [47542/23]

*463. To ask the Minister for Education in relation to a young person (details supplied) who is responsible for conducting an educational assessment for school enrolment, considering that an institution has said that it is no longer responsible to do this, suggesting it is the responsibility of NEPS, but NEPS does not have the resources to conduct such an assessment. — Paul Murphy. [47572/23]

*464. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 218 of 10 October 2023, when the review of the Stage 2A report will be completed in respect of the application from a school (details supplied) regarding the proposed permanent extension comprising of three classroom SEN base, five additional classrooms, two special education tuition rooms, one music room, one textiles room, one science laboratory and preparation room, associated circulation and WC and ancillary areas; if she will expedite this review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47573/23]

*465. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the application for capital works made by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [47574/23]

*466. To ask the Minister for Education to clarify whether a teacher (details supplied) should be on the new or old entrant scale for pay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [47576/23]

*467. To ask the Minister for Education for an urgent update on school transport for a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [47581/23]

*468. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) that completed a Stage 2B submission on 2 June 2023 to the building unit of her Department under the additional accommodation scheme, may be permitted proceed to tender for this project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47597/23]

*469. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the delay in the provision of school transport for a child (details supplied) attending a special ASD unit; the specific financial support available to the parents to meet alternative transport costs in the interim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [47600/23]

*470. To ask the Minister for Education if she will include a school (details supplied) for DEIS status particularly in light of the student blend; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [47604/23]

*471. To ask the Minister for Education if she will guarantee a place for a child (details supplied) for the academic year beginning September 2025. — Denise Mitchell. [47610/23]

*472. To ask the Minister for Education to examine the issue of a shortage of teachers in a school (detail supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [47623/23]

*473. To ask the Minister for Education the number of statements of interests for the purposes of Section 19 that have been filed by her special advisors in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if she will provide a schedule of same. — Catherine Murphy. [47643/23]

*474. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an up-to-date response on her Department's engagement with representatives on the issue of post-primary redeployment of teachers. — Sorca Clarke. [47670/23]

*475. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify when schools can expect to receive the schedule of grant payments; if she is aware that some schools are struggling to cover regular outgoings currently and are awaiting grant payments to do so; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [47679/23]

*476. To ask the Minister for Education to clarify the situation regarding parental entitlement to school transport for their children for the current school year to either the nearest or next nearest school; her views on the discretion available to Bus Éireann in respect of the application of the regulations of the scheme in this regard; if, in the case of entitlement to transport to either the closest or second closest school, she will clarify the situation regarding a specific location (details supplied) in County Cork, where students are equal distance from two post primary

schools; if she will clarify their entitlement in the current school year for school transport in that regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [47680/23]

*477. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in the provision of a new school building (details supplied), given that the current premises was only intended to be temporary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47694/23]

*478. To ask the Minister for Education whether it is the intention to continue with the refurbishment of a school (details supplied), with a view to modernising the school or if it is her Department's intention to build alongside the old school a new school to replace it; if she will clarify what her Department's plans for this school are; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [47704/23]

*479. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for a school bus; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [47706/23]

*480. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a breakdown of the advertising spend of her Department and agencies under the remit of her Department, by national media outlet and local newspaper outlet, for each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47728/23]

*481. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update with respect to a student (details supplied) in County Cork who is receiving school transport under the scheme for children with special educational needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [47746/23]

*482. To ask the Minister for Education to outline how many new classes will be established following the completion of the large-scale project at a school (details supplied); if an indication is available as to when the project will be complete; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47753/23]

*483. To ask the Minister for Education the number of new classes in special schools that are expected to be established at primary level for the 2024/2025 school year in the Dublin South area; and the number of places that will be available to students in those classes. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47763/23]

*484. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [47772/23]

*485. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update regarding an application by a school (details supplied) in County Sligo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [47777/23]

*486. To ask the Minister for Education the engagements her Department, or any agency or body under her direction, has had with the government of Israel, any state body of the government of Israel, or any engagement within or with Israel, in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47803/23]

*487. To ask the Minister for Education the engagements her Department, or any agency or body under her direction, has had with the Palestinian Authority, any organ of the Palestinian Authority, or any engagement within, or with organisations in, the Occupied Palestinian Territory,

in the years 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47821/23]

*488. To ask the Minister for Education her proposals to provide for full summer special provision in 2024 for children with severe and profound intellectual and or physical disabilities in view of their need for routine and their care needs; the discussions she has had with the minister for State with responsibility for disability in relation to this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [47839/23]

*489. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the high turnover threshold of €1.5 million in order to qualify to tender for the tender entitled “Term Maintenance, Refurbishment and Upgrade construction Works to Educational Facilities in various regional and urban location (divided into lots and sub lots) within a National Framework”, thus disqualifying a large number of small, highly competent small building firms from tendering and reducing the competition on the market, and thus raising prices; whether she intends revising these limits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [47843/23]

*490. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén fáth nach n-íoctar deontas le hábhair múinteoirí iar-bhunscoile, atá ag déanamh cláir oideachais tosaigh do mhúinteoirí, chun freastal ar chúrsaí Gaeilge sa Ghaeltacht, cé go bhfuil sé ar cheann de na roghanna atá ag ábhair mhúinteoirí chun a eispéireas tumoideachasúil sa Ghaeilge a chomhlíonadh don Chomhairle Mhúinteoireachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [47845/23]

*491. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department’s offer of a two-storey modular unit for a school (details supplied) will impact the school’s application to build on adjacent land recently purchased for her Department by Waterford City and County Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [47858/23]

*492. To ask the Minister for Education the number of pilot schemes currently underway in education; the nature of these schemes; and the locations where they are underway. — Sorca Clarke. [47893/23]

*493. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the review into the schoolbook grant scheme for primary schools. — Sorca Clarke. [47897/23]

*494. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department is considering extending the benefits achieved under the North-East Inner City Programme to other areas facing similar challenges. — Sorca Clarke. [47898/23]

*495. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the additional accommodation project application lodged by a school (details supplied); the reason for the delay in assessment of the amended Stage 1 Report, which was submitted to her Department as requested in April 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [47928/23]

*496. To ask the Minister for Education when the School Transport Appeals Board will issue a decision on a school transport appeal submitted by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [47934/23]

*497. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update in relation to the intended works for the previously approved additional school accommodation application of a school (details supplied); if her Department will update the school as to the timeline for these

works in the context of the addition of an ASD unit to the project, given that she advised in June that the additional request for accommodation for special educational needs be added to the previously approved brief was already under consideration by her officials; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [47947/23]

*498. To ask the Minister for Education if a response will issue to a school transport case (details supplied), despite the case being submitted on four separate occasions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [47978/23]

*499. To ask the Minister for Education what plans are in place to introduce educational programmes on the dangers of vaping for students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47981/23]

*500. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an appeal for the allocation of teachers in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [47994/23]

*501. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department engages a company (details supplied); if so, the duration and nature of the work; the cost of same to the Exchequer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [48008/23]

*502. 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. [48045/23]

*503. To ask the Minister for Education when two Leaving Certificate English teacher positions will be filled in a secondary school in County Donegal (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [48049/23]

*504. To ask the Minister for Education to review a case and provide an update on a family's application (details supplied); if Bus Éireann can outline whether places are available on the two buses which go past the family home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48054/23]

*505. To ask the Minister for Education when her Department's professional and technical team will complete the review of a report (details supplied); when a decision is likely to be communicated to the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [48056/23]

*506. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question N0. 85 of 25 October 2023, the funding provided by her Department for the annual Stand Up Awareness Campaign for each year since 2013; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [48058/23]

*507. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the review of school secretary contracts; if the allocation model regarding school secretary hours has been progressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [48060/23]

*508. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of a school (details supplied) in which pupils in one class were told not to attend on a Monday after significant ceiling damage occurred

and mould was discovered; and what plan for remedial works will be put in place to resolve the matter and prevent any further water damage to the building. — Seán Crowe. [48064/23]

*509. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [48093/23]

*510. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a concessionary school bus ticket been refused due to capacity to a student (details supplied) in view of the fact that four or five seats remain empty on the bus each day; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [48102/23]

*511. To ask the Minister for Education for clarity on an aspect of a response to a previous Parliamentary Question (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48105/23]

*512. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 177 of 26 October 2023, if a school (details supplied) is included in the NDFA campus plans; if the school's management have been engaged with; and if she can provide a timeline for delivery of new buildings for the school. — Catherine Murphy. [48116/23]

*513. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) will receive funding for its ICT grants and ancillary services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [48214/23]

*514. To ask the Minister for Education the progress made in providing a modular classroom for a special class in a school (details supplied); when it is likely to be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48273/23]

*515. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil i gceist aici an liúntas um múineadh trí Ghaeilge, a bhíodh á íoc le múinteoirí, le tabhairt ar ais de bharr na heaspa múinteoirí atá cáilithe chun múineadh trí Ghaeilge, agus d'fhonn spreagadh a thabhairt do thuilleadh múinteoirí a bheith cáilithe don obair seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48278/23]

*516. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil i gceist aici an liúntas Gaeltachta a bhíodh á íoc le múinteoirí a thabhairt a ais chun a aithint go bhfuil sé riachtanach go meallfar scoth na múinteoirí le múineadh i scoileanna lán-Ghaeilge sa Ghaeltacht; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48279/23]

*517. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil i gceist aici an liúntas teagaisc ar oileán a thabhairt ar ais de bharr an chostais maireachtála ard ar an hoileáin agus de bharr an ghá atá ann tuilleadh múinteoirí a mhealladh le cur isteach ar phoist ar oileáin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48280/23]

*518. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil i gceist aici cabhair speisialta bhreise a chur ar fáil do scoláirí ón Úcráin atá ag freastal ar scoileanna lán-Ghaeilge taobh amuigh, agus taobh istigh, den Ghaeltacht lena chinntiú go sealbhóidh siad an Ghaeilge chomh maith leis an mBéarla agus nach mbeidh tionchar diúltach acu ar theanga na scoile; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48281/23]

*519. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil i gceist aici an líon múinteoirí breise atá ar fáil i meánscoileanna ar oileáin a mhéadú ó 1.5 múinteoir lánaimseartha (WTE) go 2 mhúinteoir

lánaimseartha (WTE) mar atá geallta sa Pholasáí Oileánda, 2023-2033 a foilsíodh i mbliana; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48282/23]

*520. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil i gceist aici an deontas Gaeilge agus dátheangachais a íoctar le meánscoileanna lán-Ghaeilge a leathnú amach do scoileanna ETB atá ag múineadh trí Ghaeilge; an fáth nach raibh an deontas sin ar fáil go dtí seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48283/23]

*521. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil iarratas curtha isteach ag scoil (sonraí tugtha) ar dheontas airgid le seomra aclaíochta/ilúsaíde a thógáil; cad é stádas an iarratais; cén uair a dhéanfar cinneadh air; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48284/23]

*522. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department is involved in implementing any of the recommendations identified in the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Autism Final Report; the measures that have been implemented to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [48316/23]

*523. To ask the Minister for Education when the rates for the capitation grant and the ancillary service grant were last increased. — Darren O'Rourke. [48331/23]

*524. To ask the Minister for Education the amount of capital funding her Department provided to a school (details supplied) in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [48332/23]

*525. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the provision of a multi-denominational school in the Killester, Raheny and Clontarf school catchment area given the high demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [48395/23]

*526. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on progress under the additional accommodation scheme for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48409/23]

*527. To ask the Minister for Education if schools are getting the ICT (digital) grant this year, noting that there was great disappointment that the grant was not given in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [48410/23]

*528. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the funding approval for a school (details supplied) for the building of additional education needs classrooms, considering the design for the project is now complete and the design team is requesting fees for same from the school before the drawings are submitted to her Department; if the school has to pay these fees upfront and seek retrospective funding for same from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [48415/23]

*529. To ask the Minister for Education what progress has been made on the issue of 'fair post-primary redeployment for teachers'; the plans going forward to address this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [48419/23]

*530. To ask the Minister for Education the options available to a parent regarding a school admissions application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [48423/23]

*531. To ask the Minister for Education what progress has been made by her Department with respect to the report that it has received proposing the introduction of a teacher relocation scheme from a working group established by a teachers' union; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [48448/23]

*532. To ask the Minister for Education the options open to a person (details supplied) when such a situation arises; if her Department can assist the person; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [48461/23]

*533. To ask the Minister for Education what progress is being made on the issue of post-primary redeployment; her plans going forward to address same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48465/23]

*534. To ask the Minister for Education to outline when building works will commence at a school (details supplied); if she will investigate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [48471/23]

*535. To ask the Minister for Education the ongoing liaison her Department has had with South Dublin County Council regarding the review of its Development Plan and the need to provide an additional second level school in the school planning area of Newcastle/Rathcoole located in Newcastle Village, County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [48482/23]

*536. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a school capital project (details supplied) in Mayo; the measures her Department is taking in situations where the grant allocated does not cover the costs, as outlined in the tender report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [48488/23]

*537. To ask the Minister for Education if schools with a religious ethos are not permitted to ask for certificates showing training in particular religious ideologies, such as the certificate in religious studies, when seeking to employ teachers; her views on whether this practice discriminates against people of different religious ideas and backgrounds to the school in which they are seeking employment; if she believes legislative change is required to end this practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [48501/23]

*538. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on her views of the work conducted by an organisation (details supplied) in respect of teacher transfers and standardised incremental credit; and if this committee and or her officials has provided her with interim and or final conclusions in respect of its work. — Catherine Murphy. [48524/23]

*539. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the progress that has been made in the past six months with regard to the teacher relocation scheme at post-primary level; what engagements she and her Department have had with the teacher's unions; and what plans she and her Department have in place to address this issue and to guarantee its success going forward. — Sorca Clarke. [48542/23]

*540. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on a modular build project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [48543/23]

*541. To ask the Minister for Education when a mainstream class approved for a primary school (details supplied) in 2019 will proceed to construction stage, in light of the tender report submitted, considering that the grant approved does not cover the costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [48593/23]

*542. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the school bus transport application for a pupil (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [48604/23]

*543. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 236 of 17 October 2023, if she will provide an explanation for why the power and the lights appear to be on in this building 24/7; how much her Department has paid to run the empty building over the past year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [48605/23]

*544. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the primary school application process submission dates vary from school to school in Limerick, with some schools having an application form submission date of 1 May and others 1 March; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [48609/23]

*545. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has received an application for additional accommodation for a school (details supplied) in County Mayo; if this application is being processed; the updated position with this application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [48613/23]

*546. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the paid leave entitlement of a school secretary (details supplied) given recent changes to terms and conditions. — Robert Troy. [48625/23]

*547. To ask the Minister for Education for a detailed breakdown of the total number of non-teaching staff currently being paid directly by her Department's payroll division, who are not assigned public service status; and the employment grade of each, that is, school secretary, caretaker, SNA, cleaners, and so on, by gender, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [48629/23]

*548. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the status of the additional accommodation scheme 2019 funding approved for a school (details supplied), particularly regarding the construction of a mainstream classroom; what measures her Department is taking to address the funding shortfall given the rising costs, as outlined in a recent Tender Report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48634/23]

*549. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the tender process for a school (details supplied); when a contractor will be appointed; the timeframe for completion of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [48638/23]

*550. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the extension for a school (details supplied); when it is anticipated that planning permission will be sought; the timeframe for completion of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [48639/23]

*551. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the extension for a school (details supplied); when a contractor will be appointed; the timeframe for completion of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [48640/23]

*552. To ask the Minister for Education what plans are in place to address the pending shortfall of secondary school places for the Greystones area for the September 2024 intake; what engagement has taken place with the secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [48641/23]

*553. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to recognise a national school (details supplied) as meeting the requirements for a DEIS school. — Alan Dillon. [48647/23]

*554. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has a policy framework in place to address the alarming rise of vaping among primary and secondary school students; if so, if she will provide details of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48674/23]

*555. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [48675/23]

*556. To ask the Minister for Education when an appeal (details supplied) submitted to the School Transport Appeals Board will be processed and a decision reached, in view that it is over seven weeks since the appeal was submitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48676/23]

*557. To ask the Minister for Education the number and details of contracts currently held by her Department with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48655/23]

*558. To ask the Minister for Education the number and details of contracts currently held by her Department with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48687/23]

*559. To ask the Minister for Education the number and details of contracts currently held by her Department with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48703/23]

*560. To ask the Minister for Education when she will meet with the teacher unions to discuss the report proposing the introduction of a teacher relocation scheme from a working group established by one of the teacher unions. — Robert Troy. [48716/23]

*561. To ask the Minister for Education what progress has been made on a report she received proposing the introduction of a teacher relocation scheme; what her plans are going forward in addressing this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [48720/23]

*562. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to review the DEIS status of schools now that the Census 2022 have been reported; if she envisages granting a new DEIS status to any schools in the near future; how the disadvantage status of a person in homeless accommodation is assessed under the scheme; and whether this might result in the disadvantage status being misread. — Richard Bruton. [48733/23]

*563. To ask the Minister for Education the percentage of her 2023 capital budget allocation was actually spent in the first nine months of the year. — Catherine Murphy. [48749/23]

*564. To ask the Minister for Education if she is considering making changes to Circular 0054/2019, which governs parental leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [48765/23]

*565. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department is engaging with stakeholders (details supplied) with regard to the establishment of a nationwide teacher transfer system for post primary teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48785/23]

*566. To ask the Minister for Education what progress has been made on a transfer/relocation scheme for secondary school teachers (details supplied); what are the plans going forward in addressing the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [48820/23]

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

*567. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to detail any ongoing or previous use of artificial intelligence within her Department. — Holly Cairns. [47345/23]

*568. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 4 of 19 October 2023, if her Department does not have responsibility for the general hospitality sector or the food services sector, the Department and Minister that has responsibility for the protection and promotion of Ireland's food-led businesses including restaurants, cafés and gastropubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [47406/23]

*569. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide an update on the status of the Munster football centre of excellence in Glanmire; the interaction her Department has had with the FAI and (details supplied) in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [47515/23]

*570. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the date on which she was notified by her special advisor (details supplied) that she had applied for a position at the Media Commission; and her views on whether the role change represents a conflict of interest, or a perceived conflict of interest. — Catherine Murphy. [47625/23]

*571. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will clarify whether a declaration of interest and or a statement of interests for the purposes of Section 19 was filed by a special advisor (details supplied) during their recruitment to her Department and their new role in the Media Commission. — Catherine Murphy. [47639/23]

*572. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of statements of interests for the purposes of Section 19 that have been filed by her special advisors in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if she will provide a schedule of same. — Catherine Murphy. [47656/23]

*573. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide a breakdown of the advertising spend of her Department and agencies under the remit of her Department, by national media outlet and local newspaper outlet, for each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47741/23]

*574. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the engagements her Department, or any agency or body under her direction, has had with the government of Israel, any state body of the government of Israel, or any engagement within or with Israel, in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47816/23]

*575. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the engagements her Department, or any agency or body under her direction, has had with the Palestinian Authority, any organ of the Palestinian Authority, or any engagement within, or with organisations in, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in the years 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47834/23]

*576. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on the large-scale sports infrastructure fund; the number of projects that were allocated funding in Longford and Westmeath under the previous round; to provide an update on progress from these projects. — Sorca Clarke. [47886/23]

*577. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of applications received under the most recent sports capital grant scheme in Longford and Westmeath; and the value of the approved applications. — Sorca Clarke. [47901/23]

*578. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update in relation to the investigation by an organisation (details supplied) into the use of the National Stadium by a group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [47958/23]

*579. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department engages a company (details supplied); if so, the duration and nature of the work; the cost of same to the Exchequer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [48021/23]

*580. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media how a community should go about trying to secure support from Government to establish a local arts centre; if she is aware of the demand in Athenry, County Galway, in particular; what support she can provide to their efforts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [48039/23]

*581. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of complaints she has filed to the Corporate Enforcement Agency (CEA) since the establishment of the CEA and/or An Garda Síochána in the past ten years to date in respect of grants and or funds her Department provided that in her view were misappropriated. — Catherine Murphy. [48075/23]

*582. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide an update of any plans or proposals in relation to the proposed plaque outside the Customs House

commemorating the community commemorative event of 25 May 2008 in remembrance of An Gorta Mór. — Seán Crowe. [48115/23]

*583. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if downstream businesses such as restaurants, cafés and gastropubs, that have suffered an equally devastating impact as a result of reduced footfall/tourism caused by contracting of beds by the Government for humanitarian purposes, will be included in any specific business support scheme for tourism activities and attractions, which is currently being examined by Fáilte Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [48197/23]

*584. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil i gceist aici liúntas breise maoine caipitil a chur ar fáil go TG4 as seo go deireadh na bliana le ligean dóibh cur leis an obair iontach atá ar bun acu, ag tógáil san áireamh an €16.5 m breise reatha atá le cur ar fáil do RTÉ sa bhliain reatha; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48250/23]

*585. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number and details of contracts currently held by her Government Department with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48309/23]

*586. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of funding her Department provided to each national cultural institution in 2023; and the amount that will be provided to each in 2024, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [48340/23]

*587. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number and details of contracts currently held by her Department with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48665/23]

*588. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number and details of contracts currently held by her Department with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48697/23]

*589. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number and details of contracts currently held by her Department with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48713/23]

*590. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps being taken by Tourism Ireland to promote tourism here during winter months. — Catherine Murphy. [48762/23]

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

*591. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount allocated in Budget 2024 to assist restoration of the Ulster Canal; and if the route has been an item of discussion in the context of the shared island initiative. — Catherine Murphy. [47097/23]

*592. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the preservation of allotment plots in local authority areas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [47266/23]

*593. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total new homes recorded under Housing for All progress updates; the number which have gone to market; and the number which are now inhabited. — Ivana Bacik. [47276/23]

*594. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applicants for a local authority home loan in 2023; the number of approvals for a local authority home loan in 2023; and the total amount drawn down in local authority home loans in 2023 in each local authority, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [47278/23]

*595. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will send a circular to all local authorities asking for them to allow for an extension of the 13-month period to complete works to vacant and derelict properties under the croí cónaithe scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47290/23]

*596. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the impact that the slow progress being made in the taking in charge of housing estates is having upon the environment in situations whereby the developer-provided infrastructure, including wastewater treatment plants, are malfunctioning; if his Department has communicated with the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications on the consequences for local water sources and public safety that may result from delays in resolving the transfer of responsibility for developer-provided infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [47297/23]

*597. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to review the housing assistance payment in order that weekly tenant contributions are calculated as a percentage of gross earnings of the household as per Revenue Commissioner filings, on the same basis throughout the country, and for the basis of calculations to be transparent to the public. — Paul McAuliffe. [47299/23]

*598. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to detail any ongoing or previous use of artificial intelligence within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [47339/23]

*599. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what funding is available from his Department for the establishment of local museums and for the collection and collation of local historical artefacts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [47347/23]

*600. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a grant (details supplied) could be paid out in stage for each category of work completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [47364/23]

*601. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the up-to-date position with a project (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [47391/23]

*602. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of cost rental tenant-in-situ homes completed to date for each local authority; the number in progress, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [47392/23]

*603. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason all housing circulars are not published on the gov.ie website as matter of routine; if he will give a commitment to ensuring that they are made publicly available in future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [47421/23]

*604. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider including those who wish to down-size to free up a family size home in the ‘fresh start’ principle for local authority affordable purchase housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47437/23]

*605. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has received or approved a capitalisation request from the Land Development Agency for additional capitalisation beyond the monies sanctioned to date under the terms of the Land Development Agency Act 2021. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47494/23]

*606. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has requested capitalisation for the Land Development Agency for additional capitalisation beyond the monies sanctioned to date under the terms of the Land Development Agency Act 2021; if so, when; from which agency; and the amount. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47496/23]

*607. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the introduction of emergency funding for interim fire safety works in buildings with fire safety and other defects; the amount of funding that will be made available this year; how it will be accessed; when the funding scheme will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [47524/23]

*608. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the portal within the Housing Agency for people with defective homes to access information and funding for remedial works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [47525/23]

*609. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update in relation to the provision of interim funding to allow for the commencement of emergency fire safety works in buildings with identified fire safety defects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [47526/23]

*610. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of Vote 34 in Budget 2024, providing the total capital and current expenditure for each individual programme within Heads A, B, C, D, E and F, and a summary of the Housing Vote Group breakdown. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47530/23]

*611. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding allocated to the STAR investment programme for 2024; if this is voted Government expenditure or funded through some other mechanism; and if so, how it is accounted for in the general Government balance. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47531/23]

*612. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if section 19 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, which imposes a general requirement on planning authorities to make a local area plan in respect of an area that is ‘designated as a town in the most recent census of population’, can continue to be operated, given that Census 2022 did not designate any areas as towns; the number of local area plans that were completed before Census

2022 was published; the number remaining to be completed; if there are proposals to deal with any issues arising and to ensure continuity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [47533/23]

*613. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of social housing units delivered by AHBs accessing the CLSS loans where the loans have now been fully repaid; the total number of social housing units delivered by AHBs accessing the CLSS loans where the loans or part of the loans remain outstanding; to provide a timeline for this second category of CLSS loans, indicating the number of properties where loans will be repaid in full for each year until all CLSS loans have been repaid; the total number of units of social housing delivered by AHBs with CALF funding; and to provide a timeline for CALF loans, indicating the number of properties where loans will be repaid in full for each year until all CALF loans have been repaid, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47537/23]

*614. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the total number of active HAP tenancies in each local authority for the most recent date available. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47546/23]

*615. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the €250 million URDF funding announced in Budget 2024, by specific funding scheme that is, refurbishment grant. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47547/23]

*616. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the croi connaithe funding announced in Budget 2024, by croi conaithe towns and croi conaithe cities funds. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47548/23]

*617. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the additional €10 million provided for planning matters in Budget 2024; the amount for An Bord Pleanála, for local authorities and the training initiative; and if possible, to provide a further breakdown of posts being funded for ABP and local authorities. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47549/23]

*618. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the €9 million additional funding announced in Budget 2024, detailing how much of this funding is for adaptation grants for older people and how much is for refurbishment of Traveller accommodation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47550/23]

*619. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total expenditure in 2022 and to date in 2023 on social and affordable housing funded through SHIP, CALF, CAS, AHF, CREL, AHB borrowing and LDA expenditure. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47551/23]

*620. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the capital allocation of €5 billion for social and affordable housing in Budget 2024 by the following categories: SHIP, CALF, CAS, AHF, CREL, AHB borrowing and LDA expenditure. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47552/23]

*621. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of additional housing first tenancies that will be provided in 2024 with the additional capital allocation of €35 million announced in Budget 2024. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47553/23]

*622. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how much of the additional €55 million for affordable housing announced in Budget 2024 will be for the affordable housing fund and the cost rental equity loan; the total amount of funding for these two funds allocated in 2024; and the number of units expected to be delivered through these funds in 2024. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47554/23]

*623. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total approved capitalisation approved by Government to date; the dates on which these capitalisations were approved; the mounts of this capitalisation drawn down to date; the total additional borrowing capacity permissible by the LDA in addition to this capitalisation; and the amount of this borrowing approved and drawn down to date. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47555/23]

*624. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount of general Government capital expenditure on social and affordable housing by local authorities, approved housing bodies and the Land Development Agency, to date in 2023, by funding via voted-Government capital expenditure, approved housing body-borrowing for capital developments and LDA capital expenditure in each of those years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47556/23]

*625. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when funding will be available for interim and emergency fire safety works for homeowners with Celtic Tiger-era building defects. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47557/23]

*626. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the draft legislation for the Celtic Tiger-era building defects redress scheme will be published. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47558/23]

*627. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason ‘pandemic’ is defined in the Electoral Reform Act 2022 as an outbreak of disease which has been declared by the World Health Organisation to be a pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [47617/23]

*628. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of statements of interests for the purposes of Section 19 that have been filed by his special advisors in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will provide a schedule of same. — Catherine Murphy. [47650/23]

*629. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that Uisce Éireann is using circular WSP01/16 as justification for requiring sureties when dealing with community water scheme; if he accepts that circular WSP01/16 is relevant in such cases, despite the fact that the circular relates to procedures for planning authorities in relation planning permission, including conditions related private developments to be connected to the public water supply, and does not reference community water connections which are essentially extensions to the public mains and not developments and as such do not require planning permission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [47671/23]

*630. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 564 of 18 January 2023, and given the reissuing of the boil water notice for the Whitegate public water supply on 18 October 2023, if he would consider compensation for the costs associated with the purchasing and boiling of water by affected households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [47692/23]

*631. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details, for each of the 31 local authorities, on the number of inspections for minimum standards of private properties carried out in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; the number of enforcement orders made; the reason for each of the enforcements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [47708/23]

*632. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the advertising spend of his Department and agencies under the remit of his Department, by national media outlet and local newspaper outlet, for each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47735/23]

*633. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what guidance has been given to local authorities regarding variable rate mortgages provided by the local authorities and whether the Department agrees with local authorities passing on said rate increases to the mortgage holders. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47784/23]

*634. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the mortgage interest relief scheme proposed by his Government will also include those on local authority mortgages that are affected. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47785/23]

*635. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has considered providing funding to local authorities to absorb the increased cost of mortgage interest applying to mortgage policies they have provided. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47786/23]

*636. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applicants to the housing adaptation grants for older people and people with a disability scheme in the years 2019 to date in County Monaghan; the number approved; the number who are awaiting payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47796/23]

*637. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the government of Israel, any state body of the government of Israel, or any engagement within or with Israel, in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47810/23]

*638. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the Palestinian Authority, any organ of the Palestinian Authority, or any engagement within, or with organisations in, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in the years 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47828/23]

*639. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 191 of 18 October 2023, if the draft regulations have been presented to his private office for consideration; when it is expected that these regulations will be published; if there is a period of time provided for in the regulations before they will be fully applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47866/23]

*640. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of government funding for all Dublin City Council housing programmes and expenditure in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular

form; the designated uses for each funding stream; if he will report on any projected changes in individual funding streams for 2024; and the rationale for any changes in funding. — Ivana Bacik. [47868/23]

*641. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the anticipated changes in funding to local authorities for 2024 in respect of the conversion of voids; and, where a reduction in funding is projected, the rationale for such a reduction. — Ivana Bacik. [47869/23]

*642. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 347 of 24 October 2023, if any reduction in subvention to any local authority will be reduced in the years 2023 or 2024; and if so, the rationale for such a reduction. — Ivana Bacik. [47870/23]

*643. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the rationale for capping the average amount spent by local authorities under the void programme at an average of €11,000 across all dwellings; and if he will make a statement on the adequacy of this reimbursement in view of the cost of building materials and labour. — Ivana Bacik. [47903/23]

*644. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the preparations of the guidance document on improving energy efficiency in traditional buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47939/23]

*645. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of all projects under the ready to build (serviced sites) scheme, whether underway or completed, broken down by local authority, size and current status of the project. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47974/23]

*646. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if land currently owned by a State agency and not zoned residential would be eligible under the ready to build (serviced sites) scheme prior to a material contravention being made. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47975/23]

*647. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if prospective homeowners can access the enhanced help-to-buy scheme to build a home on a serviced site developed under the ready to build (serviced sites) scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47976/23]

*648. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the revised cost rental equity loan (CREL) guidance document will be published. — Louise O'Reilly. [48000/23]

*649. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department engages a company (details supplied); if so, the duration and nature of the work; the cost of same to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [48015/23]

*650. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to update the 2006 wind energy development guidelines relative to the changes in that sector, such as technology and the size of a single turbine and how these turbines adversely affect local communities; the status of the 2019 guidelines; to outline his intentions relative to the need for such guidelines; if he will set out his response to documents, linked by QR code, submitted to his Department by this Deputy from a group (details supplied) detailing its concerns and proposals regarding wind energy and the just transition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [48023/23]

*651. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline his position on each of four matters (details supplied) relative to the development/improvement of Government policy on wind farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [48024/23]

*652. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, given the discrepancies in the clawback calculations from FOI responses received from Dublin City Council (€24,000) and South Dublin County Council (€40,000), and noting that legislation mandates consistent clawback rules for homes resold within 20 years, he will clarify the proper implementation of the clawback, as per the Planning and Development Act 2000 and the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2002; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [48033/23]

*653. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details on the source of the additional funding he plans to provide the LDA, announced on 10 October 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [48055/23]

*654. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 305 of 10 October 2023, when his Department will establish an oversight committee to address the defective block crisis that meets regularly and includes all the relevant stakeholders, including homeowner representatives, local authorities, banks, financial institutions and insurance sector, engineers, chartered surveyors, the Housing Agency, etc., as agreed in principle in engagements with the Banking and Payments Federation Ireland, such committee having a broader remit than the Banking Working Group referred to in my previous question, which would only focus on the contribution that the banks can make to the remediation of homes affected by defective blocks. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [48071/23]

*655. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of complaints he has filed to the Corporate Enforcement Agency (CEA) since the establishment of the CEA and/or An Garda Síochána in the past ten years to date in respect of grants and or funds his Department provided that in his view were misappropriated. — Catherine Murphy. [48076/23]

*656. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures his Department is taking to help an organisation (details supplied) with issues over bringing birds to and from Ireland as personal belongings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48108/23]

*657. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which he anticipates an improvement in terms of accessibility to all new build dwellings in order to facilitate in the widest way possible the needs of people with disabilities in preference to retrospective provision of such facilities with obvious value for money benefits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48131/23]

*658. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [48146/23]

*659. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to respond to concerns raised (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [48154/23]

*660. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will advise on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [48248/23]

*661. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when substitute consent is or is not required to rectify small non-compliances with planning in or near a Natura 2,000 site, particularly where the non-compliance does not materially affect the integrity of the Natura 2000 Site; whether it is intended to issue new guidelines to local authorities in relation to this matter due to the cost of applying for leave to apply for substitute consent and for substitute consent itself and also due to the perceived discrepancy between the Bord Pleanála's approach and local authorities approach to this issue and the delay of up to three years involved in getting decisions from the board on applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48272/23]

*662. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether it is intended to widen the eligibility criteria for the mortgage to rent scheme; when new guidelines are likely to issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48274/23]

*663. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount of voted capital expenditure for the sustainable tenancy affordable rent investment initiative in 2024; and whether approved housing bodies can apply for the funding. — Eoin Ó Broin. [48302/23]

*664. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number and details of contracts currently held by his Government Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48309/23]

*665. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will be introducing 'use it or lose it' rules to strip developers of planning permission on land they have failed to develop; if so, when these rules will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [48313/23]

*666. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the report from the Housing Commission will be published. — Louise O'Reilly. [48381/23]

*667. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person qualifies for the affordable housing scheme in cases in which the lending institution refuses a mortgage to an applicant that has cystic fibrosis. — Louise O'Reilly. [48392/23]

*668. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage pursuant to section 9 of the Land Development Agency Act 2021, the details of any reports he has received to date from the Land Development Agency or a subsidiary DAC with regard to progress towards achieving the purposes of the Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48427/23]

*669. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to address issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) that relate to his Department and an agency. — Sean Sherlock. [48431/23]

*670. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the repair of social houses affected by defective concrete blocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [48487/23]

*671. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the capital and current budget allocations for each of the programmes included in Vote 34, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, for 2024, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [48550/23]

*672. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that all local authority winter homeless initiatives/additional winter capacity are now open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48569/23]

*673. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what power the Housing Agency has with respect to purchasing houses under the tenant-in-situ scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48571/23]

*674. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has devised a winter plan with respect to homelessness, emergency accommodation, and those at risk of homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48572/23]

*675. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason only two caravans were granted to Clare under the caravan loan scheme in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48573/23]

*676. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how he plans to address a need (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48574/23]

*677. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the work of the Commission on Housing regarding the referendum on the right to housing; the draft wording of the referendum; when the referendum is expected to be held; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [48651/23]

*678. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48660/23]

*679. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of local authorities that have applied for additional funding for vacant homes officers to date in 2023; the amount each local authority received; how many new vacant homes officers have been hired, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [48679/23]

*680. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant housing officers in place in each local authority; if they are employed on a full or part-time basis, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [48680/23]

*681. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48693/23]

*682. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48709/23]

*683. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications received for the vacant properties refurbishment grant in each of the last 12 months, the number of successful applications, the number of grants paid out under the scheme and the total value of grants actually paid out, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [48723/23]

*684. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications for the first home shared equity scheme; the number of approvals; the average house price for all drawdowns, broken down by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [48727/23]

*685. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on his discussions with the European Commissioner relating to the implementation of a short-term letting register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [48728/23]

*686. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of WTE hydrometeorologists working in Met Éireann in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased during 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [48761/23]

*687. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what additional supports his Department is making available to Louth County Council in relation to the clean-up operation after the recent flooding events in north Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [48768/23]

*688. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authority adaptation grants are available to tenants of approved housing bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [48781/23]

*689. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what further supports are available for a person applying for a housing adaptation grant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [48783/23]

*690. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with respect to the carryover of €240 million to Programme A – Housing Capital in Vote 34 from Budget 2022 to Budget 2023, to provide a breakdown by specific housing programme including local authority housing, CAS, CALF, CREL, AHF, CC and FHS. — Eoin Ó Broin. [48796/23]

*691. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that the Minister of State with responsibility for Heritage and his Department officials urgently consult with the representatives of the fishing industry in Ireland on his proposals to introduce three new proposed marine conservation areas in the Porcupine Shelf, Southern Canyons and the north west Irish Sea; if there is a consistency in policy application across Government departments when it comes to marine conservation areas and marine protected areas based on the model of the Seafood- Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) working group. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [48827/23]

*692. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the third River Basin Management Plan for Ireland, to cover the EU Water Framework Directive third cycle, will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48836/23]

*693. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the State expenditure on long-term leasing to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [48841/23]

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

*694. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of the guardians payment for 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; the cost to increase the payment to €400; to outline any outreach being done to alert families who are caring for children and young people and are not in receipt of any payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [47202/23]

*695. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to review the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47247/23]

*696. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of the invalidity pension application for a person (details supplied); when they can expect to receive a decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [47260/23]

*697. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current average waiting time and longest waiting time for social welfare claims, and separately, for claim appeals; the steps her Department is taking to reduce the backlog of appeals of social welfare claims and the waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [47261/23]

*698. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if contributions will be allocated to farmers who were in receipt of farm assist between the years 1999 and 2025, in view of the requirement for contributions to qualify for the State pension (contributory) and the impact that a break in their contributions may have on eligibility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47267/23]

*699. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of farmers who have been in receipt of farm assist in each of the years 1999 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47268/23]

*700. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of jobseekers’ claiming the lower rate of jobseekers’ allowance for those aged under 25 years. — Ivana Bacik. [47279/23]

*701. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people currently in receipt of a disability payment, by disability category in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [47283/23]

*702. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has undertaken research on the barriers people on disability payments face with finding and entering employment and the supports they need to overcome these barriers. — Pauline Tully. [47284/23]

*703. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how much weight is given to the person’s own account of the impact of their condition on their capacity to work in the medical assessment for disability payments. — Pauline Tully. [47285/23]

*704. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures she and her Department are taking to improve the employment supports available to people with disabilities. — Pauline Tully. [47286/23]

*705. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if those who receive a half-rate Increase for a qualified child payment will get the full €100 bonus announced in Budget 2024; if not, how the €100 bonus will be paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [47304/23]

*706. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to detail any ongoing or previous use of artificial intelligence within her Department. — Holly Cairns. [47343/23]

*707. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to confirm that a person (details supplied) will be awarded the full rate of disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47384/23]

*708. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the entitlements for an Irish citizen who has been living and working in the USA for a number of years and wishes to return home to Ireland on a full-time basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47408/23]

*709. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if precautions are in place to ensure that a person who decides to decline a payment to an applicant is not the person who conducts the appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [47409/23]

*710. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware of an issue (details supplied); if she will ask her officials to review the situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47430/23]

*711. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the Government has any plans to recognise Covid-19 as an occupational disease for frontline health care workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [47434/23]

*712. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the consideration being given to the recommendations of the Tax Strategy Group's paper in relation to pay related social insurance, in particular their proposal to eliminate the lower employer social insurance rate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47443/23]

*713. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) has an entitlement to a payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [47477/23]

*714. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will intervene to ensure that a fuel allowance payment is awarded to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [47520/23]

*715. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she would consider changing the means test for benefit payments so that other household incomes are disregarded, particularly in the case of unmarried co-habiting couples. — Cathal Crowe. [47532/23]

*716. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current average length of time between an initial application for jobseeker's allowance and jobseeker's benefit and the ultimate decision to

grant or deny that application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [47565/23]

*717. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current average time taken to process an application for jobseeker's received from a person who was previously self-employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [47566/23]

*718. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to confirm whether a person who resumes paid employment after applying for jobseekers, but before their application is approved, is entitled to backdated payments once their application is approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [47567/23]

*719. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal submitted (details supplied) on foot of the suspension of a guardians' payment; if an oral hearing is being organised to consider further information from the appellant, or if her Department would consider such a step; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47590/23]

*720. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the qualifying criteria for people with epilepsy and other medical conditions who cannot drive but are not in receipt of a social welfare payment for free travel as per Budget 2024; whether such support will be means tested; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47599/23]

*721. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide details of PRSI contributions by a person (details supplied) in County Cork; when payment of self-employed PRSI contributions commenced in this case; and if payments continue until this person reaches pension age, if they will have an entitlement to the State pension (contributory). — Michael Ring. [47603/23]

*722. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a timeline for the implementation of each of the nine recommendations outlined in the Review of the Reasonable Accommodation Fund and the Disability Awareness Support Scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47620/23]

*723. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide details of PRSI contributions by a person (details supplied) in County Cork; when payment of self-employed PRSI contributions commenced in this case; if payments continue until this person reaches pension age; and if she will have an entitlement to the State (contributory) pension. — Michael Creed. [47622/23]

*724. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of statements of interests for the purposes of Section 19 that have been filed by her special advisors in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if she will provide a schedule of same. — Catherine Murphy. [47654/23]

*725. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will expedite a review for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [47717/23]

*726. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide a breakdown of the advertising spend of her Department and agencies under the remit of her Department, by national media outlet and local newspaper outlet, for each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47739/23]

*727. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will give details of the humanitarian assistance schemes in place for those affected by flooding; if a householder in Dublin, who was flooded in August 2023 due to a severe weather event and who cannot get insurance cover anymore due to previous flooding, can apply for humanitarian assistance; the income limits in place; the role of an organisation (details supplied) in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [47743/23]

*728. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on the review requested on behalf of a person (details supplied) who is in receipt of a State pension (contributory) and, as a result of an error, has had their qualified adult allowance stopped; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [47744/23]

*729. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the engagements her Department, or any agency or body under her direction, has had with the government of Israel, any state body of the government of Israel, or any engagement within or with Israel, in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47814/23]

*730. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the engagements her Department, or any agency or body under her direction, has had with the Palestinian Authority, any organ of the Palestinian Authority, or any engagement within, or with organisations in, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in the years 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47832/23]

*731. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way her Department would handle personal data disclosed during the Green Paper on Disability Reform: A Public Consultation to Reform Disability Payments in Ireland (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [47844/23]

*732. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to clarify if persons in receipt of illness benefit are entitled to any ‘bonus payments’ that may be issued from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [47864/23]

*733. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the payments which remain payable should the recipient relocate permanently outside the State. — Sorca Clarke. [47892/23]

*734. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 121 of 25 October 2023, if flexibility will be provided to those farmers who were in receipt of farm assist between 1999 and 2007 and who now have gaps in their contributions and do not qualify for the State pension (contributory) given those farmers who have now reached pension age may be unable to make voluntary contributions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47912/23]

*735. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to respond to concerns and proposals (details supplied) relating directly to the introduction of a temporary abolition of pay-related social insurance (PRSI) for lower earning workers in 2024, 2025 and 2026 which is a matter for her; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [47921/23]

*736. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in respect of a disability allowance application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [47949/23]

*737. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department engages a company (details supplied); if so, the duration and nature of the work; the cost of same to the Exchequer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [48019/23]

*738. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider bringing in child benefit payments for those over 18 years in full-time secondary education in 2023, instead of from September 2024 onwards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [48047/23]

*739. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure an application for a respite care grant is approved for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [48066/23]

*740. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of complaints she has filed to the Corporate Enforcement Agency (CEA) since the establishment of the CEA and/or An Garda Síochána in the past ten years to date in respect of grants and or funds her Department provided that in her view were misappropriated. — Catherine Murphy. [48078/23]

*741. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48094/23]

*742. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a domiciliary care allowance application in the name of a person (details supplied) will be re-examined and approved as a matter of urgency; and if an oral hearing will be arranged if necessary. — John McGuinness. [48103/23]

*743. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48119/23]

*744. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on an appeal for a disability allowance for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [48145/23]

*745. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is entitled to a living alone allowance. — Michael Creed. [48155/23]

*746. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in regard to the announced expansion of the free travel pass to support people medically certified as unable to drive, if only people in receipt of a primary medical certificate will qualify as medically certified as unable to drive. — Pauline Tully. [48156/23]

*747. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to detail the consultations which took place within her Department in the formation of the green paper on disability allowance. — Holly Cairns. [48212/23]

*748. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will extend the closing date for the public consultation on the green paper on disability allowance in order to allow disabled people and organisations ample time to submit their responses to the proposed changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [48205/23]

*749. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether her Department has conducted any research into the social and structural barriers preventing people with disabilities from accessing

employment; and whether this research fed into the construction of the green paper on disability allowance. — Holly Cairns. [48206/23]

*750. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications received for disability allowance; the number of applications refused; and the number of applications approved on appeal, from 2019 to date, by year, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [48207/23]

*751. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide details on the proposed structure of means testing under the green paper on disability allowance; how cohabitating couples will be assessed; and what the income threshold would be. — Holly Cairns. [48208/23]

*752. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reasoning behind the proposal to raise the age of access to the disability allowance from 16 to 18 years of age in her Department's green paper on disability allowance; to detail the research that went into the basis for this proposal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [48209/23]

*753. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether the cap of a €20,000-per-annum scholarship income disregard for PhD students who are in receipt of disability allowance will be raised in light of the increase to PhD stipends announced by the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [48210/23]

*754. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the name of each company contracted to provide the hot school meals programme, in tabular form; the total cost and duration of each contract; the numbers of schools and students in each county availing of the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [48218/23]

*755. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an appeal emailed to the welfare appeals office on 17 September 2023 (details supplied) will be registered; if the backlog in registering appeals will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48233/23]

*756. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a jobseeker's allowance application from a person in County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48236/23]

*757. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether it is appropriate for the Independent Social Welfare Appeals Office to be holding oral hearings in Intreo offices; if this practice will undermine the integrity of the appeals process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48237/23]

*758. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine the qualifying conditions for the fuel allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48301/23]

*759. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends increasing the upper threshold of €310 per week for entitlement to a qualified adult payment for social insurance-based schemes in the forthcoming social welfare Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48305/23]

*760. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number, by each €10-per-week income band, of State pension (contributory) qualified adults in receipt of the total IQA allowance and of a tapered rate of qualified adult allowance where the qualified adult is 66 or over; whether she intends changing the way the increase for a qualified adult is calculated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48306/23]

*761. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number, by each €10-per-week income band, of State pension (contributory) qualified adults in receipt of a tapered rate of qualified adult allowance where the qualified adult is aged under 66 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48307/23]

*762. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of pensioners in receipt of a non-contributory State pension; the number of these that are receiving a reduced rate; the estimated cost to her Department of exempting the first €200 of self-employed income from the means test similar to regime that applies to employed income; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48308/23]

*763. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number and details of contracts currently held by her Government Department with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48309/23]

*764. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an appeal decision for a person (details supplied) will issue. — Denise Mitchell. [48378/23]

*765. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the fuel allowance will be awarded to an applicant in County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48380/23]

*766. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the humanitarian assistance scheme is available for residents of the recent flooding (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [48390/23]

*767. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what benefits or social welfare payments an individual who paid class M PRSI contributions can qualify for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [48416/23]

*768. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the introduction of pay-related unemployment benefits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [48418/23]

*769. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that individuals on farm assist and fish assist continue to receive letters from her Department inviting them to attend recruitment fairs, as they believe they are in receipt of jobseeker's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48485/23]

*770. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will ensure that claimants who are likely to lose the free transport benefit over the next eight months and before fulfilling eligibility from July 2024, are not deprived of this important and crucial benefit (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [48551/23]

*771. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of disallowed applications for disability allowance for 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48557/23]

*772. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of disallowed applications for carer's allowance for 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48558/23]

*773. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of the carer's support grant that are not in receipt of the carer's allowance due to the means test requirement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48559/23]

*774. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what supports are in place for a person who is self-employed and in need of maternity leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48560/23]

*775. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on a proposal (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48561/23]

*776. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 72 of 24 October 2023, the number of applications her Department received and were granted, or denied, and the reasons for denial in those cases, of a payment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48562/23]

*777. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she can clarify the current position with respect to the situation whereby homeless individuals can collect social welfare payments at their post office in lieu of address; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48563/23]

*778. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider a free travel card for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48621/23]

*779. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if supports are in place to facilitate the purchase of laptops and other necessary IT equipment for people who are long-term unemployed and who need such equipment for education courses to help them re-enter employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [48623/23]

*780. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number and details of contracts currently held by her Department with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48664/23]

*781. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number and details of contracts currently held by her Department with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48696/23]

*782. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number and details of contracts currently held by her Department with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48712/23]

*783. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the extension of child benefit payment to 18-year-olds who are still in school will apply to those whose 18th birthday falls between now and September 2024; if those families will lose the payment between the child's birthday and September 2024; if not if, they will lose it entirely; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [48722/23]

*784. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a carer's allowance appeal by a person in County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48821/23]

*785. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what action her Department is taking to ensure that women engaged in full-time agricultural activities have access to social protection measures, such as maternity benefits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48837/23]

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

*786. To ask the Minister for Justice if she agrees that in relation to the sale of a home, houses where a grant of probate is not in place should not be advertised for sale; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [48672/23]

*787. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to extend the 2001 Temporary Protection Directive to Palestinian nationals living in Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem; the representations she has made at EU level in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48777/23]

*788. To ask the Minister for Justice if the review of the current two-year allowable timeframe for making a claim to the Criminal Injuries Board compensation scheme has been completed; if anyone who was outside the timeframe may apply at a date in the future; if the two-year limit is in force for minors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [47187/23]

*789. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision is likely to be reached on a visa extension application (details supplied) in view that the visa is due to expire on 30 October 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47272/23]

*790. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider not turning the clocks back one hour this winter to facilitate persons who suffer from seasonal affective disorder; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [47307/23]

*791. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of people who have been prosecuted for illegally selling coal in Ireland in each of the years 2019 to 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [47309/23]

*792. To ask the Minister for Justice to detail any ongoing or previous use of artificial intelligence within her Department. — Holly Cairns. [47340/23]

*793. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of days that educational programmes in prisons were prevented from proceeding, including partial or full closures, due to staff shortages or for any other reasons, from 1 October 2022 to date, by prison institution, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [47366/23]

*794. To ask the Minister for Justice the up-to-date position with the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022; when the Bill will progress through the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [47394/23]

*795. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will intervene in the case of a person (details supplied) and arrange for them to be transferred to Loughan House on compassionate grounds. — Chris Andrews. [47424/23]

*796. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47463/23]

*797. To ask the Minister for Justice the security checks that are carried out on international applicants immigrating to Ireland; whether the Irish Immigration Service carries out criminal record checks on people arriving from other European countries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [47466/23]

*798. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47475/23]

*799. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide information and statistics on the average processing time for granting work licences to nurses from countries outside the European Union; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [47482/23]

*800. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress that has been made to date in processing an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied) whose record is affected by a number of offences, some of which are still pending; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47497/23]

*801. To ask the Minister for Justice if male-born sex offenders will be located in the new women's prison; and if prisoners will have access to communal spaces within the prison. — Peadar Tóibín. [47507/23]

*802. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt soiléiriú a thabhairt faoi conas a thug an Rialtas freagra i leith cinntí de chuid na gcúirteanna maidir leis an dá athbhreithniú bhreithiúnacha a bhain leis an gceart aistriúchán comhuaineach a fháil le linn cás coiriúil, agus argóintí an Stáit le linn na hathbhreithnithe sin a fhoilsiú. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [47587/23]

*803. To ask the Minister for Justice the average waiting time for probate in Cork. — Thomas Pringle. [47608/23]

*804. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of units currently awaiting probate in Cork. — Thomas Pringle. [47609/23]

*805. To ask the Minister for Justice if he is aware of the case of a person (details supplied) who is currently in Gaza in the midst of the Israeli bombings; if she will provide a rationale for why his visa application to visit his family in Ireland was rejected; if she will review this application to provide the person with the support to leave Gaza to visit his wife Nada and their children in Ireland. — Pat Buckley. [47621/23]

*806. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of statements of interests for the purposes of Section 19 that have been filed by her special advisors in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if she will provide a schedule of same. — Catherine Murphy. [47651/23]

*807. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 402 of 24 October 2023, how An Garda Síochána will decide whether to charge someone for the crime of incitement to hatred, i.e., on what basis it is decided if hatred, specifically, has been incited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47695/23]

*808. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 403 of 24 October 2023, the progress made in regard to an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); the next steps to be taken in regard to this application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47720/23]

*809. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide a breakdown of the advertising spend of her Department and agencies under the remit of her Department, by national media outlet and local newspaper outlet, for each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47736/23]

*810. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who had a visa application submitted at the same time as their sibling, who has been awarded citizenship, but has yet to receive any communication regarding the status of their application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [47749/23]

*811. To ask the Minister for Justice to confirm the status of an application for Irish citizenship by naturalisation (details supplied); when a decision is likely to be reached; when the applicant will be notified of the outcome of the vetting application in view that disclosure was made available to the Irish Naturalization and Immigration Service on 9 October 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47759/23]

*812. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of people granted free legal aid in criminal cases in each of the past five years, by category of main offence which the defendant was charged; the number of people granted free legal aid in each of the last five years, broken down by the number convicted and the number found not guilty. — Noel Grealish. [47760/23]

*813. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons recruited to An Garda Síochána in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [47767/23]

*814. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who took early retirement in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [47768/23]

*815. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who have left the force in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [47769/23]

*816. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who have been assaulted while on duty in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [47770/23]

*817. To ask the Minister for Justice if, further to recommendations on better supporting victims outlined within the O'Malley Report, she plans to introduce legislation which would allow victims of rape or sexual abuse to give evidence to a court via video link; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [47771/23]

*818. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who have taken stress leave in each of the past five years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [47794/23]

*819. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of ongoing investigations into bullying within the gardaí. — Peadar Tóibín. [47795/23]

*820. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline her role with regard to Irish Refugee Protection Programme; her role with regard to family reunification for persons who have sought international protection under the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47799/23]

*821. To ask the Minister for Justice the engagements her Department, or any agency or body under her direction, has had with the government of Israel, any state body of the government of Israel, or any engagement within or with Israel, in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47811/23]

*822. To ask the Minister for Justice the engagements her Department, or any agency or body under her direction, has had with the Palestinian Authority, any organ of the Palestinian Authority, or any engagement within, or with organisations in, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in the years 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47829/23]

*823. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to require the recording of the nationality of those who have charges entered against them under the Criminal Justice Sectoral Strategy 2022-2024, or any other policy which promotes data driven approaches to reviewing the criminal justice system here. — Ivana Bacik. [47902/23]

*824. To ask the Minister for Justice to make a statement in relation to the establishment of the Penal Consultative Council, as set out in the Review of Policy Options for Prison and Penal Reform last year. — Pa Daly. [47904/23]

*825. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the reports that the number of checks for dangerous driving have fallen sharply; and if she plans any particular initiatives to emphasise the need for compliance to reduce road deaths. — Richard Bruton. [47931/23]

*826. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide clarification on a matter (details supplied) regarding courses available to those awaiting work permits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47959/23]

*827. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in progressing an application for family reunification in the case of the family of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47973/23]

*828. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department engages a company (details supplied); if so, the duration and nature of the work; the cost of same to the Exchequer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [48016/23]

*829. To ask the Minister for Justice the plans, if any, that exist for new legislation designed to lower the price and facilitate ease of access to licences for public bars and off licences; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [48034/23]

*830. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on a visa extension application (details supplied) which was submitted on 9 August 2023, over 11 weeks ago; the estimated date for when the application will be processed to completion; if she will make every effort to process it as soon as possible, given the consequences to the employment of the applicant, the financial strain and the distress caused as a result of the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [48048/23]

*831. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of complaints she has filed to the Corporate Enforcement Agency (CEA) since the establishment of the CEA and/or An Garda Síochána in the past ten years to date in respect of grants and or funds her Department provided that in her view were misappropriated. — Catherine Murphy. [48077/23]

*832. To ask the Minister for Justice to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); the steps she is taking to address concerns in respect of artificial intelligence (AI) and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [48125/23]

*833. To ask the Minister for Justice to detail how a perception test (details supplied) is applied to An Garda Síochána; and if he will provide details of same. — Fergus O'Dowd. [48187/23]

*834. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will publish an up-to-date list of peace commissioners that have been appointed in the past year; if she will confirm the total number currently serving; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48191/23]

*835. To ask the Minister for Justice what plans she has to regulate receivers. — Robert Troy. [48200/23]

*836. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will make a statement on her representations to her counterparts in Britain and Northern Ireland in relation to daylight savings. — Ivana Bacik. [48249/23]

*837. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 143, 144 and 145 of 5 July 2023, where she replied that “the criminal law (sexual offences and human trafficking) Bill 2023, which will be published this month, will remove the final obstacles to ratification of the protocol”, and that, if enacted, the State should be in a position to ratify the second optional protocol to the UNCRC on the Sale of and Child Pornography; and if she will explain the discrepancies in the above statements. — Joan Collins. [48257/23]

*838. To ask the Minister for Justice to clarify if Ireland will be able to ratify the 2nd optional protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography once the Criminal Law (sexual offences and human trafficking) Bill 2023 is enacted. — Joan Collins. [48259/23]

*839. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No.167 of 5 July 2023, if she will clarify what she meant by certain outstanding aspects of the protocol (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [48260/23]

*840. To ask the Minister for Justice for a breakdown of the different organisations the Irish Prison Service has funded from 2012 to 2022; the value of that funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48286/23]

*841. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of MPV seizures made to date, by county, under the Road Traffic and Roads Act 2023, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [48303/23]

*842. To ask the Minister for Justice the number and details of contracts currently held by her Government Department with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48309/23]

*843. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of WTE probation officers, by grade, employed by her Department in the years of 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [48329/23]

*844. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of penal warrants that are outstanding in the Meath Garda division as of 31 October 2023; and the number of penal warrants that have been outstanding for a period of more than 12 months. — Darren O'Rourke. [48330/23]

*845. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the case of a person (details supplied); if correspondence in relation to the matter will issue to the person as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [48360/23]

*846. To ask the Minister for Justice the average wait time for prisoners to see an addiction counsellor, by institution, within the Irish Prison Service system; the average prison time served, by institution; and the number of prisoners, by institution, who will see an addiction counsellor prior to their release. — Patrick Costello. [48361/23]

*847. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of drug seizures in the past five years, by institution, within the Irish Prison Service system; the total value, by institution, by year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [48362/23]

*848. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of staff, by institution, who have been suspended pending investigation for bringing illegal substances into the prison system in the past five years. — Patrick Costello. [48363/23]

*849. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of "stop and search" incidences conducted by An Garda Síochána under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1977, in 2022. — Neasa Hourigan. [48387/23]

*850. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of stop and searches that have been carried out by gardaí in each of the past five years. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [48388/23]

*851. To ask the Minister for Justice to detail what swimming and water safety courses are mandatory as part of Garda training in the Garda College, Templemore, County Tipperary; how many Garda recruits who went on to 'pass out' as gardaí have completed these courses between in each of the years 2013 and 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [48396/23]

*852. To ask the Minister for Justice how many Garda recruits who passed through the Garda College, Templemore, County Tipperary in each of the years 2013 and 2023 successfully achieved Water Safety Ireland's Rescue Level 2, which relates to contact safety and rescue in water, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [48397/23]

*853. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will review the case of a person (details supplied) to facilitate residency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [48456/23]

*854. To ask the Minister for Justice when she intends to extend the operation of the Parole Act 2019 to sentences of more than eight years and less than life; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [48462/23]

*855. To ask the Minister for Justice if, following the recommendation of the Citizens Assembly on drugs, her Department and the Irish Prison Service will develop and fund enhanced prison-based addiction treatment services. — Patrick Costello. [48481/23]

*856. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide a breakdown, by county, of the number of transfer requests submitted by An Garda Síochána personnel between 2018 and 2023, indicating the number of approvals and refusals, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48602/23]

*857. To ask the Minister for Justice when a person (details supplied) will receive their citizenship certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [48618/23]

*858. To ask the Minister for Justice when her Department will host citizenship ceremonies for those recently awarded Irish citizenship. — Robert Troy. [48626/23]

*859. To ask the Minister for Justice if a letter issued to a person (details supplied) can be reissued as they require it for SUSI; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [48637/23]

*860. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware of any issues with the probate process (details supplied); if she will request a review of the process which examines whether the probate process needs a complete overhaul; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [48671/23]

*861. To ask the Minister for Justice the number and details of contracts currently held by her Department with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48661/23]

*862. To ask the Minister for Justice the current average waiting time for probate requests through the Probate Office; if additional resources are being allocated to assist in clearing the backlog; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [48683/23]

*863. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the practice of properties being advertised for sale where probate has not been granted, leading to long delays for purchasers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [48699/23]

*864. To ask the Minister for Justice the number and details of contracts currently held by her Department with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48694/23]

*865. To ask the Minister for Justice the number and details of contracts currently held by her Department with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48710/23]

*866. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of different cell or room types of accommodation for prisoners, by metric size, not including the sanitary annex, for all prisons and open centres in the prison estate, by individual prison. — Paul Murphy. [48731/23]

*867. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of different cell or room sizes of accommodation for prisoners by metric size, not including the sanitary annex, for all prisons and open centres in the prison estate, by individual prison, specifically; the number of cells or rooms under six metres square six to eight metres square, eight to 12 metres square, 12 to 16 metres square and 16 to 20 metres square. — Paul Murphy. [48732/23]

*868. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí, by rank, attached to the Garda water unit as of 31 October 2023; if she will provide the corresponding figures as of 31 January 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [48736/23]

*869. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda age ID cards that were issued in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [48737/23]

*870. To ask the Minister for Justice the number and percentage of interview rooms within Garda stations within the DMR that have audio and video recording facilities, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [48738/23]

*871. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding has been provided in 2024 to purchase larger Garda prisoner transport trucks; the number of Garda prisoner transport trucks that entered the fleet to date in 2023; the number of Garda prisoner transport trucks withdrawn from the fleet to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [48739/23]

*872. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of competitions held to date in 2023 for Garda personnel to apply to join Garda armed support unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [48740/23]

*873. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí trained in each level of public order training within the DMR, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [48741/23]

*874. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding will be provided for the recruitment of WTE forensic anthropologists for the Office of State Pathologist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [48742/23]

*875. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí, by rank (details supplied), as of 1 November 2023; if a further recruitment campaign will be launched before end of year to increase the number of gardaí attached to CPU; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [48743/23]

*876. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 359 of 10 October 2023, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this PQ answered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [48744/23]

*877. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new Garda roads policing motorcycles that came into the fleet in 2022 and to date in 2023; the number of RPU motorcycles withdrawn from the fleet during the same period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [48745/23]

*878. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of conspiracy to kidnap offences reported to gardaí within the G district of the DMR to date in 2023. — Jim O’Callaghan. [48746/23]

*879. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of unauthorised taking of mechanically propelled vehicle offences reported to gardaí within the E district of the DMR to date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [48747/23]

*880. To ask the Minister for Justice the percentage of her 2023 capital budget allocation that has been spent in the first nine months of the year. — Catherine Murphy. [48758/23]

*881. To ask the Minister for Justice the current contractual arrangements for the appointment or provision of translators throughout the international protection process, in particular with regard to translators for oral appeal hearings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48772/23]

*882. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department is aware of current difficulties encountered by applicants, solicitors/barristers for applicants, IPO presenting officers and International Protection Appeals Tribunal members with the standard of translators provided/appointed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48773/23]

*883. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of complaints that have been raised in relation to translators and translation services in the international protection process since 2020; the stages within which the IP process these complaints have been raised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48774/23]

*884. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has sought any improvements at any stage from translation service providers on foot of any complaint; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48775/23]

*885. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of oral appeal hearings that have been adjourned or rescheduled due, to in full or in part, poor-quality translators; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48776/23]

*886. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is an Irish citizenship ceremony planned for December 2023; and if so, when the date will be revealed for same. — Cathal Crowe. [48782/23]

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

*887. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 300 of 5 October 2023, whether this file has been discussed at Secretary General level of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47288/23]

*888. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to detail any ongoing or previous use of artificial intelligence within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [47329/23]

*889. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the delay in issuing the balance of the BPS 2022 payment for a farm (details supplied); if the requested ground inspection will be carried out as a priority to resolve this enquiry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [47367/23]

*890. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the plans that are in place to cull the wild deer herd, which is causing serious risk to motorists as they are coming onto public roads in darkness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [47372/23]

*891. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he would consider a ban on the use of snares in light of the impact they are having on the protected badger population and other wildlife; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [47383/23]

*892. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the plan to provide supports to the group known as Forgotten Farmers, given intentions were set out to follow-up with his Department on the draft proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47404/23]

*893. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) will be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47462/23]

*894. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide clarification regarding eligibility for the Knowledge Transfer Programme, with regard to requirements for participants to be herd keepers, or if they can be joint herd owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47508/23]

*895. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide information on the total number of ACRES scorecards submitted in 2023; how many were submitted by 31 August 2023; how many were submitted by the extended deadline of 30 September 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47509/23]

*896. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has explored the provision of EU supports to address financial losses experienced by farmers and forestry owners as a result of ash dieback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47543/23]

*897. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of statements of interests for the purposes of Section 19 that have been filed by his special advisors in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will provide a schedule of same. — Catherine Murphy. [47640/23]

*898. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a person (details supplied) who farmed in 2021 on leased land and is farming again in 2023 is eligible to apply and be considered for inclusion under the ACRES scheme. — Michael Creed. [47678/23]

*899. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the correspondence he has received in relation to the use of the snare “body restraint”, which is

causing untold suffering to Ireland's protected badger population (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [47705/23]

*900. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will extend the 31 October 2023 deadline for the receipt of claims for aid for the National Liming Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47721/23]

*901. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a breakdown of the advertising spend of his Department and agencies under the remit of his Department, by national media outlet and local newspaper outlet, for each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47725/23]

*902. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details on a scheme to deal with ash dieback on roadside trees; and if he agrees that a scheme is necessary to assist farmers in removing roadside ash and replacing it with trees elsewhere in a landholding. — Robert Troy. [47762/23]

*903. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on his engagements with his cabinet colleagues in relation to the Mercosur Trade Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47789/23]

*904. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current hectareage under organic production and the percentage of utilisable agricultural area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47790/23]

*905. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cattle that were slaughtered originating from a controlled finishing units and the total number of cattle slaughtered at department approved slaughter plants in the years 2019 to 2023, by year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47791/23]

*906. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total hectareage of new afforestation licensed; the total amount planted; the total number of forestry licences issued in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47792/23]

*907. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the government of Israel, any state body of the government of Israel, or any engagement within or with Israel, in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47800/23]

*908. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the Palestinian Authority, any organ of the Palestinian Authority, or any engagement within, or with organisations in, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in the years 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47818/23]

*909. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on TAMS 3 applications (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [47906/23]

*910. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise on the siring rating system under the suckler carbon efficiency programme; if he is aware of concerns around rating changes for the beef siring rating for continental breeds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47915/23]

*911. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what consideration he has given to the IBR testing requirement under the national beef welfare scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47916/23]

*912. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers in receipt of the Sheep Improvement Scheme in 2023, and the number in receipt of the Sheep Welfare Scheme in 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47936/23]

*913. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures that will be taken to address concerns in relation to forestry planted near a property in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47952/23]

*914. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications that were received for the suckler carbon efficiency programme; the number that were accepted to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47964/23]

*915. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications that were received for the national beef welfare scheme; the number that were accepted to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47965/23]

*916. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on development of the Statutory Instrument under the Veterinary Medicinal Products, Medicated Feeds and Fertilisers Regulation Bill 2023; if he will provide an indicative timeline and details of the engagement as part of the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47966/23]

*917. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise on the all-island monitoring mechanisms his Department has put in place with regard to the national fertiliser database; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47967/23]

*918. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise on engagement he has had regarding the provision of funding to underpin the development and rollout of a Carbon Farming Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47968/23]

*919. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has considered the introduction of taxation on grain imported to Ireland from outside of the EU, with regard to ensuring fair prices for domestic grain production; if he has engaged with the Minister for Finance on such a measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47969/23]

*920. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has considered the introduction of crop insurance, given the experience the tillage sector has had with regard to weather conditions and crop loss this year; if he is aware of or has engaged with insurance companies which may be interested in providing such insurance; if he had engaged with the

Minister for Finance on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47970/23]

*921. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Government will provide the 200% top-up allowed under the Exceptional Aid support from the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47983/23]

*922. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on his commitment to investigate the abuse of calves depicted in a recent documentary (details supplied); whether his Department contacted the marts in question; whether contact has been made with all marts in the State regarding the handling of calves and their welfare; if a review was carried out of this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47984/23]

*923. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration has been given to providing the tillage sector with supports for unharvested crops, in relation to a €2 million fund sought by organisations representing the tillage sector, given the severe financial pressure tillage farmers are facing this year, and the level of crops which have been unharvested as a result of weather conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47985/23]

*924. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the €330 million CAP emergency fund provided by the EU; if his Department has sought or received funding from it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47986/23]

*925. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise on the rationale for designating grain which is imported into the State being as carbon neutral; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47987/23]

*926. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the provision of a Teagasc representative for the tillage sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47988/23]

*927. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration has been given to allowing all organic manures to be stored under the 70% TAMS grant for slurry storage facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47989/23]

*928. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the farm payment issued to an individual (details supplied) recently was cut. — John McGuinness. [47991/23]

*929. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine with regard to the announced 70% TAMS grant for slurry storage facilities, if consideration has been given to providing a rebate for transport of slurry as part of the grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47992/23]

*930. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide information on the distribution of a fund (details supplied) in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47993/23]

*931. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine status of an appeal (details supplied). — Anne Rabbitte. [47995/23]

*932. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department engages a company (details supplied); if so, the duration and nature of the work; the cost of same to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [48005/23]

*933. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to initiate a specific payment for farmers who have land in SPA and SAC outside the normal payment schemes that are available that is, similar to the top up payment that Islands got a number of years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [48091/23]

*934. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to review an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48096/23]

*935. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the outstanding payments under the beef genomics scheme for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48143/23]

*936. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to a barrier to participation in a group (details supplied); and if he would engage with Teagasc with the goal of expanding access to the group and extend the upcoming deadline. — Holly Cairns. [48203/23]

*937. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he and his Department will continue to advocate at European Union Parliament level to address the barriers faced by young farmers to access agricultural activity including access to land, access to finance, access to markets and fair remuneration for work, access to knowledge and training, and the need of public policies to address these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48238/23]

*938. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action his Department is taking to ensure going forward a fair and dignified income, a proper quality of life for farmers and their families and to attract young and new people into the Irish farming sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48239/23]

*939. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider the inclusion and participation of young farmers and young people wishing to enter the Irish farming sector in the democratic processes, policy making and budgetary decisions in Irish and European agriculture, and to take fully into account the young farmer's point of view in the design of policies and funding instruments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48240/23]

*940. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action his Department is taking to promote generational renewal in the Irish farming sector in view of the findings in a recent report (details supplied) which found that the CAP is not sufficient for meeting the challenges of generational renewal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48241/23]

*941. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action his Department is taking to ensure that generational renewal remains a high priority in the future programming period, in particular for the next CAP, under which it must receive increased, mandatory support

to meet the challenges for generational renewal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48242/23]

*942. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider the recommendations and pathways set out in a report (details supplied) in the future development and implementation of policy and budgetary measures in the Irish Agri sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48243/23]

*943. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if farmers who developed riparian zones next to rivers are entitled to ongoing premiums on that land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [48246/23]

*944. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number and details of contracts currently held by his Government Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48309/23]

*945. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of emails and phone calls his Department's animal welfare helpline has received in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [48333/23]

*946. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the names of external ecology companies that have a contract with his Department to provide ecologist services to his Department upon request in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [48334/23]

*947. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will investigate an incident (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [48382/23]

*948. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the case of a person (details supplied); the reason they are being fined by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48383/23]

*949. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action his Department is taking to address land accessibility issues for young farmers, given that this is one of the largest barriers for young farmers, especially for those who are entering the activity from outside a family context; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48398/23]

*950. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) will receive a decision on their TAMS III (Tranche 1) application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [48489/23]

*951. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 453 of 26 September 2023, if, now that the process of payments to the owners of fishing vessels being decommissioned under the Bord Iascaigh Mhara permanent cessation scheme is complete, he can provide the list, by vessel name, owner, size and quota and amount of compensation per vessel as previously requested, in tabular form. — Mick Barry. [48540/23]

*952. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48652/23]

*953. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48684/23]

*954. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number and details of contracts currently held by his Department with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48700/23]

*955. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a 40% grant was paid to persons (details supplied) in County Mayo instead of a 60% grant in view of the fact the application was in respect of the young farmer capital investment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [48735/23]

*956. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider establishing an Irish vegetable marketing body (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48797/23]

*957. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider expanding the role of Teagasc to establish a register of Irish vegetable growers and a specific marketing body through which Irish vegetable growers would supply to and from which Irish supermarkets would be obliged to purchase from, and the Teagasc body would have first-hand information on the cost of vegetable production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48798/23]

*958. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider allowing Teagasc farm advisors and other independent farm advisors to conduct visits to vegetable farms on a more regular basis to give advice and update growers on research findings which Teagasc conduct at present (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48799/23]

*959. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider a review of the current Bord Bia criteria and requirements of Irish vegetable growers registered with the food body (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48800/23]

*960. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action his Department is taking to ensure that the Irish horticulture sector is a viable option for Irish vegetable growers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48801/23]

*961. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what financial support schemes and incentives are in place to support Irish vegetable growers in the horticulture sector; if he will consider the provision of additional financial supports in view of increased fuel, fertiliser, seed and labour costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48802/23]

*962. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action his Department is taking to increase the production of vegetables in the Irish horticulture sector for the Irish market and to reduce dependence on imports of vegetables from other countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48803/23]

*963. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action his Department is taking to support the Irish horticulture sector to incentivise Irish vegetable growers to remain in

the sector and for new vegetable growers to enter the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48804/23]

*964. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider, in conjunction with Teagasc and other independent farm advisors, conducting a review of the current Irish vegetable exports area, given that vegetable imports which could be grown successfully here are increasing as Irish growers exit the horticulture sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48805/23]

*965. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to list all current agricultural research and development initiatives in Ireland; the status of these initiatives; the details of plans to boost agricultural innovation and technology adoption in accordance with EU initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48833/23]

*966. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action his Department is taking to address the under-representation of women in the Irish agriculture sector, in particular at management level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48834/23]

*967. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action is being taken by his Department to challenge and change cultural stereotypes and biases that may discourage women from pursuing agricultural careers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48835/23]

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

*968. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an organisation (details supplied) and its staff are included in the recent pay agreement for Section 39, 56 and 10 workers; if this organisation will come under the recent pay agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [48506/23]

*969. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the Stop the Stigma campaign to address issues related to menstruation and menopause in the workplace (details supplied); if he will mandate a menstruation and menopause workplace policy for employers and relevant State bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [48748/23]

*970. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department intends to increase the early years providers funding or capitation grant, with a view to increasing capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [47201/23]

*971. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason foster allowance reduces at 18 years of age, even if the person is in full-time education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [47251/23]

*972. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether there are plans for a centre on a site (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [47262/23]

*973. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will make a statement on the implementation of the White Paper on ending Direct Provision. — Ivana Bacik. [47281/23]

*974. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); the plans for making available therapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [47300/23]

*975. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has any plans to provide alternative appointments for children whose physiotherapy appointments in Cashel have been cancelled due to staffing issues; if additional staff cannot be provided in Cashel, if the HSE will be able to temporarily provide appointments in neighbouring areas until the staffing issue in Cashel is resolved. — Martin Browne. [47323/23]

*976. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to detail any ongoing or previous use of artificial intelligence within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [47330/23]

*977. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when funding will be made available for a day service placement (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [47376/23]

*978. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of assessments of need within each CH0 awaiting an appointment; the breakdown by each CHO; his plans to address these waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [47393/23]

*979. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of any funding strands that might be available to creches which are unfinished and need capital works/investment in order to complete and open to the public and meet the incredible demand in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [47420/23]

*980. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the level of funding due to be allocated over the next 12 months to agencies within the remit of his Department to support the prevention and early intervention benefits of parenting support; the nature of the activities that will be funded through such allocations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [47454/23]

*981. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent of funding that will be made available over the next 12 months for the provision of parenting support programmes to be delivered to parents and guardians to assist children and teenagers that are suffering from anxiety; the agencies through which such programmes will be delivered; the steps that will be taken to measure the effectiveness of such expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [47455/23]

*982. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of developments internationally to encourage the uptake of parenting support programmes, including the universal funding of programmes; whether he sees merit in expanding the availability of such programmes to parents and guardians in Ireland; the level of funding being

allocated to such programmes over the next 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [47456/23]

*983. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent of funding which he is allocating over the next 12 months to give effect to the policy commitments in the National Model of Parenting Support Services and Tusla's Parenting Support Strategy 2022 - 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [47457/23]

*984. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No.1346 of 11 September 2023, if the HSE have procured diagnostic ASD assessments from the private sector; and if not, the timeframe within which this will be in place. — Pauline Tully. [47465/23]

*985. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will respond to matters raised in correspondence from a crèche in Dublin 11 (details supplied) regarding the provision of teaching assistants under Aim Level 7; if changes to the Aim support system will be introduced to take into account that some areas of the country can often have a greater level of demand for supports for children with additional and complex needs than other areas, given that, currently, a crèche experiencing high levels of demand and capacity constraints may not be able to get an allocation of additional teaching assistants regardless of the number of children in the crèche who are allocated supports under Aim Level 7; what supports his Department will provide to address capacity issues in relation to early years teaching provision in Dublin 11 and surrounding areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [47473/23]

*986. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an exemption can be considered for a child (details supplied) in order for them to access the ECCE scheme. — Denise Mitchell. [47489/23]

*987. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if childcare providers can continue submitting their financial returns for the period 1 January to 31 December 2023 and not for the period 1 September to 31 August 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [47564/23]

*988. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total amount spent on the ongoing 'Disability Rights are Human Rights' media campaign; if he will provide a breakdown of the amounts spent on TV, radio and billboard advertising; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [47569/23]

*989. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what funding streams are available for a group (details supplied) to be able to deliver a counselling service to its members and wider community. — Mark Ward. [47582/23]

*990. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to a correspondence (details supplied); his response to the issues raised therein; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47591/23]

*991. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the mother and baby redress scheme will be up and running; when he expects women to be able to apply to the scheme; the length of time payments will take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [47612/23]

*992. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the establishment of assessment of needs hubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [47613/23]

*993. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the assessments of need outsourced privately in the past year, by CHO, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [47615/23]

*994. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider the implementation of a disability home support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47631/23]

*995. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of statements of interests for the purposes of Section 19 that have been filed by his special advisors in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will provide a schedule of same. — Catherine Murphy. [47641/23]

*996. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and the actions, if any, that are planned or proposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [47667/23]

*997. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he plans to bring amending legislation to the Maternity Protection Act 2004 to address the anomaly that women diagnosed with cancer during their maternity leave can pause their leave and resume it once treatment ends; if there are plans to include Members of the Houses of the Oireachtas leave in this amending legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [47669/23]

*998. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current situation regarding therapeutic services at a special school in Cork (details supplied); the funding available to the school for the restoration of these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [47677/23]

*999. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details of how many qualifying organisations applied for the recent 'Scheme A: Supporting Community Services for LGBTI+ Persons' funding open call; the names of those qualifying organisations; how many were successful in receiving 100% of funding requested and the names of those organisations; how many were successful in receiving 80%-90%, 70%-80%, 60%-70%, 50%-60%, and 1%-50% of funding requested and the names of those organisations; how many were unsuccessful in receiving any amount and the name of those organisations, for this year and the previous three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [47714/23]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the cost charged to refugees from Ukraine when accommodation is provided, be it in hotels, guest houses and congregated settings or in own-door accommodation; and the amount collected to date. — Robert Troy. [47715/23]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide a breakdown of the advertising spend of his Department and agencies under the remit of his

Department, by national media outlet and local newspaper outlet, for each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47726/23]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when his Department started to write to people with status/leave to remain in direct provision centres giving them dates by which they would have to leave the direct provision centre or be moved to another centre; the number of such letters issued to date; the criteria for issuing such letters; the rationale for this policy; the number of people who have been moved on foot of these letters; and a breakdown of these moves, including information on from where; and the location to which they have been moved. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47745/23]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will help a local creche (details supplied) in east Cork which was flooded during Storm Babet with immediate extra funding to get it back up and running to help the 100 parents to get back to full-time working; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [47775/23]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the government of Israel, any state body of the government of Israel, or any engagement within or with Israel, in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47801/23]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the Palestinian Authority, any organ of the Palestinian Authority, or any engagement within, or with organisations in, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in the years 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47819/23]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide the itemised costs associated with the “Disability Rights are Human Rights” advertisement campaign operated by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [47859/23]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current staff vacancies in the SDNT in Springfield Mullingar; and the length of time each has been vacant for. — Sorca Clarke. [47875/23]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of referrals that have been outsourced to private providers for assessments of need for 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [47877/23]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to consider correspondence from a campaign (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47918/23]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to improve the provision of childcare in an area (details supplied) whereby there are waiting lists for every childcare facility in and around the area, and parents are unable to find any childcare place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [47920/23]

*1011. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has entered into a contract with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47938/23]

*1012. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47944/23]

*1013. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the HSE will provide the assessments and services required to an individual (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [47946/23]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding provided by his Department to local education and training boards for the provision of youth services, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [47962/23]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will increase the funding allocation made to the Laois Offaly Education and Training Boards for the provision of youth services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [47963/23]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason an application for funding from an organisation (details supplied) has not been granted; if this matter can and will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [47971/23]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide a list of the ninety-two guardians ad litem, their relevant agency, where relevant, and the number of cases assigned to them in 2022 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [47997/23]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to review correspondence regarding funding (details supplied); if he can provide any advice or alternative funding for this role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [47998/23]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can address the concerns raised by service provider (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [48002/23]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of an application/proposal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [48003/23]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department engages a company (details supplied); if so, the duration and nature of the work; the cost of same to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [48006/23]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what is intended under the student sponsorship programmes proposed, under the published Roadmap for

Service Improvement 2023-2026 Disability Services for Children and Young People; what role these programmes will play; and what engagement has taken place with third-level institutions on such a programme. — Sean Sherlock. [48025/23]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated increase in the number of children in CDNTs, under the published Roadmap for Service Improvement 2023-2026 Disability Services for Children and Young People when the CDNT Information Management System is rolled out; and if the roadmap caters for that rise. — Sean Sherlock. [48026/23]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the date from which data collection will commence, under the published Roadmap for Service Improvement 2023-2026 Disability Services for Children and Young People on the matter of CDNT metrics on page 21; and the proposed date of first publication. — Sean Sherlock. [48027/23]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if mitigation one, to the first risk outlined in the report under the published Roadmap for Service Improvement 2023-2026 Disability Services for Children and Young People, implements actions to improve staff retention through development opportunities, includes a change in pay under terms and conditions across all CDNTs. — Sean Sherlock. [48028/23]

*1026. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the budget line provisionally allocated to each risk category outlined in the report, under the published Roadmap for Service Improvement 2023-2026 Disability Services for Children and Young People, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [48029/23]

*1027. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the National Autism Strategy report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [48057/23]

*1028. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the average time it takes to access CDNT services in CHO7; the number of children currently waiting to access services; and the number of children waiting longer than 12 months. — Seán Crowe. [48065/23]

*1029. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason childcare providers are being directed to supply validated financial returns to cover the period from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 for core funding, considering that this will result in additional costs for those whose audited accounts are already completed for the 2022 tax calendar year; if additional funding will be allocated to the childcare sector to enable it to comply with this requirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [48082/23]

*1030. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are currently any plans for the relocation of families and individuals seeking international protection or temporary protection to Edgeworthstown, County Longford. — Sorca Clarke. [48117/23]

*1031. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he has plans to expand or improve facilities for children with particular reference to children at risk or potentially at risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48132/23]

*1032. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which it is intended to develop an early response/alert system to address any issues arising in respect of children at risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48133/23]

*1033. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans for review of cases of children at risk brought to his Department's attention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48134/23]

*1034. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which the need has arisen to develop and expand youth services since the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48135/23]

*1035. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which his Department continues to liaise with youth representatives with a view to establishing the highest possible contact and dialogue in order to meet their requirements to an even greater extent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48136/23]

*1036. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline the extent to which the integration programmes available through his Department continue to be of direct assistance to the relevant cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48137/23]

*1037. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he has taken or continues to take to address social and or economic disadvantage amongst the youth cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48138/23]

*1038. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of cases in respect of which satisfactory integration programmes have been initiated in each particular area throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48139/23]

*1039. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children currently in foster or other care in State or private institutions; the extent to which these numbers have fluctuated in the past six years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48140/23]

*1040. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which adequate reporting facilities are available in respect of children at risk; if augmentation of such services is required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48141/23]

*1041. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he remains satisfied that adequate counselling, support and rescue services remain available through his Department to meet the requirements of at-risk children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48142/23]

*1042. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will arrange an early appointment with CAMHS for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [48183/23]

*1043. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when recommendations of a report (details supplied) will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [48195/23]

*1044. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [48196/23]

*1045. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether his Department was consulted as part of the Department of Social Protection's work on the green paper on disability allowances; to detail the level of involvement of his Department in the construction of said green paper; if he has been in contact with the Department of Social Protection in relation to the green papers proposed tiered disability allowance system since the publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [48204/23]

*1046. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if adults in residential care settings are eligible for personalised budgets as introduced by the HSE in 2018, wherein an individual may receive direct funding to manage their own support needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [48215/23]

*1047. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth under what circumstances would an adult in residential care be considered for a personalised budget, particularly in light of the potential loss of social outlets upon leaving school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [48216/23]

*1048. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether personalised budgets can be utilised for service provisions outside of HSE-funded providers, such as day trips, to address concerns about preserving autonomy and individuality for those in residential care settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [48217/23]

*1049. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will confirm the number of properties located in Kilkenny that are under consideration for use as accommodation centres for refugees and that are currently at the final stages of the IPAS procurement process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [48222/23]

*1050. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the current HSE recruitment pause in regard to management and administration staff, as well as agency staff, will apply to children's disability network teams. — Pauline Tully. [48231/23]

*1051. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the status of the excavation and exhumation of the mother and baby institution site in Tuam, County Galway. — Holly Cairns. [48234/23]

*1052. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details of the financial contributions given to date by religious institutions to redress schemes, by scheme and institution, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [48235/23]

*1053. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there will be no further reason not to proceed to ratification of the UNCRC 2nd optional protocol on

the Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, once Ireland is in compliance with certain outstanding aspects. — Joan Collins. [48261/23]

*1054. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 167 of 5 July 2023, the exact requirements required to proceed to the next steps; and how soon an awareness raising campaign will commence (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [48262/23]

*1055. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has made preparations for the ratification of the UNCRC second Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography (details supplied); and if so, if he will elaborate on his plans for same. — Joan Collins. [48263/23]

*1056. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the awareness raising campaign in schools and colleges will be in the hands solely of him or if it will require the agreement of the Ministers for Education and Justice, or other school bodies, as Ireland must be compliant with all of Article 9 of the second optional protocol on the UNCRC (OPSC) when Ireland ratifies it. — Joan Collins. [48267/23]

*1057. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as Ireland has had a very long time to prepare for all that is needed to comply with Article 9 of the Second Optional Protocol on the UNCRC (OPSC), if he has a plan in place, or does he envisage that it will not take too long to put in place. — Joan Collins. [48268/23]

*1058. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the compliance and standards that will be required of childminders who seek to participate in the national childcare scheme from September 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [48317/23]

*1059. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how the €8.5 million additional development measures for children's services will be spent in 2024. — Darren O'Rourke. [48341/23]

*1060. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the awareness raising campaign on article 9 of the second optional protocol on the UNCRC will be ongoing and done in such a way that the general public can see them without having to read small print or a 'www' link (details supplied); and if the awareness campaign will be similar to the 'Disability rights are Human Rights' campaign. — Joan Collins. [48343/23]

*1061. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 122 of 29 March 2023, to outline his plans in relation to Ireland meeting its obligation to Article 9 of the UNCRC, in particular when Ireland ratifies the second optional protocol on the UNCRC (OPSC). — Joan Collins. [48344/23]

*1062. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress made in relation to the report he plans to publish which summarises submissions regarding discrimination on the basis of disadvantaged socioeconomic status under the Employment Equality Act 1998; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [48366/23]

*1063. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will urgently put in place home help support for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [48367/23]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if assistance will be provided to persons (details supplied) on the basis of family reunification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [48369/23]

*1065. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to reimburse parents whose children have been forced to get a private assessment of need due to the long waiting lists in the HSE; if this reimbursement would apply to necessary therapies also; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [48371/23]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he expects the POBAL Annual Early Years Sector Profile Report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [48405/23]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the proposed Equal Participation Model; how he envisages it will support children who may be vulnerable or are experiencing disadvantage; what changes are being made to the sponsorship process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [48406/23]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has contacted a person (details supplied) regarding an issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [48424/23]

*1069. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline for the introduction of a payment equivalent to child benefit for all children in the international protection process, as promised in the White Paper to End Direct Provision and to Establish a New International Protection Support Service; the estimated cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48432/23]

*1070. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 69 of 4 July 2023, the status of the review of the projected timelines for the implementation of the White Paper to end direct provision and establish a new international protection support service; if the review has been completed to date; the timeline for the publication of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48433/23]

*1071. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to clarify the position as it relates to the accounting and financial reporting requirements placed on private childcare providers accessing support through his Department’s core funding scheme as detailed in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [48499/23]

*1072. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if, given the 25% fee reduction in Budget 2024, he will outline if he has any plans to go further than freezing fees and begin the process of reducing fees charged by services; to qualify how families who use a childminder will be able to access NCS subsidies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [48404/23]

*1073. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he and his Department have mapped the existence of youth focused community projects and staff across the State; if his Department is aware of gaps in coverage or large and populous areas without or with inadequately resourced projects and how the Department will resolve this. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [41412/23]

*1074. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will bring forward from November 2024 to January 2024, the proposed rise in foster carer allowance announced in Budget 2024. — Sean Sherlock. [46387/23]

*1075. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children and young persons on waiting lists for an assessment of need by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [48581/23]

*1076. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons on a waiting list for initial contact from a CDNT by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [48587/23]

*1077. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when building blocks Capital grants for childcare facilities will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [48601/23]

*1078. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide clarification regarding the recent requirement for childcare providers to furnish up-to-date financial accounts signed by a certified accountant to access core funding and to outline the rationale behind these recent changes in the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48603/23]

*1079. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 80 of 2 July 2023, if he will clarify his reference to the possible introduction of a new fee structure; when he expects this new fee structure to be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [48627/23]

*1080. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on all reviews undertaken by, or on behalf of, his Department that have not yet been published; their expected publication date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [48628/23]

*1081. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when disability services will be provided to a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [48645/23]

*1082. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the policy regarding primary care psychology and a child's eligibility to access this service if they are seeing a psychiatrist for a separate diagnosis; the reason there are gaps on the CDNT team specifically in the psychology department, that a child referred in 2021 is told they will not be seen before they turn 18 years of age in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [48648/23]

*1083. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 589 of 11 July 2023, if he is aware that there are still school leavers

from St. Michael's House who have not been provided with day services (details supplied); if he is aware that two school leavers are currently sharing a day service; if he is aware that no transport has been organised for anyone who has been offered day services; his plans to address these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [48715/23]

*1084. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he expects his Department to finalise the policy on the extension of parent's leave, as outlined in Budget 2024; if the additional two weeks of parent's leave will be backdated to budget day (10 October 2023); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [48718/23]

*1085. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an assessment will be allowed to ensure a child (details supplied) can be accepted into schools in their area. — Sean Sherlock. [48813/23]

*1086. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a decision has been made on a mother and baby home redress scheme application for a person in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48814/23]

*1087. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of disabled people under the age of 65 years that have been placed in a nursing home in each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date in 2023; and the average length of stay for a disabled person under the age of 65 years that has been placed in a nursing home. — Pauline Tully. [48815/23]

*1088. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what more appropriate alternative options are considered before a disabled person under the age of 65 years is placed in a nursing home. — Pauline Tully. [48816/23]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of disabled people under the age of 65 years that have been inappropriately placed in a nursing home in each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date in 2023. — Pauline Tully. [48817/23]

*1090. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a decision has been made on a mother and baby home redress scheme application from a person in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48822/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*1091. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on Ireland's membership of a treaty (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [47616/23]

*1092. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [47232/23]

*1093. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of budget provision that has been set aside to fund the seven-day opening of the emergency cathlab suite at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [47253/23]

*1094. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding that was allocated to allow University Hospital Waterford cater to the emergency patient streams that occurred because of the Wexford ED closure; if he will provide the quantum of funding provisioned; the status of this money as to whether paid over as of yet or not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [47254/23]

*1095. To ask the Minister for Health the number of older persons who have applied for homecare support and who are awaiting the allocation of homecare; his views on the recruitment of homecare support workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [47275/23]

*1096. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a process to link the pay rates of section 10, 39 and 56 workers with those on a section 38 contract. — Ivana Bacik. [47282/23]

*1097. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on a procedure for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [47291/23]

*1098. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give consideration to a concern raised in relation to a hospital carpark (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [47292/23]

*1099. To ask the Minister for Health if the report being commissioned on the future costs of healthcare will use projections to estimate the effect that risk factors will have on the cost burden of non-communicable diseases; if he will include the impact of preventive policy measures on the prevalence of risk factors, and thus NCDs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [47313/23]

*1100. To ask the Minister for Health to provide clarity on the outcome of discussions around concerns on the treatment of GMS income within a contractual GP partnership arrangement and any possible impact on tax revenue following new proposals by the Revenue Commissioners to prohibit GMS income being mandated to partnerships or employers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47314/23]

*1101. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the Regional Hospital Tullamore has no equipment to carry out core decompression procedures. — Robert Troy. [47322/23]

*1102. To ask the Minister for Health how many people are on the waiting list for an MRI in each hospital in Ireland; the average wait time and the longest wait time for an MRI in each hospital in Ireland; the number of days a week that each MRI service is in operation in each hospital in Ireland; the number of staff necessary to operate each MRI in each hospital in the country for five days a week; and the actual number employed for each hospital. — Peadar Tóibín. [47328/23]

*1103. To ask the Minister for Health to detail any ongoing or previous use of artificial intelligence within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [47338/23]

*1104. To ask the Minister for Health the Government's up-to-date position regarding a scheme to assist those frontline workers who are absent from employment due to long-Covid. — Brian Stanley. [47348/23]

*1105. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the status of the new adaptation training programme for overseas nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47351/23]

*1106. To ask the Minister for Health how many overseas healthcare assistants have registered as nurses in Ireland since the introduction of the new adaptation training programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47352/23]

*1107. To ask the Minister for Health what funding was provided for the training of student psychologists in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [47353/23]

*1108. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline what measure will be provided in Budget 2024 for trainee educational psychologist completing a doctorate who are currently on placement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47355/23]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Health whether paired-organ donations will be permitted under the Human Tissue (Transplantation, Post-Mortem, Anatomical Examination and Public Display) Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47357/23]

*1110. To ask the Minister for Health if patient records from prior to 2001 are available from Merlin Park Hospital, Galway, and University Hospital, Galway; and if so, whether those records can be released to a patient (details supplied). — Seán Canney. [47358/23]

*1111. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite a medical appointment for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47360/23]

*1112. To ask the Minister for Health the number of sonographers working in Cavan General Hospital; the number of sonographers that work at the weekend, Saturday and Sunday in CGH; the days each week that patients can access an ultrasound scan in CGH.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [47370/23]

*1113. To ask the Minister for Health if community counselling services could be expanded from ten sessions per client to that which is necessary depending on client needs; if he aware that ten sessions may not enough and that critical developments during these sessions are often interrupted for patients who then have to look for and wait for further counselling help; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [47373/23]

*1114. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on waiting lists for a dermatologist in the north west broken down into whether they have been waiting for 6-12, 12-18, 8-24 and over 24 months; how these figures compare with last years, in tabular form; if he is concerned about the fact that a consultant dermatologist has said in a letter to GPs that dermatology provision in the north west is on the brink of collapse and that they are only able to take on urgent cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47374/23]

*1115. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a transport budget within the HSE to assist vulnerable patients attend hospital appointments where public transport may not be an option for them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [47389/23]

*1116. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a budget within his Department or the NTA to assist vulnerable patients attend hospital appointments where public transport may not be an option for them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [47390/23]

*1117. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department fully respects and understands a Supreme Court judgement (details supplied) which was ruled on in March 2020. — Alan Kelly. [47407/23]

*1118. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Stroke Strategy 2022-2027 will be funded in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [47410/23]

*1119. To ask the Minister for Health if Phase 2 of Early Supported Discharge, as planned under the National Stroke Strategy 2022-2027, will happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [47411/23]

*1120. To ask the Minister for Health if thrombectomy services will be affected by any funding shortfalls or cuts in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [47412/23]

*1121. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be any closure of stroke services in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [47413/23]

*1122. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that failure to fund stroke services in 2024 as part of the National Stroke Strategy 2022-2027 will result in greater numbers of patients remaining in hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [47414/23]

*1123. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made on an application for a nursing home support scheme package in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47415/23]

*1124. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the stepdown unit in Monaghan General Hospital; if it is fully operational; how many beds are operational; and how many patients have stayed in beds in the hospital for each month of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [47419/23]

*1125. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite surgery for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [47427/23]

*1126. To ask the Minister for Health whether the standard of care in private care homes, as well as the standard of training and vetting of staff, are the same as the standards employed in HSE-run care homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47428/23]

*1127. To ask the Minister for Health for clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47451/23]

*1128. To ask the Minister for Health if, in light of the considerable pressures on the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, he will agree to increase the supports available for parents and guardians of children and teens to access parenting support programmes that are directly addressed at assisting parents and guardians to assist and support their children dealing with

mental health issues; the extent of funding that he is prepared to commit to such an initiative over the next 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [47458/23]

*1129. To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding due to be allocated over the next 12 months to agencies within the remit of his Department to support the prevention and early intervention benefits of parenting support; the nature of the activities that will be funded through such allocations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [47459/23]

*1130. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of developments internationally to encourage the uptake of parenting support programmes, including the universal funding of programmes; whether he sees merit in expanding the availability of such programmes to parents and guardians in Ireland in the context of the public health benefits that they deliver in a community health context; the level of funding being allocated to such programmes over the next 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [47460/23]

*1131. To ask the Minister for Health how many patients are on the orthodontic assessment waiting list in Galway; how long the current waiting time is; how many patients are on the orthodontic treatment waiting list; what the current wait time is; if there are currently any unfilled clinical positions in the Galway service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [47464/23]

*1132. To ask the Minister for Health when it is expected that community healthcare west CAMHS will have IT-enabled patient administration systems; when it is expected a decision will be made on a future IT system appropriate to CAMHS from the national group overseeing implementation of the recommendations of the Mackey Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47467/23]

*1133. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider rolling out minor injury clinics across the country, especially in County Kerry. — Pa Daly. [47474/23]

*1134. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the new 96-bed unit presently under construction at University Hospital Limerick to be completed and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [47487/23]

*1135. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the new 96-bed units not presently under construction at University Hospital Limerick to be completed and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [47488/23]

*1136. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the PCRS will not cover the cost of the drug fostimon, on the drug payment scheme as prescribed by a fertility clinic and in one case only covers the cost for six days; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [47492/23]

*1137. To ask the Minister for Health if an application for the fair deal scheme (details supplied) will be urgently reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [47501/23]

*1138. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite a medical appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47502/23]

*1139. To ask the Minister for Health if a fair deal application will be urgently reviewed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [47503/23]

*1140. To ask the Minister for Health if the national clinical plan will provide support for type 1 diabetic patients under the age of 18 years through the deployment of continuous glucose monitors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47510/23]

*1141. To ask the Minister for Health the number of agency staff that are currently employed in Letterkenny University Hospital in any capacity for more than one year combined, with the role that they are assigned to; and the additional cost involved, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47541/23]

*1142. To ask the Minister for Health what efforts he has made to examine cross border cooperation between the public hospitals at Altnagelvin, Letterkenny, Enniskillen and Sligo on a range of medical procedures and operations for patients in the region to prevent long waiting lists, long distances to travel and the increasing cost of referring patients to private care options. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47577/23]

*1143. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) can expect to receive an appointment with Cork University Hospital orthodontics department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [47578/23]

*1144. To ask the Minister for Health if the mobile BreastCheck unit is still operating from Leopardstown Hospital; whether there were changes in its operation; if the service will be restored to previous levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [47580/23]

*1145. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 604 of 25 April and 468 of 18 May and 702 of 27 June 2023, the number of people with severe and enduring mental health difficulties under the care of the Cobh/Glenville and Midleton/Youghal adult mental health teams who have been transferred to continuing care or high-support hostels outside those HSE catchments since February 2021 when the Owenacurra Centre took its last referral for residential placement; the number of people in this cohort of service-users within those HSE catchments who have been transferred in the same timeframe to nursing homes, either within those HSE catchments or outside them; the reason that this information was not provided in the response to the Parliamentary Question, given that the information could be obtained by requesting it from the consultant psychiatrists on the two mental health teams under whose care the service-users in questions would have been, and given that similar information on the transfer of east Cork service-users was provided in response to previous Parliamentary Questions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47588/23]

*1146. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the planned ending of a special Covid leave with pay arrangement for healthcare workers on 31 October 2023 with the chronic and debilitating nature of that condition for this cohort of staff, who were previously given assurances by his Department that their needs would be met and that these healthcare workers contracted Covid in high-risk settings in circumstances that amount to being considered a workplace injury in other EU Member States; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47589/23]

*1147. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a patient (details supplied) has been placed at the beginning of another waiting list following the retirement of a consultant in University

Hospital Galway, despite numerous referral letters being sent by their GP outlining the extreme deterioration of their condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [47593/23]

*1148. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) who is currently attending Crumlin Children's Hospital will be provided with a wheelchair, as it is urgently required by them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47606/23]

*1149. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not been assigned a GP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [47607/23]

*1150. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on CAMHS hubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [47614/23]

*1151. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a status update regarding the anticipated opening date of the National Home Support Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47626/23]

*1152. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a status update regarding the rollout of the new ICT system for HSE Home Support Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47627/23]

*1153. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the steps that he has taken to date to address delays in the Statutory Home Support Scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47628/23]

*1154. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take the necessary steps to ensure that future tender invitations for home support services will include mileage payments to homecare workers (as is the case for HSE employed carers); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47629/23]

*1155. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with representatives of homecare providers and homecare workers for the purposes of developing career structures and pathways for homecare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47638/23]

*1156. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take the necessary steps to ensure that homecare workers continue to receive the living wage for the duration of Authorisation Scheme 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47632/23]

*1157. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a status update regarding the establishment of a Commission on Care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47633/23]

*1158. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take the necessary steps to enable hospitals to block book home care hours, in order to enable providers to plan strategically and ensure that there are carers available to support timely discharge of patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47634/23]

*1159. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take the necessary steps to ensure that homecare providers are paid for a month when a client pauses receiving care to ensure that the homecare workers remain assigned to the client; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47635/23]

*1160. To ask the Minister for Health if will give due consideration to incentivising providers and carers to deliver care in rural areas (similar to the Australian Modified Monash Model which measures the remoteness and population size on scale of 1-7, i.e., major city to very remote); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47636/23]

*1161. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give due consideration to establishing a forum with regard to waiting list numbers across Community Health Organisations, for the purposes of developing best practice guidelines on waiting list management; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47637/23]

*1162. To ask the Minister for Health the number of statements of interests for the purposes of Section 19 that have been filed by his special advisors in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will provide a schedule of same. — Catherine Murphy. [47649/23]

*1163. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the percentage of the health budget that is allocated to mental health in each year from 2019, up to and including Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [47668/23]

*1164. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive surgery in Cork University Hospital; if it would be possible to receive the surgery in either University Hospital Kerry or the Bons Secours Hospital, Tralee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [47683/23]

*1165. To ask the Minister for Health whether his Department will conduct an inquiry into the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland use of a US institute to conduct animal research not in accordance with Irish or EU regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47685/23]

*1166. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that the practice of night-time confinement in all units (except high-secure) at the National Central Mental Hospital, Portrane, continues to be operational, despite the ceasing of this activity being a condition of its registration, as set out by the Mental Health Commission and HSE, dated 12 May 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [47689/23]

*1167. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) in County Clare will be transferred from University Hospital Limerick to CHI, Crumlin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [47701/23]

*1168. To ask the Minister for Health the reason many women received appointment letters from Breast Health in the Mater Hospital for Friday, 20 October 2023, only to discover upon turning up for the appointment that the Breast Health system recorded the appointment date as Friday, 27 October, and was not expecting them for another week; the number of women affected by the issue; if he will apologise to the women in question for the distress caused to them as they awaited biopsy results; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [47702/23]

*1169. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people diagnosed with breast cancer from 2020-2023 in Ireland; the average age, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47710/23]

*1170. To ask the Minister for Health if, considering that a high volume of breast cancer cases is oestrogen-driven and many women experience hormonal changes from the age of 40 years onwards, he will consider extending BreastCheck screening to all women from 40 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47711/23]

*1171. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 668 of 20 June 2023, if he will provide an update on funding for the Changing Lives Initiative in Budget 2024; if an expansion of the initiative will be considered in the upcoming HSE Service Plan for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [47712/23]

*1172. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect to receive an appointment for a consultation in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47723/23]

*1173. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of the advertising spend of his Department and agencies under the remit of his Department, by national media outlet and local newspaper outlet, for each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47734/23]

*1174. To ask the Minister for Health how standards are set for a profession (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [47758/23]

*1175. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an application for surgery for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [47764/23]

*1176. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of children and adolescents on the waiting-lists of the south Lee primary care services and the north Lee primary care services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47780/23]

*1177. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of children and adolescents on the waiting-lists of the south Lee primary care services and the north Lee primary care services in excess of one, two, three, four or more years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47781/23]

*1178. To ask the Minister for Health the number of in-person client sessions offered by each grade of psychologist - assistant psychologists, staff grade psychologists, senior psychologists and principal psychologists in the south Lee child and adolescent primary care services and the north Lee child and adolescent primary care services for each month to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47782/23]

*1179. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children removed from the assessment of need waiting list in each of the Cork and Kerry primary care psychology services for each month from 1 October 2022, in tabular form; the length of time the child was waiting for an AON in each case and the process of clinical decision-making involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47783/23]

*1180. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update regarding any plans the Government has to reimburse families of nursing homes patients illegally charged nursing home fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [47797/23]

*1181. To ask the Minister for Health the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the government of Israel, any state body of the government of

Israel, or any engagement within or with Israel, in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47809/23]

*1182. To ask the Minister for Health the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the Palestinian Authority, any organ of the Palestinian Authority, or any engagement within, or with organisations in, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in the years 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47827/23]

*1183. To ask the Minister for Health if any of the hospital group CEOs across all hospital groups hold other remunerated positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [47836/23]

*1184. To ask the Minister for Health the oversight mechanism for approving hospital group CEO expenses across all hospital groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [47837/23]

*1185. To ask the Minister for Health what mechanisms are in place to administer conflicts of interest for all hospital group CEOs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [47838/23]

*1186. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the introduction of the Organisation of Working Time (Reproductive Health Related Leave) Bill 2021. — Robert Troy. [47851/23]

*1187. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on ongoing work to resolve the contractual arrangement issues with general practitioners associated with the upcoming revised tax treatment of general medical services income of general practitioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47857/23]

*1188. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently attending the paediatric diabetes service in the Regional Hospital Mullingar. — Sorca Clarke. [47872/23]

*1189. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list, per age, for community psychology in Mullingar primary care centre, in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [47873/23]

*1190. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing number of the community psychology team in Mullingar primary care centre. — Sorca Clarke. [47874/23]

*1191. To ask the Minister for Health the current vacancies that exist in Mullingar Regional Hospital, per post; and the length of time each has been vacant for. — Sorca Clarke. [47876/23]

*1192. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the Working Time (Reproductive Health Related Leave) Bill 2021 in relation to fertility treatment and miscarriage leave. — Sorca Clarke. [47879/23]

*1193. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women awaiting gynaecology appointments, by hospital, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [47880/23]

*1194. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 579 of 17 October 2023, when the document approved by the National Trauma Programme Steering Group in December 2022 which states “TU’s should have the availability of at least one paediatric nurse per shift” and “recommends one WTE nurse per paediatric attendance annually” was updated and this recommendation removed. — Sorca Clarke. [47889/23]

*1195. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing of the paediatric diabetes service in the Regional Hospital Mullingar; the current vacancies within that service; and how long each post has been vacant for. — Sorca Clarke. [47890/23]

*1196. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will consider extra funding for an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47907/23]

*1197. To ask the Minister for Health if signage will be erected in areas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47911/23]

*1198. To ask the Minister for Health the reason management roles (details supplied) are being replaced and tradespeople doing the work on the ground are not as regards HSE maintenance teams in an area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [47913/23]

*1199. To ask the Minister for Health if the significant cost of circadin could be covered under the medical card scheme for a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [47914/23]

*1200. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47935/23]

*1201. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on access to green space (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [47950/23]

*1202. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to create a chief pharmaceutical officer position in his Department; his views on the matter; if his Department has examined similar roles operational in Scotland and Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [47953/23]

*1203. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the regional health area implantation plan; the level of consultation that took place with HSE management; if south Tipperary and Cork will remain part of CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [47954/23]

*1204. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on European Reference Networks funding; if funding was committed to in Budget 2024; if he is aware of consultants concerns that they will lose ERN’s due to failure to maintain records and standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [47955/23]

*1205. To ask the Minister for Health the number of winter flu vaccines that have been administered to different cohorts to date in October 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [47956/23]

*1206. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the hepatitis C home testing kits; the number of kits that have been dispatched; if the scheme is proving successful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [47957/23]

*1207. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47960/23]

*1208. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be issued to a person (details supplied) regarding their confirmed urgent referral to the urology clinic in UCG Hospital in Dec 2022. — Sorca Clarke. [47961/23]

*1209. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the implementation of the 109 recommendations of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Autism’s final Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [47977/23]

*1210. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to introduce legislation that bans the use of vaping products in schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47982/23]

*1211. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine the reclassification of a condition (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [48001/23]

*1212. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department engages a company (details supplied); if so, the duration and nature of the work; the cost of same to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [48014/23]

*1213. To ask the Minister for Health if homecare workers employed directly by the HSE work Saturdays and Sundays; if weekend home support is provided entirely by external providers, approved by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [48059/23]

*1214. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatient beds currently in five hospitals (details supplied), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [48085/23]

*1215. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) who has a full medical card, is being charged for blood tests by their GP surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [48086/23]

*1216. To ask the Minister for Health if the State can provide assistance in relation to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48087/23]

*1217. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists in County Kerry who currently accept medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [48090/23]

*1218. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of cervical screening samples that will be processed in the National Cervical Screening Laboratory at the Coombe, now that the service has resumed; the percentage that will continue to be outsourced to secondary laboratory contractors; the timeline he is working towards for increasing the number of cervical screening samples processed at the National Cervical Screening Laboratory and ending the overreliance

on secondary laboratory contractors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [48092/23]

*1219. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the national school dentist scheme for 6th class children who have yet to be seen by a school dentist due to Covid (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [48095/23]

*1220. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48100/23]

*1221. To ask the Minister for Health if an MRI scan will be expedited at WUH for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [48104/23]

*1222. To ask the Minister for Health if special hearings aids will be provided as a matter of urgency for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [48106/23]

*1223. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the situation regarding medical card holders who wish to transfer from one GP practice to another; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [48107/23]

*1224. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 812 of 13 July 2023, for a breakdown of the more than 25,000 young people refused access to CAMHS since 2020; for a breakdown of the reasons they were refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [48109/23]

*1225. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 812 of 13 July 2023, how many of those refused access to CAMHS have a diagnosis of autism; if those with autism met the criteria of moderate to severe mental ill-health; and to comment on the policy of refusal to CAMHS in relation to those with a dual diagnosis of autism and mental ill-health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [48110/23]

*1226. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a presentation (details supplied); if children are being excluded from CAMHS because they also have a diagnosis of autism; the mental health supports that are available within CAMHS to young people with autism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [48111/23]

*1227. To ask the Minister for Health if children with a dual diagnosis of autism and mental health will be included in the CAMHS Hub Pilot phase; his views on the criteria for being included; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [48112/23]

*1228. To ask the Minister for Health how many primary care occupational therapists are in place in Rowlagh, Clondalkin, and Rosse Court, Lucan; and the average waiting time for an appointment for children in both locations. — Mark Ward. [48118/23]

*1229. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update in relation to pay parity for medical scientists; if pay parity will be delivered in early January 2024 as indicated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [48124/23]

*1230. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Strategic Review of General Practice; the areas this review will examine; the timeline he is working towards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [48126/23]

*1231. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the proposal to develop a 'surgical hub' in Limerick; where exactly is the preferred site that has been identified; when he expects it to be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [48157/23]

*1232. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting a CT scan and MRI scan at Wexford General Hospital. — Duncan Smith. [48159/23]

*1233. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time secretaries working in the ophthalmology department in the Mater Hospital in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [48160/23]

*1234. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults living in County Leitrim waiting for vascular surgery. — Duncan Smith. [48161/23]

*1235. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE senior cardiology dieticians based in Kerry University Hospital in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [48162/23]

*1236. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of revenue generated through parking charges within public car park at Our Lady's Of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [48163/23]

*1237. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE senior medical scientists in molecular microbiology at University Hospital Waterford in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [48164/23]

*1238. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated capital and current funding required to double the number of ICU beds at Letterkenny University Hospital. — Duncan Smith. [48165/23]

*1239. To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocation to Roscommon University Hospital in the years of 2022, 2023 and 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [48166/23]

*1240. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cataract procedures carried out at South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [48167/23]

*1241. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of funding allocated to drug addiction services in County Longford in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [48168/23]

*1242. To ask the Minister for Health the average ambulance turnaround time at Mullingar emergency department in each month of 2023 to date, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [48169/23]

*1243. To ask the Minister for Health the additional resources and personnel that will be provided to Tipperary University Hospital as part of the 2023-2024 Winter Plan. — Duncan Smith. [48170/23]

*1244. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on waiting lists for Jigsaw in CHO2. — Duncan Smith. [48171/23]

*1245. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant in intensive care medicine at CHI Crumlin in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [48172/23]

*1246. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric neurologist and paediatric neurologist registrars based at University Hospital Limerick in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [48173/23]

*1247. To ask the Minister for Health the number hip replacement surgeries carried out in Mayo University Hospital in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [48174/23]

*1248. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE senior vascular physiologist at Beaumont Hospital in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [48175/23]

*1249. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE speech and language therapists based in Louth County Hospital in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [48176/23]

*1250. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ICU beds at St. Vincent's University Hospital in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [48177/23]

*1251. To ask the Minister for Health the out-of-hours mental health services that are currently available in County Roscommon. — Duncan Smith. [48178/23]

*1252. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE clinical nurse manager 2 in pre-exposure prophylaxis services in Galway University Hospital in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [48179/23]

*1253. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant dermatologist and dermatology registrars at Letterkenny University Hospital in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [48180/23]

*1254. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE scrub nurses working in Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [48181/23]

*1255. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time from check in to seeing a clinician at Tallaght University Hospital Emergency Department. — Duncan Smith. [48182/23]

*1256. To ask the Minister for Health if he will advise on an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [48185/23]

*1257. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the ceiling a single person can earn as of now to get a GP medical card (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [48188/23]

*1258. To ask the Minister for Health if an urgent stepdown bed can be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); if all efforts can be made to ensure that proper provision for this patient is put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48201/23]

*1259. To ask the Minister for Health what efforts were made to contact individuals and families who were victims of medical negligence to make them aware of the public consultation on health claims costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [48219/23]

*1260. To ask the Minister for Health when the vacant positions of chair and coordinator at the Canal Communities Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force will be filled. — Patrick Costello. [48232/23]

*1261. To ask the Minister for Health the specific policy in relation to prosthetic funding for each community healthcare organisation area; the reason for such disparities in each of the CHO areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [48244/23]

*1262. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated to each community health organisation for prosthetics, in tabular form. — Richard O'Donoghue. [48245/23]

*1263. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline under what circumstances the HSE ordered the gathering of information in relation to a nursing home (details supplied) in Dundalk, County Louth in May 2020 during the first phase of the Covid-19 pandemic; who ordered that this material was gathered and centralised in the HSE; what was the purpose of this information being gathered; if he is aware of other similar information gathering exercises carried out by the HSE in relation to private nursing homes at this time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [48247/23]

*1264. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the average and median time that elapses between the receipt of a complaint by the Medical Council and the making of an initial determination by the PPC or CEO, respectively; and following such initial determination, the average and median length of time that the FTPC stage takes; if he will provide such figures for complaints received in 1992, 2002, 2012 and each of the last five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48265/23]

*1265. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made in providing a new primary care centre for An Spidéal, Contae na Gaillimhe; the next steps proposed in progressing this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48270/23]

*1266. To ask the Minister for Health the number of prisoners, by gender with acute mental health issue on the waiting list for transfer from prisons to the Central Mental Hospital for treatment; the length the longest person on the waiting list is waiting for such a transfer; the reason for the delay in providing this urgent medical care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48275/23]

*1267. To ask the Minister for Health when a prisoner (details supplied) will be transferred from a prison to the Central Mental Hospital; the length of time they have been the waiting list for treatment in the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48276/23]

*1268. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who, having been referred to a doctor in February 2023, has yet to receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [48318/23]

*1269. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE critical care ambulances, by location, in use in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [48323/23]

*1270. To ask the Minister for Health the number of school dentists based in CHO8 in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [48324/23]

*1271. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE plastic surgeon registrars based in each hospital part of Ireland East Hospital Group in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [48325/23]

*1272. To ask the Minister for Health the number of birthing pools in use in each maternity hospital and maternity unit nationwide, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [48326/23]

*1273. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant general adult psychiatrists with a special interest in substance misuse in the CHO8 mental health service in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [48327/23]

*1274. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE clinical specialists in inpatient orthopaedics with a special interest in spinal disorders at the Mater Hospital. — Darren O'Rourke. [48328/23]

*1275. To ask the Minister for Health when the new 96-bed block in UHL is going to be completed and ready to accept patients; how many of the beds will go towards increasing existing capacity and not replace existing beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [48364/23]

*1276. To ask the Minister for Health when the drug ozempic will be made available for GPs to prescribe to diabetes patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [48365/23]

*1277. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time a person (details supplied) will have to wait for surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [48384/23]

*1278. To ask the Minister for Health if the complement of nursing staff at St. Mary's Health Centre, Thurles, County Tipperary, can be increased if more permanent nursing staff could be employed there, rather than agency staff, considering that many patients with mental health difficulties who avail of the mental health centres such as this often build up a relationship with a nurse on duty and find it very upsetting when such staff members leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [48414/23]

*1279. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1046 of 20 September 2023, the status of the development of a primary care centre on Inisbofin; the status of the land transfer and if it has concluded to date; the expected timeline for the development of the primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48437/23]

*1280. To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form the number of abortions performed at the Ireland East Hospital Group, broken down by category of the 2018 Health Act

(ss. 9-12) for the years 2019 to 2023 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [48443/23]

*1281. To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form the number of abortions performed at the RCSI Hospital Group, broken down by category of the 2018 Health Act (ss. 9-12) for the years 2019 to 2023 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [48444/23]

*1282. To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form the number of abortions performed at the Saolta Hospital Group, broken down by category of the 2018 Health Act (ss. 9-12) for the years 2019 to 2023 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [48445/23]

*1283. To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form the number of abortions performed at the UL Hospitals Group, broken down by category of the 2018 Health Act (ss. 9-12) for the years 2019 to 2023 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [48446/23]

*1284. To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form the number of abortions performed at the South/Southwest Hospital Group, broken down by category of the 2018 Health Act (ss. 9-12) for the years 2019 to 2023 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [48447/23]

*1285. To ask the Minister for Health if respite services can be provided for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal for one week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [48464/23]

*1286. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an electric bed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [48468/23]

*1287. To ask the Minister for Health following the recommendations of the Citizens Assembly on Drugs if his Department will legislate to give effect to this parliamentary term. — Patrick Costello. [48470/23]

*1288. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1921 of 11 September 2023, if he will provide an update on the development of the new elective hospital in Merlin Park; the status of the development of the pre-tender business case, including the Draft Project Brief and Draft Procurement Strategy; the timeline for when he expects the project to complete Stage 2 of the Public Spending Code; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48435/23]

*1289. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for surgery. — Robert Troy. [48479/23]

*1290. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a specialist consultant for Ehlers-Danlos syndrome; if not, whether there are any plans to put one in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48480/23]

*1291. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds in a facility (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [48484/23]

*1292. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of young people with autism being treated as in-patients in adult mental health units; the total number of people with disabilities being treated as in-patients in adult mental health facilities; the steps he is taking to have them moved to more appropriate care facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [48486/23]

*1293. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the work being carried out by his Department on the proposed pharmaceutical legislation revision being delivered under the European Pharmaceutical Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [48490/23]

*1294. To ask the Minister for Health if he is concerned about medicine shortages this winter; what steps are being taken to ensure that a serious shortage is avoided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [48491/23]

*1295. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to Section 38 Organisations, whereby a Labour Court support staff evaluation scheme decision has not been fully implemented, in that funding has not been released to pay staff back-dated pay owed to them from 1 January 2021; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [48498/23]

*1296. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the proposed and announced refurbishments, developments and funding for St. Josephs care centre in Longford town, given the first refurbishment was due to be completed in 2021. — Sorca Clarke. [48507/23]

*1297. To ask the Minister for Health following the announcement in September 2023 of a ward-closure in St. Josephs care centre in Longford, due to an issue with a roof, to provide an update on works carried out and works that remain to be completed; and the timeline for completion, in relation to this issue given the level of demand that exists for this centre. — Sorca Clarke. [48508/23]

*1298. To ask the Minister for Health the general wait time for accessing CAMHS, by county; and the wait time for those who have an autism diagnosis accessing CAMHS, by county, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [48511/23]

*1299. To ask the Minister for Health if he can provide HSE funding to a person (details supplied) in order that they can be granted a place in a nursing home. — Chris Andrews. [48512/23]

*1300. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the number of children and the length of time they have been waiting for an assessment by the child and adolescent mental health services in the CHO3 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [48513/23]

*1301. To ask the Minister for Health the number of attendees at University Hospital Limerick emergency department in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [48514/23]

*1302. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of medical staff vacancies, per role at University Hospital Limerick, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [48515/23]

*1303. To ask the Minister for Health the number of days to date in 2023 that the full capacity protocol has been utilised at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [48516/23]

*1304. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists to persons ratio in each CHO region. — Catherine Murphy. [48517/23]

*1305. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GPs to persons ratio in each CHO region. — Catherine Murphy. [48518/23]

*1306. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of some opticians who have not received payment from the HSE for the last number of months to continue the HSE glasses vouchers for children; if he will rectify this situation in order that parents can continue to use the vouchers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [48521/23]

*1307. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds the HSE contracted out (details supplied) in the Mayo area from 2019 to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [48527/23]

*1308. To ask the Minister for Health what plans his Department has to create pathways for internationally trained health professionals to return to Ireland to work in the HSE (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [48530/23]

*1309. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Sláinte an aithníonn sé na deacrachtaí atá roimh chainteoirí dúchais Ghaeilge i gcóras sláinte a chaitheann leo amhail is go bhfuil Béarla acu, cén obair atá ar bun ag a Roinn le cinntiú go bhfreastalófar ar riachtanais na gcainteoirí sin ag gach céim den chóras sláinte; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [48531/23]

*1310. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Sláinte an bhfuil an t-ainm fearainn moleanbh.ie nó a chomhionann ceannaithe ag an Roinn nó ag Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte le cinntiú go mbeidh an suíomh mychild.ie agus an t-ábhar a ghabhann leis ar fáil go hiomlán trí Ghaeilge don phobal; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [48532/23]

*1311. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the upper age limit for a scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48556/23]

*1312. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a review (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48564/23]

*1313. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to expand a scheme (details supplied) to those with endometriosis or chronic pain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48565/23]

*1314. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants who work with patients on a scheme (details supplied); how many patients on that scheme they have under their care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48566/23]

*1315. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants who work with patients on a scheme (details supplied); how many patients on that scheme they have under their care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48567/23]

*1316. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider expanding the medical card support for those who have obtained a Ministerial licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48568/23]

*1317. To ask the Minister for Health what is meant by a term (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48570/23]

*1318. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for speech and language therapy by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [48578/23]

*1319. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for physiotherapy by CHO, and age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [48579/23]

*1320. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for occupational therapy by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [48580/23]

*1321. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for ophthalmology by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [48582/23]

*1322. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for audiology by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [48583/23]

*1323. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for podiatry by CHO, and age category; and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [48584/23]

*1324. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for community psychology services by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [48585/23]

*1325. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for counselling services by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [48586/23]

*1326. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for dietetics by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [48588/23]

*1327. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for homecare packages; the number of persons experiencing delayed discharge from hospital due to a delay accessing homecare; and the waiting lists for homecare packages by CHO and LHO, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [48589/23]

*1328. To ask the Minister for Health if treatment for retrograde cricopharyngeal dysfunction (R-CPD) will be made available on the medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [48591/23]

*1329. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a detailed breakdown of the number of invitation letters issued for BreastCheck appointments, the number of attendances at BreastCheck appointments, by county, for the period 2016-2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48592/23]

*1330. To ask the Minister for Health to extend the cycle of care for children with an asthma diagnosis aged under eight years, to all people under the age of 18 years, with or without a GP card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48594/23]

*1331. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expand access to the chronic disease management programme to all adults aged 18 years or over, with or without a GP Visit Card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48595/23]

*1332. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ringfence dedicated funding for the purposes of recruiting additional respiratory physiologists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48596/23]

*1333. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give due consideration to expanding the National Fund for Biologic Medication for severe asthma (to include Anti-igE and Anti-il-4il-1 3 biologic treatment); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48597/23]

*1334. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give due consideration to expanding the number of advanced nurse practitioners WTE posts by 112 in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48598/23]

*1335. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that the Caredoc phone services for St. Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow is run out of Dublin, and not locally in Carlow, and as a consequence, the phones are not being answered all the time, nor are calls being returned in an efficient manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [48600/23]

*1336. To ask the Minister for Health if any allowances can be made for a person who has just missed the age cut-off point for publicly funded IVF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [48610/23]

*1337. To ask the Minister for Health if any allowances can be made for a person who has just missed the age cut-off point for publicly funded IVF in view of their medical circumstances (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [48612/23]

*1338. To ask the Minister for Health if he has any plans to change guidelines (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [48614/23]

*1339. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE staff currently on secondment to universities in Ireland; how the policy on secondment will be impacted by the recent embargo on recruitment of certain grades in the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [48615/23]

*1340. To ask the Minister for Health if, further to World Stroke Day, he will provide a full update on the funding requirements and overall implementation plans for the National Stroke Strategy; if he will respond to the concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [48622/23]

*1341. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with the HSE in order to prevent total blindness from occurring in a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [48635/23]

*1342. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm when a child who has been fostered (details supplied) will receive an appointment for a speech and language therapist, considering that this service is urgently needed by the child given their circumstances and that their foster guardians have been informed that it could take up to 18 months for this service to be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48642/23]

*1343. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 548 of 10 October 2023, the status of an application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48646/23]

*1344. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered positive organisational scholarship as a possible intervention in healthcare settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [48667/23]

*1345. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm whether individuals with type 1 diabetes who are public patients can access insulin pump technology and continuous glucose monitoring equipment through the EU Treatment Abroad Scheme in the United Kingdom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48669/23]

*1346. To ask the Minister for Health if, regarding the availability of treatment for type 1 diabetes in Ireland, he will explain the role of the EU Cross Border Directive in facilitating reimbursements for patients seeking automatic insulin pump technology treatment abroad, especially when such treatment is available in their home Member State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48670/23]

*1347. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on the existence of a policy initiative within his Department addressing the concerning increase in vaping among primary and secondary school children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48673/23]

*1348. To ask the Minister for Health to outline what vouchers or grants are in place to support parents with the cost of new glasses for their children; if this voucher scheme applies only up to the age of eight years; if he will confirm if there is a standard voucher amount in place across the country or if the level of support varies by geographic area; to outline, in tabular form, the amount payable by each CHO or former health board area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [48677/23]

*1349. To ask the Minister for Health what changes have been made to the system for reimbursing dispensing opticians for vouchers issued by the HSE for the glasses of children; if he will provide a list of the type of payments available for each type of glasses or prescription; what rules apply; up until what age payments are made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [48678/23]

*1350. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of an open letter to the HSE regarding trans healthcare, to which 20 national and international organisations signed; if he agrees with the points raised in the letter that trans healthcare in Ireland should adhere to human rights principles, align with evidence-based international standards, and include the trans community at all stages (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [48729/23]

*1351. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant psychiatrists and senior psychologists in each of the CAMHS teams based in CHO9 in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [48750/23]

*1352. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional WTE staff that were recruited into endocrinology, obstetrics and neonatology services to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [48751/23]

*1353. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the rate of theatre utilisation in St. James's Hospital for 2022; and if he will provide the rate of theatre utilisation in Tallaght and Naas General Hospitals, respectively for 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [48752/23]

*1354. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitals that provide a clinical psychology service to heart failure patients; and the proportion of patients identified as requiring clinical psychology who received the service in each of these hospitals. — Catherine Murphy. [48753/23]

*1355. To ask the Minister for Health the status of podiatry services provided by the HSE in County Kildare; the status of the service going forward; and the number of persons on the waiting list for this service. — Catherine Murphy. [48754/23]

*1356. To ask the Minister for Health if equality of care can be offered to COPD sufferers without a medical card in order that they can access services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [48784/23]

*1357. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take the necessary steps to enable a registered nurse to sign a declaration of death form for a patient who passes away in hospital or nursing home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48786/23]

*1358. To ask the Minister for Health to provide confirmation in relation to the anticipated start date for the newly appointed psychiatrist in CAMHS Infirmary Road, Cork (which serves the area of Cork North Central); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48787/23]

*1359. To ask the Minister for Health to provide information in relation to the days per week that a psychiatrist is employed in CAMHS, Infirmary Road, Cork (which serves the area of Cork North Central); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48788/23]

*1360. To ask the Minister for Health to outline what contingency measures are in place in circumstances where a psychiatrist employed by CAMHS is absent from work due to illness, in particular in cases where children have started medication and require adjustment/alteration of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48789/23]

*1361. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details in relation to the anticipated timescale for computerisation of CAMHS cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48790/23]

*1362. To ask the Minister for Health what contingency measures his Department has in place in relation to cancellation of appointments with CAMHS psychiatrists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48791/23]

*1363. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the relaunching of a public awareness campaign targeted at mitigating cancer risk, in particular the importance of education regarding exercise, maintaining a healthy body weight and reducing alcohol intake, in light of recent data which places Ireland as having the second highest rate of incidence of cancer among the 27 EU Member States; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48792/23]

*1364. To ask the Minister for Health the status of Pembrolizumab, used in the treatment of triple negative breast cancer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48793/23]

*1365. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of waiting times for persons referred for MRIs to determine possible breast cancer diagnosis in each of the eight cancer centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48794/23]

*1366. To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department has taken to date and plans to take in relation to reviewing capacity in each of the eight cancer centres (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48795/23]

*1367. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the additional units being built at St. Mary's hospital, Drogheda; when the units will come into operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [48807/23]

*1368. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made in assessing the suitability of sites at Palmers Hill, Cashel and land to the rear of St. Patrick's for the community nursing unit, originally planned for St. Patrick's, Cashel. — Martin Browne. [48808/23]

*1369. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that the Covid vaccine novovax which is the only booster vaccine that can be administered to patients with myocarditis or other heart complaints is not currently available with the HSE; when it will be available; what he advises vulnerable patients for whom the booster is immediately necessary to do in the meantime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [48809/23]

*1370. To ask the Minister for Health the reason employees working for an organisation (details supplied) in a long-term residential house for disabled persons are not assessed as Section 39 employees despite having worked throughout the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [48810/23]

*1371. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being taken to ensure continued support and services for stroke patients, given the absence of allocated funds in Budget 2024 for national stroke strategy services in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [48819/23]

*1372. To ask the Minister for Health if he visited any health-related facility during his visit to New York during the recent UN week. — Pauline Tully. [48845/23]

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

*1373. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are plans to upscale the provision of student accommodation for those who are coming to

Ireland to study from abroad on a short-term basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [47192/23]

*1374. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details regarding the process for technological universities (TUs) to apply for HEA capital infrastructure funding aimed at supporting the development of on-campus sporting facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47248/23]

*1375. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the cost to increase the number of places on social workers' graduate programmes by 25%; how many additional places this equates to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [47263/23]

*1376. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will support SETU's bid for a new veterinary medicine school at its campus, given that there is only one veterinary school in the country presently, and given the proven track record SETU has in delivering land sciences education and related research in conjunction with regional stakeholders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [47264/23]

*1377. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he agrees that adult education tutors do the same work as their permanent colleagues in the Further Education and Training Sector and should therefore have the same terms and conditions; if he will clarify when his Department will award a contract that offers adult education tutors parity with their permanent co-workers to reflect the importance of the work they do in communities across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [47274/23]

*1378. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the student reduction for SUSI grants announced in Budget 2024 will take effect. — Robert Troy. [47301/23]

*1379. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to detail any ongoing or previous use of artificial intelligence within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [47337/23]

*1380. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the ongoing work to align adult education tutors to a pay scale of an existing grade in education and training boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47359/23]

*1381. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if it is possible for an Irish student with two years of study done in veterinary medicine in a university in Budapest to transfer to University College Dublin to complete their degree; how they might apply for such a transfer; the requirements needed to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [47369/23]

*1382. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the meaning of 'irreconcilably estranged' in the context of proof of independence from parents for a SUSI grant application; and what proof will be accepted in the absence of involvement of Tusla, a social worker or the courts; whether an affidavit from a solicitor will be accepted as proof; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47422/23]

*1383. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when hourly-paid adult education tutors with the ETB will receive parity with their full-time equivalent colleagues in relation to the terms and conditions for their employment, particularly in relation to a public service contract and access to an incremental salary scheme; what work he is undertaking to avoid further disputes with this sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [47461/23]

*1384. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way his Department is supporting students with severe disabilities to access and attend third level education and further education colleges; the specific funding that he has provided to support students in this regard; if this includes the provision of an appropriate personal assistant service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [47472/23]

*1385. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if adult education tutors will be included in the pay increment scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47484/23]

*1386. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to accept that those over the age of 23 years are not living at home as independent of their parents, regardless of the type of accommodation or the length of time living away from home. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47521/23]

*1387. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he intends to introduce a dedicated local transport link to service colleges of further or higher education in the Sligo or Leitrim area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [47563/23]

*1388. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of statements of interests for the purposes of Section 19 that have been filed by his special advisors in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will provide a schedule of same. — Catherine Murphy. [47648/23]

*1389. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of discussions between his Department and the representatives of an organisation (details supplied) regarding its contract proposal; what steps are being taken to address the concerns raised by the organisation regarding the proposed contract; if he will take action to expedite the process of reaching a satisfactory contract agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [47713/23]

*1390. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to a campaign by hourly-paid adult education tutors regarding pay and conditions (details supplied); whether his Department intends to give these tutors parity with their full-time counterparts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [47716/23]

*1391. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a breakdown of the advertising spend of his Department and agencies under the remit of his Department, by national media outlet and local newspaper outlet, for each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47733/23]

and publicly communicated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [48254/23]

*1419. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when a framework for the university sector to develop student accommodation will be agreed; the quantum of capital funding his Department plans to make available to the technological university sector, and specifically SETU, to advance student accommodation builds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [48255/23]

*1420. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of higher education in the southeast region, given that unlike other regions, there is no National University; how this deficit in regional higher level provision is being considered by his Department with respect to the development of SETU; the actions he has taken to date and the funding provision he has made available that demonstrates his and his Departments understanding of this exceptional situation in terms of trying to stem the southeast brain drain and its consequent economic impacts on families and the wider south east economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [48256/23]

*1421. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of instructors in each training centre delivering phase 2 pipefitting training. — Thomas Gould. [48287/23]

*1422. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of instructors in each training centre delivering phase 4 pipefitting training. — Thomas Gould. [48288/23]

*1423. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of instructors in each training centre delivering phase 6 pipefitting training. — Thomas Gould. [48289/23]

*1424. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of instructors in each training centre delivering phase 2 electrician training. — Thomas Gould. [48290/23]

*1425. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of instructors in each training centre delivering phase 4 electrician training. — Thomas Gould. [48291/23]

*1426. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of instructors in each training centre delivering phase 6 electrician training. — Thomas Gould. [48292/23]

*1427. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of instructors in each training centre delivering phase 2 plumbing training. — Thomas Gould. [48293/23]

*1428. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of instructors in each training centre delivering phase 4 plumbing training. — Thomas Gould. [48294/23]

*1392. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps that are being taken to ensure that adult education tutors receive a contract offering terms and conditions equivalent to their full-time counterparts in the further education and training sector (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [47748/23]

*1393. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the government of Israel, any state body of the government of Israel, or any engagement within or with Israel, in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47808/23]

*1394. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagements his Department, or any agency or body under his direction, has had with the Palestinian Authority, any organ of the Palestinian Authority, or any engagement within, or with organisations in, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in the years 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47826/23]

*1395. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures his Department is implementing to address the issues raised by the motion passed by Seanad Éireann (details supplied) relating to precarious work in higher education; if any of the policy solutions recommended by Seanad Éireann have been implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [47848/23]

*1396. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total allocation of capital grants made available, per ETB, in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [47885/23]

*1397. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the proposed centre of excellence for electric vehicle management in Mullingar. — Sorca Clarke. [47887/23]

*1398. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the contract proposals for hourly-paid adult education tutors. — Sorca Clarke. [47896/23]

*1399. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what financial supports can be made available to graduate entry medical students who are struggling with high course fees and a lack of loan provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [47905/23]

*1400. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason the Leaving Certificate (Established) is being taken from the College of Further Education and Training, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick, which has provided same since 2000; if he agrees that this decision is all the more shocking, because of the fact that in July 2023, Tusla reported a dramatic rise in early school leavers over the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [47908/23]

*1401. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the University of Limerick's application to become the location for Ireland's

second veterinary school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [47909/23]

*1402. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in relation to his announcement (details supplied) on the new funding that is to be provided by the EIB and HFA for student accommodation, if he will outline the conditionality, if any, that will be applied to Universities accessing this funding in terms of their obligations to set an affordable rates of rent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [47923/23]

*1403. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in relation to his announcement (details supplied) on the new funding that is to be provided by the EIB and HFA for student accommodation, if he will outline whether this model of delivery will differ from the existing model, or whether it is a continuation albeit with additional funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [47924/23]

*1404. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in relation to his announcement (details supplied) on the new funding that is to be provided by the EIB and HFA for student accommodation, it is stated that he recently “received approval to extend this lending to Technological Universities”, so if he can confirm that the TU’s borrowing will now deemed to be off balance sheet, and can he outline when they will be permitted to undertake their own borrowing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [47925/23]

*1405. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in relation to his announcement (details supplied) on the new funding that is to be provided by the EIB and HFA for student accommodation, considering that the Department of Housing carried over the full 10% of last year’s capital budget, if he foresee any difficulties in terms of the capacity to spend this additional funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [47926/23]

*1406. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on negotiations between his Department and unions on the issue of adult education tutors and their ability to access public service contracts and increments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [47937/23]

*1407. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide the necessary funding to Galway Roscommon Educational Training Board for the purchase of a site in Roscommon for the provision of an apprenticeship programme centre in Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [48004/23]

*1408. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department engages a company (details supplied); if so, the duration and nature of the work; the cost of same to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [48013/23]

*1409. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 1052 of 20 September 2023, how many instructors deliver phase 6 training and in how many ETB centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [48083/23]

*1410. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 1052 of 20 September 2023, how many pipefitting apprentices are in the group or the class size of the group for phase 4 and phase 6 of the training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [48084/23]

*1411. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if consideration will be given to this proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [48122/23]

*1412. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will set out the current position in relation to providing a public service contract and access to an incremental salary scale for tutors employed by ETBs on an hourly paid rate; the outcome of discussions his Department has had with trade union representatives on this issue; when an improved contract will be offered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [48189/23]

*1413. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 594 of 10 October 2023, if he will now address the parts of the question not answered which relate to the proof submitted by the applicant from SW confirming that the father’s details which could not have been submitted within the timeframe as the applicant had to wait for a response from SW; and if he will conduct a full review of the application, with a view to approving the grant. — John McGuinness. [48190/23]

*1414. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to review correspondence (details supplied); to outline any financial supports available to the student in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48194/23]

*1415. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 268 of 18 October 2023, to provide a detail of the date of each decision gate, the project budget at each decision gate, the overall cost of any completed projects and the overall financial disbursement from voted expenditure from the Department in respect of each completed project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [48251/23]

*1416. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to advise what cut-off date is being discussed within his Department to end formal consideration of the phase two PPP capital delivery including the proposed engineering building to the WIT campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [48252/23]

*1417. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science understanding that design plans have been obviously completed considering formal negotiation of PPP delivery of engineering building to WIT campus and understanding that the PPP process appears unable to be fulfilled, the other pathways his Department is reviewing in order to separate this construction and tender for direct build; how advanced any such discussions are; the timeline to separate and tender this building for construction award; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [48253/23]

*1418. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the ongoing process that decides approval for the provision of pharmacy and veterinary faculties and course development (details supplied); the reason for the delay in providing approval to these applications; if he will commit to providing an end-date by which a decision will be concluded

*1429. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of instructors in each training centre delivering phase 6 plumbing training. — Thomas Gould. [48295/23]

*1430. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of instructors in each training centre delivering phase 2 carpentry training. — Thomas Gould. [48296/23]

*1431. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of instructors in each training centre delivering phase 4 carpentry training. — Thomas Gould. [48297/23]

*1432. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of instructors in each training centre delivering phase 6 carpentry training. — Thomas Gould. [48298/23]

*1433. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprentices called at each phase by discipline for ETB training, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [48299/23]

*1434. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the size of the apprentice population, by discipline and phase, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [48300/23]

*1435. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of a case (details supplied); if he can confirm when a permanent suitable support will be in place to facilitate this student continuing their education at DCU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [48421/23]

*1436. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of a scheme whereby a third-level student can access a grant or similar support to engage a PA directly, where the college authorities have failed to put in place an adequate/consistent/appropriate service. — Louise O'Reilly. [48422/23]

*1437. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the annual funding for Higher Education Authority for each year since 2016; the allocation for 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [48495/23]

*1438. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the annual funding for Solas for each year since 2016; the allocation for 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [48496/23]

*1439. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that students attending an undergraduate course in a university (details supplied) are not eligible for Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) grant support; if he is giving consideration to this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [48497/23]

*1440. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the transport supports that are available for a student (details supplied) with Asperger's, ASD

with dyslexia, scoliosis, hip displacement who has recently commenced a PLC course following completion of their Leaving Certificate and is finding the commute from their home very difficult; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [48520/23]

*1441. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his view on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [48717/23]

*1442. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he visited Seoul National University during his recent visit to South Korea. — Catherine Murphy. [48755/23]

*1443. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether students who are liable for full third-level tuition fees are eligible for the reduction in fees for the academic year 2023/2024, as announced by him as part of the cost-of-living measures recently as part of Budget 2024; if not, if he will consider extending the supports to include students, such as repeat students, who are liable for full fees and who are also affected by the cost-of-living increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48763/23]

*1444. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what action his Department is taking to attract women into agriculture specific scholarships, educational programs and third level courses and increase female representation in these areas going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48839/23]

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

*1445. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to detail any ongoing or previous use of artificial intelligence within her Department. — Holly Cairns. [47342/23]

*1446. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there will be future calls to establishment remote working hubs in rural towns and village or community centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47354/23]

*1447. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when she intends to give a start date for the new Leader Programme to the companies who will administer the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [47361/23]

*1448. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she is carrying out a review of the funding allocated to Galway under the Leader Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [47362/23]

*1449. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for an update on the acquisition of a property (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [47483/23]

*1450. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the status of the upgrade to Mayfield library in Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [47514/23]

*1451. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she can outline the next steps in the completion of the pier in Inis Meáin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [47624/23]

*1452. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of statements of interests for the purposes of Section 19 that have been filed by her special advisors in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if she will provide a schedule of same. — Catherine Murphy. [47653/23]

*1453. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the building acquisition measure of the town and village renewal scheme will be announced (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47693/23]

*1454. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to provide a breakdown of the advertising spend of her Department and agencies under the remit of her Department, by national media outlet and local newspaper outlet, for each of the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [47738/23]

*1455. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the engagements her Department, or any agency or body under her direction, has had with the government of Israel, any state body of the government of Israel, or any engagement within or with Israel, in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47813/23]

*1456. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the engagements her Department, or any agency or body under her direction, has had with the Palestinian Authority, any organ of the Palestinian Authority, or any engagement within, or with organisations in, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in the years 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47831/23]

*1457. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when she will complete her review of the CLÁR programme and extend the programme to additional areas in need of support. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47846/23]

*1458. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development what plans are in place for derelict building (details supplied); if he will outline the monies allocated to same; to provide a timeline for works; what stage the authority is at presently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [47932/23]

*1459. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development what plans are in place for derelict building (details supplied); if she will outline monies allocated to same and a timeline for works; what stage they are presently at; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [47933/23]

*1460. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department engages a company (details supplied); if so, the duration and nature of the work; the cost of same to the Exchequer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [48018/23]

*1461. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of complaints she has filed to the Corporate Enforcement Agency (CEA) since the establishment of the CEA

and or An Garda Síochána in the past ten years to date in respect of grants and or funds her Department provided that in her view were misappropriated. — Catherine Murphy. [48074/23]

*1462. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number and details of contracts currently held by her Government Department with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48309/23]

*1463. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there is any prohibition on the end of use of rubber materials in astro pitches for community groups (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [48630/23]

*1464. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a timeline for the finalisation of the development strategy for the public broadband connection points; when communities (details supplied) can expect to see the results of this strategy in terms of potential BCP expansion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48631/23]

*1465. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if, in light of the funds allocated for a remote working hub under the town-and-village renewal scheme in an area (details supplied), she will elaborate on how the BCP and the remote working hub can complement each other to maximise the benefits for the local community. — Alan Dillon. [48632/23]

*1466. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development what specific criteria or requirements need to be met by additional premises to be considered for inclusion in the public BCP network; what role Mayo County Council plays in facilitating this process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48633/23]

*1467. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number and details of contracts currently held by her Department with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48663/23]

*1468. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number and details of contracts currently held by her Department with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48695/23]

*1469. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number and details of contracts currently held by her Department with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48711/23]

*1470. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the percentage of her 2023 capital budget allocation that has been spent in the first nine months of the year. — Catherine Murphy. [48760/23]

*1471. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development what action her Department is taking to promote gender diversity in rural development programs, particularly in the context of agriculture-related programs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48838/23]