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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45328/23]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Alan Dillon. [46344/23]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [46371/23]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46435/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [46437/23]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mick Barry. [46495/23]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [47660/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul McAuliffe. [47661/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [47662/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mick Barry. [47664/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [47752/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [48503/23]
13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

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

17. 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 LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passports that were issued in each week of September and October 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [48851/23]

*19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if, in view of the devastating consequences of the ongoing conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories, he will instruct Ireland's representative at the United Nations to initiate a uniting for peace initiative in accordance with Resolution 377 of 3 February 1950 to call for an emergency session of the General Assembly to discuss a permanent and sustainable ceasefire and the lifting of the blockade on Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [49003/23]

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

*20. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the next meeting of EU Communications Ministers is scheduled to take place. — Alan Kelly. [48862/23]

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

*21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the status of each aircraft currently being used by the Air Corps. — Alan Kelly. [48863/23]

*22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on the various capital works projects taking place at Sarsfield Barracks. — Alan Kelly. [48864/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*23. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will receive their SPSV licence, given that they applied over seven months ago, with no information on its status being communicated to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [48843/23]

*24. To ask the Minister for Transport given increased scooter and bicycle usage, if he will consider measures or campaigns to enhance visibility, such as promoting the use of lights, reflectors, and high visibility jackets in the upcoming winter months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [48847/23]

*25. To ask the Minister for Transport if Iarnród Éireann plans to have fully restored catering trolley services on board all intercity rail journeys before the upcoming peak Christmas period. — Alan Kelly. [48857/23]

*26. To ask the Minister for Transport to respond to concerns raised about the efficacy of the rail services on the northern line (details supplied); if he can engage with Irish Rail to ensure that these issues are addressed into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [48904/23]

*27. To ask the Minister for Transport the date in 2024 that changes to the young adult Leap card will come into effect (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [48964/23]

*28. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) in regard to the lower mission vehicle toll incentive scheme; if he agrees that apparent uncertainty over the future of the scheme could act as a disincentive to the purchase of EVs; if he will put the scheme on a more permanent footing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49000/23]

*29. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49066/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*30. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised to end of June 2024 by tapering a personal, PAYE and earned income tax credit rate of 1.5% per €1,000 for individuals on incomes between €175,000 and €250,000, effective from 1 December 2023. — Alan Kelly. [48865/23]

*31. To ask the Minister for Finance if he still considers the implementation of Pillar 2 to be a global project, given US Treasury Secretary Yellen's comments; how she communicated same to him and the Minister for Public Expenditure; National Delivery Plan and Delivery as the Chairman of Euro Group at the Ecofin meeting which he attended; the matters for the OECD and the US that remain unresolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [48874/23]

*32. To ask the Minister for Finance whether the implications of a new approach to taxing medical partnerships for the wider policy arrangements in Health have been assessed by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [48967/23]

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.

*33. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the Holycross flood relief scheme in Tipperary will be completed; and the estimated cost for these works. — Alan Kelly. [48852/23]

*34. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the flood relief scheme in Knocklofty, Tipperary, will be completed; and the estimated cost for these works. — Alan Kelly. [48853/23]

*35. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the timescale for the completion of the design of the Cavan town flood relief scheme; the expected timeline for submission of the planning application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [49018/23]

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

*36. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will make funding available to businesses in County Tipperary that have been damaged by flooding following recent storms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [48919/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*37. To ask the Minister for Education if his Department will urgently review the pay and working conditions of all of the school transport bus escorts across the State, similar to the approach taken in recent times with school secretaries and caretakers, and leading to a similar outcome; and if he will correspond with the Minister for Social Protection, seeking a seamless support to the school transport bus escorts when they have to seek social welfare support, due to the 69 days that they receive no pay every year. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [49001/23]

*38. To ask the Minister for Education if a company (details supplied) is a suitable facility for medical assessment due to lack of wheelchair accessibility and facilities for those who have mobility issues in the premises; whether the company is GDPR compliant in granting individuals the right to request a copy of their personal data being processed by controllers, as well as other relevant information; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [48849/23]

*39. To ask the Minister for Education what funding was allocated for school libraries in both Budget 2023 and Budget 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [48908/23]

*40. To ask the Minister for Education if, in view of the current shortage of teachers, she will instigate a review of the evaluation of a UK post graduate course by the Teaching Council in respect of the course's coverage of relevant modules which seem to match similar Irish courses (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [48913/23]

*41. To ask the Minister for Education if she will work with a school (details supplied) so that it can be included in a public procurement framework for period products from which they

are currently excluded, or if there is an alternative scheme for voluntary non-fee-paying schools to access similar supports. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [48951/23]

*42. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the school building programme at a school (details supplied) in County Meath; when works will commence and be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [48998/23]

*43. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the school building programme at a school (details supplied) in County Meath; when works will commence and be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [48999/23]

*44. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49009/23]

*45. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 281 of 26 September 2023, when her Department expects to receive the second tender report for a school (details supplied); when the school can expect to be contacted on this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [49014/23]

*46. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén uair a dhéanfar cinneadh ar iarratas ó bhunscoil (sonraí tugtha) le haghaidh Cóiríocht Scoile Bhreise (foirm ASA) a cuireadh chuig an Roinn tamall ó shin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [49019/23]

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

*47. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media why the recently advertised position of Secretary General of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media does not require that applicants have a capacity to do their work in Irish as well as well as English, as this Department has responsibility for the Gaeltacht and Irish language, and there are Department Offices where the main working language is Irish; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48973/23]

*48. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to outline the provisional timelines of announcements for the Sports Capital and Sports Capital Equipment Programme 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [48920/23]

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

*49. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what he is doing to ensure that city and county councils are processing the vacant property refurbishment grant applications in a timely manner and communicating decisions with applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [48982/23]

*50. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update in relation to the scheme to establish supports for the remediation of fire safety, structural safety and water ingress defects in purpose-built apartment buildings; when this is likely to be delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [48983/23]

*51. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the implementation of the recommendations outlined in the Code of Practice for the Remediation of Fire Safety Defects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [48984/23]

*52. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the final capital allocations in 2023 for local authority social housing, capital assistance scheme and capital loan facility; and to set these final capital allocations for 2023 against the capital allocations for each of the three heads for 2024, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [48903/23]

*53. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to seek advice for a person (details supplied) in respect of the very concerning condition of their home; if he will outline what schemes or processes are available in such a circumstance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [48910/23]

*54. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline his Department is working towards in publishing annual housing adaptation grant waiting lists, in view of the commitment in the Housing Options for our Ageing Population policy statement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [48914/23]

*55. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will advise in relation to an NPWS farm plan application (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [48940/23]

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*64. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will advise in relation to an NPWS farm plan application (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [48949/23]

*65. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will advise in relation to an NPWS farm plan application (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [48950/23]

*66. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has reviewed the most recent report from the Council of Europe on the state of local democracy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [48959/23]

*67. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the principles contained in the European Charter of Local Self Government which came into force with respect to Ireland in 2002 played any part in the Baseline Funding Allocation Review announced in recent months; if so, if he will outline how it complies with Article 9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [48960/23]

*68. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans, if any, he has to address the local autonomy index (LAI) where Ireland recently recorded a score of 42 and has one of the lowest score rankings, just above Hungary, the Russian Federation and Moldova, when compared against 57 against all investigated countries (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [48961/23]

*69. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to examine a flaw in the home loan scheme whereby if a person still has an interest in the family home, they do not qualify (details supplied); whether this issue can be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [48965/23]

*70. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a flood relief scheme for ordinary householders will be instigated by his Department similar to the enhanced emergency business flooding scheme; what scheme has been put in place for a location (details supplied); if he can ensure that the Dublin based flood damage victims will have the same access to financial support as rural flood victims; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [49055/23]

*71. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason people who are building a one-off house this year and receive their water from a group water scheme will not have their fee waived under the temporary development contribution waiver arrangement; if he has plans to include people on group water schemes in the temporary development contribution waiver arrangement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [49081/23]

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

*72. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will make funding available to homes in County Tipperary that have been damaged by flooding following recent storms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [48919/23]

*73. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to a qualified adult (details supplied) being added to a disability allowance claim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [48848/23]

*74. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the back to education allowance, or any other re-education allowance, is available for redundant workers over the age of 50 years who recently ceased employment following the closure of a company (details supplied) and who wish

to re-train in another career; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [48871/23]

*75. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has considered increasing the current limit of €5,000 of unearned income over which a person is deemed to be a “chargeable person” and is liable to pay the PRSI charge at 4% on all their unearned income; the date when the current limit was set; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [48909/23]

*76. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) was refused a grant for hearing aids, when they are in receipt of the State pension (non-contributory), live alone, have a full GMS card and the deterioration in their hearing has become a health and safety issue within their home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [48931/23]

*77. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether any consideration is being given to broadening the eligibility for the State maternity benefit so as to ensure PhD candidates can receive its benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [48933/23]

*78. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to consider changing the criteria for entitlement to invalidity pension for self-employed people who became permanently incapacitated prior to December 2017 (details supplied); if she will review this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [49002/23]

*79. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in the scenario that a person is homeless and trying to avail of a social welfare allowance but they do not have an address and are not staying in homeless accommodation, how can they avail of their social welfare payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [49029/23]

*80. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of non-resident IQA recipients where the primary payment is the State contributory pension; the annual value of such IQA payments in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the annual value of all secondary means-tested entitlements issued to non-resident State contributory pension recipients and the associated IQA recipients in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the plans if any she has to means-test such payments in light of the fact that eligibility in Ireland is determined by such criteria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [49041/23]

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

*81. To ask the Minister for Justice what the implications are for the State if a cap on the numbers of asylum seekers and Ukrainian refugees is introduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49030/23]

*82. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who successful completed Garda van/personnel carrier course within Tipperary division to date in 2023; and the duration of this course. — Alan Kelly. [48861/23]

*83. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline what threshold, if any, is applicable for the increasing of maintenance fees and fees for sinking funds for apartment owners; what protections, if any, are available to apartment owners to ensure exorbitant fee increases are capped, especially as many owners are struggling to pay these increases; if parking spaces can be revoked if

payment is not received by a certain date (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [48878/23]

*84. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 298 of 27 November 2018, if she has any plans to amend section 19A of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017. — Eoin Ó Broin. [49012/23]

*85. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is a commitment that the UN Second Optional Protocol will be ratified following the enactment of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Bill 2023. — Eoin Ó Broin. [49013/23]

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

*86. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a food-related trade mission to the United Arab Emirates is scheduled for early in the new year. — Alan Kelly. [48858/23]

*87. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will support a ban on glyphosate (details supplied); if he is aware of the dangers reported about this very controversial pesticide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [48968/23]

*88. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will publish the advice from the Attorney General that shows how the Attorney General reached the conclusion that the Island Fisheries (Heritage Licence) Bill 2017 is “not compatible with EU regulations supporting the Common Fisheries Policy and the national implementing legislation which gives effect to those provisions”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48970/23]

*89. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will publish the briefing and questions provided by his Department to the Attorney General pursuant to which the Attorney General reached the view that the Island Fisheries (Heritage Licence) Bill 2017 is “not compatible with EU regulations supporting the Common Fisheries Policy and the national implementing legislation which gives effect to those provisions”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48971/23]

*90. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will identify the “national implementing legislation” that is incompatible with the Island Fisheries (Heritage Licence) Bill 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48972/23]

*91. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2023 BISS and ANC payments will issue to a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49063/23]

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

*92. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost in 2024, if each family resource centre were allocated an additional 6.5% increase in their core funding. — Alan Kelly. [48859/23]

*93. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE social workers employed by TUSLA in County Tipperary in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and the number of vacancies that currently exist. — Alan Kelly. [48860/23]

*94. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason an organisation (details supplied) was unsuccessful in its funding application to the 2023 LGBTI+ community services funding call scheme A; and if he will reconsider this decision. — Pauline Tully. [48879/23]

*95. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total funding allocated for existing levels of service (ELS) in disability services in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, by the areas it was allocated to each year, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [48886/23]

*96. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the parents of a child (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect an assessment of needs carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [48907/23]

*97. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will examine a case (details supplied) of an individual in need of special needs education but who now has no service; and if he will ensure that this individual can access suitable services. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [48932/23]

*98. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an urgent update on a placement appeal for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [48934/23]

*99. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child (details supplied) will receive an assessment for childhood apraxia of speech given the urgent need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [48958/23]

*100. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many healthcare professionals are employed within each HSE region including psychiatrists, psychologists and multi-disciplinary support service professionals with expertise in forensic learning disabilities; how many of the recommendations were acted on following a report in 2005 by the Forensic Learning Disability Psychiatry Working Group, People with a Learning Disability Who Offend; Forgiven but Forgotten including the establishment of national forensic learning disability service; how many persons with a diagnosed learning disability have been referred to forensic learning disability services outside the state for each year since 2005; the cost, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [49060/23]

*101. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth why a contract was awarded to accommodate international protection applicants at a location (details supplied) in County Kerry when Kerry County Council had confirmed to IPAS that services were at capacity in the area; if an alternative location to accommodate these applicants will be considered in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49080/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*102. To ask the Minister for Health when the proposed surrogacy legislation will be published (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [48844/23]

*103. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 891 of 20 September 2023, the reason for the shortfall in reimbursement for cross-Border schemes is significantly higher for people availing of the scheme in 2022/2023 as opposed to those who availed of it in 2019 (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [48846/23]

*104. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects to receive a recommendation from the National Screening Advisory Council on whether to expand the newborn bloodspot screening programme to include spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), given NSAC has considered a health technology assessment on SMA's inclusion at its 20 October 2023 meeting; when he hopes to make an announcement on the inclusion or otherwise of SMA in the heelprick test for all newborns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [48850/23]

*105. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric nephrologists based in Cork University Hospital in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [48854/23]

*106. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of funding allocated to domestic violence services in Tipperary for each of the years 2020 to 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [48855/23]

*107. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE gastroenterologist registrars based in Tipperary University Hospital in 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [48856/23]

*108. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48868/23]

*109. To ask the Minister for Health if the home support authorisation scheme covers homecare for disabled people; the funding that providers are paid under this scheme for disability packages; and the funding that providers are paid under this scheme for older persons packages. — Pauline Tully. [48869/23]

*110. To ask the Minister for Health what health facilities are available in the State for a person (details supplied) living with cerebral palsy who requires an MRI scan to be carried out under sedation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [48870/23]

*111. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he is taking to address the current homecare situation; for an update on the progress of the statutory homecare scheme; and if the statutory homecare scheme will cater for disabled people. — Pauline Tully. [48875/23]

*112. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will get an appointment for orthodontic treatment; their current place on the treatment waiting list; if there are other options available to expedite the treatment required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [48876/23]

*113. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48877/23]

*114. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospice care/palliative care beds in CHO7; and the location of each. — Patricia Ryan. [48883/23]

*115. To ask the Minister for Health if the pandemic payment has been approved for the nurses in the Blood Transfusion Service, who worked at the frontline in patient-facing roles throughout the pandemic; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [48885/23]

*116. To ask the Minister for Health if he will investigate the concerning circumstances where a homecare package applied for in October 2022, has not yet been processed for a person (details supplied), and where family members have not been able to get through to the HSE department. — Patricia Ryan. [48887/23]

*117. To ask the Minister for Health if any patient representatives have been included in the working group on health claims costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [48905/23]

*118. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical negligence cases currently being managed by the State Claims Agency; the value of such claims; the value of awards made in each of the past three years and the number of cases these related to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [48906/23]

*119. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on recruitment of Public Health Nurses for the CHO7 area. — Gino Kenny. [48911/23]

*120. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1384 of 18 April 2023, 177 of 16 November 2022 and 860 of 22 March 2022, for an update on recruitment of public health nurses for Lucan, Newcastle and Rathcoole areas of Dublin, as promised by his Department; and if he will provide updated information and confirmation of recruitment. — Gino Kenny. [48912/23]

*121. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric hospitalisations in Ireland associated with chickenpox in 2022 and to date in 2023; the percentage increase, if any, in hospitalisation between both years; the economic impact of such hospitalisations in terms of bed nights on our public paediatric system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [48915/23]

*122. To ask the Minister for Health what impact illnesses like, Strep A, RSV and chickenpox are expected to have on the public paediatric health system in Winter 2023; what preventative measures are being taken by his Department and the HSE in advance to limit such impacts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [48916/23]

*123. To ask the Minister for Health when the 2024 HSE Service Plan is expected to be published; if it is anticipated to return the publication of this important plan to the year-end period of the preceding year, which was the norm prior to the impact of Covid-19, i.e., December 2023 for the year 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [48917/23]

*124. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding allocated for the provision of the primary childhood immunisation programme in the years ranging from 2018-2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [48918/23]

*125. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to amend the Pharmacy Act 2007 to provide for statutory regulation of hospital pharmacy technicians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [48921/23]

*126. To ask the Minister for Health if it is correct that Clondalkin will have no public adult occupational therapy service as of 9 November 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [48925/23]

*127. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision is expected to be made by his Department on providing the varicella vaccine to children in Ireland as part of the national immunisation programme, considering the results of the positive HTA outcome in July 2023, the response of the National Immunisation Lead from 8 August 2023 which stated that “it is currently not Department of Health immunisation policy to provide varicella vaccine”, and his reply to Parliamentary Question No. 511 of 24 October 2023, which outlined “the Department has asked to HSE to provide detailed costings and an implementation plan which will inform a decision in relation to the inclusion of the chickenpox vaccine in the primary childhood immunisation programme”; where this decision making process is at currently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [48927/23]

*128. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the progress of the new emergency department for Beaumont Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [48928/23]

*129. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for a first appointment; how long they have been waiting to see an audiologist in CHO2, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [48929/23]

*130. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to be seen by an audiologist in CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [48930/23]

*131. To ask the Minister for Health what level of funding will be provided to the stroke strategy services in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [48935/23]

*132. To ask the Minister for Health whether the implications of a new approach to taxing medical partnerships for the wider policy arrangements in Health have been assessed by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [48966/23]

*133. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that a complaint (details supplied) is processed as soon as possible; his views on the contents of the complaint; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [48969/23]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health whether it is intended to apply increases in line with the public pay agreements to general practitioners in receipt of DMO salaries going forward with also an element of retrospection, as these salaries have not been increased since the benchmarking pay

increases of in 2008; whether such increases would also apply to retired GPs who have DMO salaries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [49005/23]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in completing the planned 96-bed block at University Hospital Limerick; the steps he will take to expedite its construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [49006/23]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health when adequate facilities for modern medicine will be provided at a health centre (details supplied) as this health centre lack the necessary space suitable for the wider range of services that are and will in the future need to be provided from rural health general practices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [49033/23]

*137. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to get an urgent date for a surgical procedure in any hospital to remove kidney stones as the person is experiencing chronic pain which is impacting negatively on their quality of life; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [49067/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for Health if a person who is a holder of a medical card or GP visit card should be charged for services by their GP such as routine blood tests, minor procedures etc.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [49069/23]

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

*139. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what funding can be applied for by a former worker of a company (details supplied) aged over 50 years who wishes to re-enter third-level education and retrain in a different career following their redundancy after 30 years-plus service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [48872/23]

*140. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has applied for support funding from the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) for the 234 workers in Waterford who lost their jobs at a company (details supplied) and which would allow them to seek assistance with re-joining the labour force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [48873/23]

*141. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta an aithníonn sé go gcaithfear dul i ngleic leis an eisiámh a chruthaíonn an struchtúr reatha don Ghaeilge sa chóras oideachais, agus go bhfuil gá le beartas cuimsitheach don Ghaeilge sa chóras oideachais ón oideachas luathbhlianta go dtí an tríú leibhéal a fhorbairt atá bunaithe ar an bhFráma Tagartha Comónta Eorpach, agus a chuireann páirtchumais agus próifílí inniúlachta míchothroma na bhfoghlaimoirí sna scileanna teanga i gcuntas, chun deis a thabhairt d'fhoghlaimoirí le riachtanais bhreise litearthachta díriú ar scileanna cumarsáide labhartha sa Ghaeilge agus deimhniúchán a bhaint amach sna scileanna sin; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Mairéad Farrell. [48880/23]

*142. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta an oibreoidh sé i gcomhar leis an Aire Oideachais chun beartas cuimsitheach don Ghaeilge sa chóras oideachais ón oideachas luathbhlianta go dtí an tríú leibhéal a fhorbairt, atá bunaithe ar an bhFráma Tagartha Comónta Eorpach, lena chinntiú go dtabharfar rochtain dóibh

siúd le riachtanais bhreise foghlama ar fhoghlaím na Gaeilge de réir a gcuid riachtanas agus cumas; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Mairéad Farrell. [48881/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of the widespread dissatisfaction with the proposals published by his Department with regard to a cohort of workers (details supplied); if his Department is willing to look at its proposals published in May 2023 in an effort to resolve this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [49056/23]

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

*144. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development how much of the €5 million allocated to the Blue Ways Tourism fund that has been drawn down in Kildare south; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [48882/23]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER, 2023**

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

1. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to introduce an adult immunisation programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [48824/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the mental health supports available for stroke victims; to provide an update on the implementation of the National Stroke Strategy 2022-2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [48832/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an overview of plans his Department has for Inis Ghile Centre in Parteen, County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [48823/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on plans to expand the provision of services at Cappagh Hospital. — Paul McAuliffe. [49073/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Health the level of additional core expenditure for new developments, excluding funding for carryover and otherwise maintaining existing levels of service, which has been allocated to Monaghan Hospital for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48991/23]

6. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the 1,500 new hospital beds that he announced earlier in 2023; when he expects these to come on stream; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [48985/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Health the level of additional core expenditure for new developments, excluding funding for carryover and otherwise maintaining existing levels of

service, which has been allocated to the National Maternity Strategy for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [48899/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Health the level of additional core expenditure for new developments, excluding funding for carryover and otherwise maintaining existing levels of service, which has been allocated to the national sepsis programme for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [48901/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Health the level of additional core expenditure for new developments, excluding funding for carryover and otherwise maintaining existing levels of service, which has been allocated to the RCSI Hospital Group for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [48974/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the investment and enhancement in services at a hospital (details supplied) since he assumed office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48127/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Health the level of additional core expenditure for new developments, excluding funding for carryover and otherwise maintaining existing levels of service, which has been allocated to Tipperary University Hospital for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [49064/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Health the level of additional core expenditure for new developments, excluding funding for carryover and otherwise maintaining existing levels of service, which has been allocated to primary and community care reform programmes for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [48902/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the progress made to date in expanding community-based care by increasing opening times for unscheduled care, radiology, and diagnostic services. — Frankie Feighan. [48867/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider providing a funded bandage scheme for those battling with epidermolysis bullosa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [49084/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Health what measures are being taken to supply home supports to all people approved and waitlisted in the Cork-Kerry community healthcare area; to lift the recruitment freeze on securing additional home support workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [49046/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Health the level of additional core expenditure for new developments, excluding funding for carryover and otherwise maintaining existing levels of service, which has been allocated to the National Cancer Strategy for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [48898/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided to deliver a MRI scanner to Monaghan Hospital. — Matt Carthy. [48992/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on his Department's latest work in tackling overcrowding in hospitals. — Frankie Feighan. [48866/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the delivery of the primary health care centre in Finglas. — Paul McAuliffe. [49072/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to expand the virtual home hospital services within the HSE for early supported discharge in order to reduce strain on the hospital service during the winter surge; if he will provide an update on existing pilot programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [48608/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Health to outline his Department’s efforts to reduce the number of patients on hospital trolleys this Winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [49045/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the health services that are covered by the medical card, with a view to including such costs as signed letters from a GP or nurse and blood tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [49085/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the provision of a primary care centre in Tullow, County Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [48988/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Health the level of additional core expenditure for new developments, excluding funding for carryover and otherwise maintaining existing levels of service, which has been allocated to CHO7 for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [48994/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Health what preparations have been carried out to provide for the health care needs of the 950 people to be accommodated in Stradbally under the temporary international protection scheme and the existing local population. — Brian Stanley. [47528/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on his plans to end hospital overcrowding, especially in Cork hospitals which experienced record overcrowding this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [48607/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the inquiry into the historical licensing and prescribing of sodium valproate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [48477/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the Commission on Care for Older People to convene; the impact that the additional funding secured in Budget 2024 will have on expediting this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [48616/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the capital projects associated with Mayo University Hospital, the ED and 75-bed ward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48458/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has investigated the dangers of nitrous oxide on young people; if there are plans to bring forward legislation to regulate the sale of nitrous oxide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [48989/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Health the level of additional core expenditure for new developments, excluding funding for carryover and otherwise maintaining existing levels of service, which has been allocated to Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown, for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [48894/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he and his Department are taking to address the large volumes of people being treated on trolleys at University Hospital Limerick, where the 2023 numbers have exceeded those of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [49007/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the current waiting times for orthodontic appointments in the Cork public system (details supplied); what measures are in place to reduce these; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [48993/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that an organisation (details supplied) has criticised the allocation of just €13 million to €14 million for the development of new measures in mental health in 2024, that it has been said “the lack of new funding announced on 12 October 2023 will threaten the viability of mental health services in 2024, and that the organisation says that €85 million is required next year for the development of new measures to address unmet need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [49020/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the review underway into matters in Letterkenny University Hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [48770/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that an organisation (details supplied) recently stated that at three-quarters of the way through 2023, instead of the targeted reduction of around 51,700 people set in the Government’s 2023 Waiting List Action Plan, the latest NTPF figures confirm that 13,250 additional people have been added to the three main waiting lists – a shortfall of almost 65,000 against the Government’s own targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [49022/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the injury clinic unit for Carlow town and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [48987/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Health the status of negotiations between Fórsa and the HSE over industrial action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [49011/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the throughput of patients being treated in key categories and the trends in patient numbers compared to the corresponding period in 2022 and to the equivalent period in 2019, before Covid struck. — Richard Bruton. [48359/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Health to consider extending the pandemic special recognition payment to nurses and staff of the Irish Blood Transfusion Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [48997/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the take-up of vaccinations under the Autumn vaccination programme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [49044/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Health the level of additional core expenditure for new developments, excluding funding for carryover and otherwise maintaining existing levels of service, which has been allocated to Our Lady's Hospital, Navan, for 2024; what these new developments will entail; if they will include additional bed capacity; what the expected timeline is for delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [48936/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of hospitals he has visited over the past 12 months. — Peadar Tóibín. [48771/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Health his views on further extending local injuries unit- and medical assessment unit-opening hours in CHO3, in view of significant overcrowding at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49025/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Health when construction will recommence on Ballyhaunis primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48457/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Health the details of any recruitment process underway to increase staffing levels in the Áras Mhic Dara community nursing unit in Carraroe to facilitate the use of all available beds in the unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48473/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Health the level of additional core expenditure for new developments, excluding funding for carryover and otherwise maintaining existing levels of service, which has been allocated to the Nenagh medical assessment unit for 2024 to increase capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [49065/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that an organisation (details supplied) has stated that 10,538 patients, including 273 children, went without a bed in October and has stated that targeted recruitment and retention plans are needed in each hospital and community care area to allow for more nurses and midwives to be recruited at the pace in which they are needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [49021/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the facilities of Midleton Hospital after the devastating floods during Storm Babet; if he will provide the details of the funding available for repairs to the hospital; if he will provide a timeline for a return of the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [48224/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he and his Department have identified blockages in the delivery of health services, with particular reference to addressing such issues in any way possible in order to ensure a seamless access to health services including A&Es, GPs and all public health services without restriction; if he will outline the actions already taken in this regard and any further action planned in the future in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48152/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Health the current resources and organisational structure of the climate change unit in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [49031/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Health the level of additional core expenditure for new developments, excluding funding for carryover and otherwise maintaining existing levels of

service, for CAMHS services in CHO8 in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [48937/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Health how the extra funding of €4.6 million in Budget 2024 will increase the provision of transitional care to make sure that older people get the care they need leaving hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [48617/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has provided to his Department to date the detailed costings and an implementation plan requested which will inform a decision in relation to the inclusion of the chickenpox vaccine in the primary childhood immunisation programme; when a decision on this is expected to be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [48926/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Health what further plans are being considered to deal with the ongoing crisis at Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [48213/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the ongoing situation with Letterkenny University Hospital where GPs and consultants continue to voice their concerns about the future of the service; if any further resources will be provided to the hospital to help it deal with the crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [48220/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Health what extra capacity has been added to the local health services to provide for the additional 950 asylum seekers in Stradbally and for the local population; who will provide these services; and if they are now in place. — Brian Stanley. [47529/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that an organisation (details supplied) recently stated that the Budget 2024 capital allocation for Health will not result in the opening of the 1,500 additional rapid build hospital beds, six surgical hubs and four elective hospitals promised by him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [49023/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update regarding wait times for both adult and child occupational therapy services in Clondalkin, Lucan, Palmerstown, Rathcoole, Newcastle, Saggart and Brittas; what efforts are being made to increase staff in the services and to reduce waiting times in the areas outlined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [48923/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made regarding the establishment in Limerick of the trial 24/7 mental health de-escalation unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [49008/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Health the level of additional core expenditure for new developments, excluding funding for carryover and otherwise maintaining existing levels of service, which has been allocated to the Cancer Strategy for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [48995/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that an organisation (details supplied) recently stated that the planned HSE NCHD recruitment freeze is “in breach of NCHD contract”, that NCHDs are suffering unprecedented levels of work-related stress and burnout, and that

the freeze will lead to even more dangerous conditions for patient care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [49024/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the three new elective hospitals in Cork, Galway and Dublin, as promised under the National Development Plan; when he expects work to begin on the development of these hospitals; when he expects them to be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [48986/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Health the level of additional core expenditure for new developments, excluding funding for carryover and otherwise maintaining existing levels of service, which has been allocated to eating disorder residential and community support services in the State for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [48975/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he and his Department continue to monitor, assess and remedy any shortcomings in the delivery of health services, whether in regard to access to homecare, general medical services, and capacity requirements in whatever area, with a view to resolution in the short term in order to make the health services in this country a more attractive place in which to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48153/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to reports of high and unmanageable stress levels amongst CAMHS staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [49010/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 46 of 21 September 2023, the status of the examination by the HSE of the completed SAR/PBC for the new emergency department, women and children's block at University Hospital Galway; if the HSE has completed the examination to date; the timeline for the delivery of the new emergency department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48434/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Health his plans, if any, for the further development and expansion of South Lee Mental Health Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [47766/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the status of all primary care centres under construction or opened in Dublin mid-west; the staffing levels of each centre; the dates for commencement of services in those ready for opening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [48924/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Health how many patients are awaiting discharge from all hospitals under the South/South West Hospital Group due to no home supports being in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [49047/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the issues highlighted with respect to referrals to CAMHS teams in CHO3 identified in a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49026/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Health the progress of the ongoing implementation of Action 1.5 in the Health Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan 2019-2024 to ensure effective health

service planning for climate resilience; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [49032/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Health the level of additional core expenditure for new developments, excluding funding for carryover and otherwise maintaining existing levels of service, which has been allocated to deliver the promised 1,500 rapid-build hospital beds for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49087/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Health how his Department will utilise the additional €2.6 billion in funding for mental health and older persons announced in Budget 2024 to provide enhanced services for people with dementia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [48831/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Health if he would provide an update on any HSE facilities that were damaged after the devastating floods during Storm Babet; if he will provide the details of the funding available for repairs to these facilities; if he will provide a timeline for a return of the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [48225/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on plans to develop a primary care centre and day care centre in Youghal, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [49075/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the throughput of the National Treatment Purchase Agency in 2023; and the plans for 2024. — Richard Bruton. [48358/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration can be given to extending the completion deadline for croí cónaithe grant applications from the current 13 months, to allow successful applicants the time to finish the refurbishment of the property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [49086/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of mortgage-to-rent applications completed since the review commenced; and to provide an update on the review into the mortgage-to-rent scheme. — Thomas Gould. [43068/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of domestic septic tanks nationally; the number of inspections of domestic septic tanks; the take-up of grant aid for treatment systems in the high-status objective catchment area scheme; the take-up of grant aid for treatment systems in prioritised areas for action; the take-up of grant aid for domestic waste water treatment systems in houses selected under the EPA's National Inspection Plan, broken down by local authority over the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [49037/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing commencements in Carlow to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [48956/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects to make a decision on the applications made to his Department in respect of developing sewage schemes for the villages of Broadford and Cooraclare, County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [48826/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans to allow domestic violence victims to transfer their housing applications to other counties without losing their time on the waiting list. — Paul McAuliffe. [49071/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many local authority homes have been retrofitted to date in 2023; how many were retrofitted to a standard of BER B2 or above; how many were installed with heat pumps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [48962/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the emergency funding for interim fire safety works in buildings with fire safety and other defects; to provide a potential timeline on funding allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [48980/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider disregarding the working family payment as means for social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [49083/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an overview of the €5.1 billion capital investment in housing in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [48892/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what measures will be put in place to tackle the record numbers of children living in homeless emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [49015/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the target in place for housing completions in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [49079/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the delivery of 9,100 new-build social homes in 2023. — Eoin Ó Broin. [49054/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what funding is being provided for the affordable housing fund in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [48953/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the growing anger and frustration amongst affected homeowners in Donegal and other counties at the serious limitations of the enhanced defective concrete block grant scheme; and if he will immediately work on an actual redress scheme similar to the pyrite remediation scheme rather than this second limited grant scheme. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [48828/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 297 of 10 October 2023, if he will report on the progress of the TOD Working Group in producing the report on transport-oriented development opportunities in limerick; the timetable of the assessment process and publication of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [49058/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when Mayo County Council will receive the framework document to submit bids for the multi-annual rural water programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48460/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on efforts to tackle vacancy and dereliction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [48893/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the additional supports that his Department will provide for a local authority following the devastation of Storm Babet (details supplied); how quickly this funding will be made available to the same local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [48226/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which he can identify through the various local authorities suitably developed sites on which builders can be contracted to provide extra homes in the shortest possible time and utilising variations of housing proposals to achieve these including modular homes and log cabins, as well as conventional methods to provide houses for both those on local authority waiting lists and those who have to date failed to qualify for a mortgage or an affordable house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48151/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the implementation of the recommendations of the Expert Group on Traveller Accommodation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [49051/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the lack of progress in utilising off-site housing construction for the delivery of social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [49040/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on plans for a Government deposit protection scheme for renters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49027/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timelines for the additional supports his Department will provide for a local authority following the devastation of Storm Babet (details supplied); if his Department will provide funding towards further machinery to help speed up the repairs across the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [48227/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many social homes are in the pipeline, either on site or at various stages of design and procurement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [48889/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the progress of developing sustainable and compact settlements guidelines for planning authorities; whether these will support high density and high-quality transit-oriented development; the impact these guidelines will have on the current local authority development plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [49057/23]

104. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta cathain a fhoilseofar na Treoirínte Pleanála Gaeltachta; an gcinnteoidh sé go mbeidh ionadaíocht don phobal Gaeltachta ar an bhfochoiste idir-rannach atá bunaithe le práinn ag a Roinn agus ag Roinn na Gaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [48385/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the up-to-date position regarding the success of the croí cónaithe scheme; if he will provide a breakdown of applications received, applications approved, and the monies paid out to applicants, per local authority; the number of applicants in receipt of monies, per local authority; the breakdown of rental versus primary residence, per local authority, in respect of all applications and approvals; the estimated budget for the scheme for the foreseeable future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48522/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the delivery of social and affordable housing is on track to exceed last year's gains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [48888/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Cork City Council has been in contact with him and his Department in relation to extra supports following recent flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [48938/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has undertaken any study to determine what the average turnaround time is for reletting when a local authority house is vacated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [48724/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what action is being taken by Government to combat the mass decline of insects and wildlife in Ireland; and how the Government plans to prevent their extinction. — Bríd Smith. [34759/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a progress update on the planning measures he introduced two years ago to increase home ownership and restrict the practice of the bulk purchasing of homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [48955/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many local authority homes have been installed with solar PV to date in 2023; if there are plans to establish a dedicated stream for solar PV for the social housing stock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [48963/23]

112. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what plans are in place to provide affordable housing in Cork county and specifically the Macroom LEA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [49048/23]

113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to include decluttering support as part of the housing aid for older people grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [33773/23]

114. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he expects the housing target for 2023 of 29,000 new homes to be achieved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [49078/23]

115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measure his Department is taking to ensure affordable housing is provided in Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will provide an update on same. — Niamh Smyth. [48129/23]

116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has responded to date to the Galway Social Housing Taskforce Chairperson's Report on Progress to end-2022; the details of any engagement between his Department, Galway City Council and Galway County Council with regard to resolving the staff retention issues highlighted in the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48428/23]

117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable purchase homes that have been delivered to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48459/23]

118. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if recent interventions, such as the tenant-in-situ initiative, are making an impact in providing secure long-term social and affordable tenancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [48890/23]

119. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many properties have now availed of the vacant property refurbishment grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [48954/23]

120. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on a review (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49028/23]

121. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what increase is being provided for the croí cónaithe fund in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [48978/23]

122. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider expanding the croí cónaithe scheme to include a right-sizing grant, to enable persons who are currently over-accommodated to create one or more own-door units from their current homes (details supplied); if his officials will study census data to establish the extend of over-accommodation throughout the State and consider the optimal demographic target for such a scheme to factor in potential displacement of family homes from the sale or rental market in the short to medium term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48523/23]

123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on a report (details supplied); the steps he is taking address the findings regarding large numbers being unable to access temporary emergency provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [49004/23]

124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the regional homeless forums have been turned down for funding for homeless actions in their areas; if so, which groups; what the funding was for; whether his Department decides the type and amount of funding that they can apply for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [45975/23]

125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider introducing new scheme of letting priorities which would allow councils to prioritise housing applications from those who are in employment but whose employment would not be sufficient to qualify for affordable homes or council mortgages, thereby ensuring that we are not inadvertently incentivising people to give up work to qualify for housing. — Robert Troy. [49039/23]

126. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projected number of units to be delivered by the end of the Government's term, broken down by affordable purchase, cost-rental, social housing, and private homes. — Francis Noel Duffy. [48650/23]

127. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update in relation to reviewing the guidelines and definitions provided to city and county councils around dereliction properties; if he will send an updated circular to councils clarifying definitions and their role in utilising derelict properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [48981/23]

128. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will establish a deposit protection scheme to protect renters from having their deposits unlawfully withheld; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [49016/23]

129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the voids programme for 2024 will be finalised; the national allocation; the funding that will be made available for Cavan County Council and Monaghan County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [49035/23]

130. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the revised defective concrete block redress scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [49053/23]

131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action he is taking to support improved water supplies in rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [48976/23]

132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the new National Coastal Change Management Strategy. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [49077/23]

133. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many properties in Cork city and Cork county have availed of the vacant property refurbishment grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [48939/23]

134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the social and cost-rental tenant-in-situ schemes, including the number of purchases to date. — Eoin Ó Broin. [49050/23]

135. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the policy with respect to the establishment of housing developments with self-contained apartments for older people, similar to a development (details supplied); the supports put in place by his department to encourage such developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [49074/23]

136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a report on the pilot scheme to provide grants for expert conservation advice to owners of vacant farmhouses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [48977/23]

137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will change the rules governing the spreading of slurry to allow farmers to spread slurry after 30 September each year, by getting a permit from his Department to allow them spread slurry in dry weather (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [47190/23]

138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied), which found that only 27 properties were available within standard/discretionary HAP limits nationwide, the lowest number recorded across the 31 such reports carried out to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48429/23]

139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of money paid out under the vacant property refurbishment grant since it was established; and if he will provide details in relation to the qualification criteria for the grant. — Peadar Tóibín. [48725/23]

140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what funding is being provided for the first-home scheme in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [48952/23]

141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is concerned at the impact of pollution from agriculture on algal blooms in Blessington Lakes; the measures he will take to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [47008/23]

142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the delivery of housing on public-owned sites in Dublin 9 and Dublin 11. — Paul McAuliffe. [49070/23]

143. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which extra methods and means can be employed to provide extra housing in sufficient volume to meet requirements to address homelessness, child homelessness and family homelessness; if he continues to identify extra measures likely to positively impact in this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48150/23]

144. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will change the conditions of the vacant property refurbishment grant to extend the time a person has to complete the works once one's application has been approved from 13 months to 24 months and allow for a drawdown of the grant in stages over the course of the build; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [49082/23]

145. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what funding is being provided for cost rental in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [48979/23]

146. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the latest information on the purchases of homes by first-time buyers and the supply of affordable homes for purchase by such buyers. — Richard Bruton. [48356/23]

147. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the development of the national river catchment model to assist with flood prediction alerts and the delivery of additional weather radars; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [49038/23]

148. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether there is a need for an increase in the number of changing places and toilets for people with severe disabilities; if his Department has considered the establishment of a fund to enable these facilities to be installed in public and private buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [47471/23]

149. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of housing units, including affordable purchase, cost rental, social housing, and private homes, delivered by housing authorities, i.e. AHBs, local authorities or the LDA; if the housing delivery to date meets Housing for All targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [48649/23]

150. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht an gcuirfidh sé scéim tithíochta shainiúil don Ghaeltacht ar bun, anuas ar (nó lasmuigh de) Croí Cónaithe, scéim amhail is atá leagtha amach sa Phlean Fáis, 2024-2029, cáipéis a bhfuil tacaíocht tugtha ag 138 ngrúpa Gaeilge agus Gaeltachta di, lena n-áirítear Conradh na Gaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [48386/23]

151. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the secure tenancy affordable rental (STAR) investment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [48891/23]

152. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what consideration his Department has given to the role long-term leases, or 'life-leases', can play in the Irish rental market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [49043/23]

153. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that the significant investment in the voids programme over recent years will be continued in 2024, in view of the importance of this programme in bringing back vacant housing stock to habitable use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [49036/23]

154. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the proposals he plans to table for consideration by the citizens of Dublin of future governance for the city. — Richard Bruton. [48357/23]

155. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the provision of both social and affordable housing in Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [48957/23]

156. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will give consideration to expanding the current domestic wastewater treatment system grants outside of the current rated high-status areas in Cork county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [49049/23]

157. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he will include the redress focus groups on the implementation steering group to access the financial

needs of defective block households in Donegal and around the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [45974/23]

158. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the delivery of affordable homes in Poolbeg West SDZ and St. Michael's Estate. — Eoin Ó Broin. [49052/23]

159. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what schemes are provided by his Department to help first-time buyers in acquiring their new home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48128/23]

