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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plan for constitutional amendments. — Cian O’Callaghan. [49954/23]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plans for constitutional amendments. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [50721/23]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plan for constitutional amendments. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51154/23]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plan for constitutional amendments. — Paul Murphy. [51157/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the wellbeing framework for Ireland, overseen by his Department. — Cian O’Callaghan. [49955/23]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the wellbeing framework for Ireland. — Aindrias Moynihan. [50689/23]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the wellbeing framework for Ireland, overseen by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51155/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the wellbeing framework for Ireland, overseen by his Department. — Paul Murphy. [51158/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Housing for All progress report published on 14 November 2023. — Paul McAuliffe. [50685/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Housing for All progress report published on 14 November 2023. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [50686/23]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Housing for All progress report published on 14 November 2023. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [50687/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach to provide a progress report on Housing for All for which his Department is responsible. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51156/23]
13. To ask the Taoiseach to provide a progress report on Housing for All, for which his Department is responsible. — Paul Murphy. [51159/23]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an overview of the report published by his Department on 14 November 2023, on how Budget 2024 dealt with child poverty and child well-being. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [50712/23]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an overview on the report published by his Department on 14 November 2023, on how Budget 2024 dealt with child poverty and child well-being. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [50713/23]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an overview on the report published by his Department on 14 November 2023 on how Budget 2024 dealt with child poverty and child well-being. — Paul McAuliffe. [50714/23]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his engagement with French Prime Minister Élisabeth Borne. — Alan Farrell. [50884/23]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the policing reform implementation programme office in his Department. — Alan Dillon. [50920/23]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Alan Dillon. [50921/23]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the purpose for which a military plane (details supplied) flew across Ireland en route to Gander from Nottingham; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51197/23]

*21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of Irish-Israeli dual citizens currently in Israel; the number currently in the occupied Palestinian territories, specifically the number in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem; of those, the number who have their habitual residence there; the number in the Gaza Strip; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51319/23]

*22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if, given the indications of widespread violations of international humanitarian law being committed by Israeli forces in the Gaza Strip, and in light of the IDF's widespread commission of war crimes related to Israel's settlement regime in the occupied West Bank, and illegally annexed East Jerusalem and the Syrian Golan Heights, Ireland has communicated advisories to Irish citizens and residents of Ireland who may be serving or volunteering in the IDF on the potential legal consequences and individual criminal liability that would arise under Irish criminal law (Geneva Conventions Act 1962 and International Criminal Court Act 2006) for any of their acts or omissions in the course of their service or volunteering; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51321/23]

*23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to speak to his Indian counterpart before the end of 2023. — Alan Kelly. [51331/23]

*24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount of funding provided to the International Criminal Court in each year since 2002; the purpose of any ring-fenced funding by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [51417/23]

*25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will engage with other nations with regard to bringing a Uniting for Peace Resolution (General Assembly Resolution 377(V) to the United Nations General Assembly with a view to making appropriate recommendations for collective measures regarding the situation in Palestine, including the calling for ceasefires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [51418/23]

*26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will engage with the South African government and seek to join their recent referral to the International Criminal Court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [51419/23]

*27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of Irish citizens that have vacated Gaza since the onset of the most recent Israeli attacks; the supports that have been provided to these citizens by the Irish Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [51501/23]

*28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the meetings and events that he attended during his visit to Egypt, Israel and Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the outcome of each engagement. — Matt Carthy. [51504/23]

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

*29. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will take the necessary steps to ensure the adoption of the 2021 World Health Organisation (WHO) Air Quality Guidelines as legally binding targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51491/23]

*30. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if ComReg will investigate the poor mobile coverage at a location (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51203/23]

*31. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of islanded data centres that are already connected to the gas grid, those that contracted to connect, and those that are seeking contract to connect; and for each category to outline the amount of capacity involved, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51239/23]

*32. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will respond to the recommendation of the Climate Change Advisory Council that the Government should take immediate action to amend the Gas Act 1976 as amended (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [51240/23]

*33. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the options available for funding for fishing stands along the river Shannon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [51241/23]

*34. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what percentage of Meath homes and businesses have benefitted from the roll-out of fibre broadband as part of the National Broadband Plan; of those that have yet to be reached, the predicted timeline before they are connected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [51299/23]

*35. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes at each pre-works BER ratings that achieved a B2 cost-optimum standard in each of the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [51343/23]

*36. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of retrofits completed, per month, under the warmer homes scheme in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [51344/23]

*37. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the hardship scheme for draft net fishing on the river Boyne is still open for applicants; if the scheme has been updated in any form; if he will provide details of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [51358/23]

*38. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications why the appropriate assessment screening document as legally required under the EU Habitats Directive was not published by his officials in the Inland Fisheries Division for the draft Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2023 that went to public consultation on 16 November 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51455/23]

*39. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his inland fisheries division officials, in conjunction with the senior management team of Inland Fisheries Ireland, have any plans to reduce the number of blue gill tags from the accustomed ten gill tags that may be issued to individual salmon anglers on Lough Corrib SAC in 2024 considering the quota has reduced from 3,331 salmon to 1,938 salmon in twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51456/23]

*40. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will establish an inter-departmental working group with a specific focus on the health co-benefits of working towards the GHG emission targets for 2030, as specified in the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51492/23]

*41. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to add public health to the list of relevant areas of expertise to be considered by him in making appointments to the Climate Advisory Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51495/23]

*42. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to allocate additional resources to local authorities for the monitoring and enforcement of existing air quality legislation and to take the necessary steps to increase penalties for breaches of the forgoing legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51496/23]

*43. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will liaise with his counterpart in Northern Ireland to develop an all-island air strategy in order to further establish a statutory alignment of air quality legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51497/23]

*44. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if Ireland plans to withdraw from the energy charter treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [51250/23]

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

*45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on a matter regarding an Army bereavement fund (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [51369/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*46. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the environmental impact of planned increases in container storage in the Poolbeg peninsula; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [51200/23]

*47. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to open the local hackney programme to new applications in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [51205/23]

*48. To ask the Minister for Transport if traffic measurement recommendations (details supplied) will be implemented outside a school on the N70 as a matter of priority to ensure the health and safety of pupils, parents and teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [51216/23]

*49. To ask the Minister for Transport when a road (details supplied) will be resurfaced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [51244/23]

*50. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [51245/23]

*51. To ask the Minister for Transport the distance between rest stops on the M6 motorway; his plans to put rest stops in place between Athlone and Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [51253/23]

*52. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason only two carriages are being used on the 8:01 train from Galway to Oranmore; the reason for cost of €4 one-way train from Galway to Oranmore; the reason leap cards are not in place; and the reason all trains do not stop in Oranmore. — Anne Rabbitte. [51254/23]

*53. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of additional WTE enforcement transport officers and enforcement vehicle inspectors recruited by the RSA in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [51338/23]

*54. To ask the Minister for Transport the budget allocation for active travel spending in 2024; and the estimated number of kilometres of new cycling infrastructure that will be delivered in 2024. — Alan Kelly. [51339/23]

*55. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of hybrid and hydrogen buses that will come into the Bus Éireann PSO fleets in 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [51340/23]

*56. To ask the Minister for Transport whether contact has been made with a religious order (details supplied) in Cork to progress a bus shelter on Mulgrave road. — Thomas Gould. [51370/23]

*57. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of habitual long delays and overcrowding for commuters attempting to take the 77a bus in Dublin; the reason for these problems; and what measures he will take to address them. — Paul Murphy. [51541/23]

*58. To ask the Minister for Transport what plans he has with respect to the use of contactless payments by the NTA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [51583/23]

*59. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the procurement process by the NTA for appointing a contractor to oversee the roll-out of contactless payments technology for rural and urban bus services. — Emer Higgins. [51584/23]

*60. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the trial of contactless payments happening on Local Link services in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [51585/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*61. To ask the Minister for Finance to allow a claim to be processed (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [51345/23]

*62. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the implementation of the recommendations of the banking review. — Jim O’Callaghan. [51371/23]

*63. To ask the Minister for Finance the total amount of winnings from prize bonds in the past 12 months and for the previous 12-month period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [51372/23]

*64. To ask the Minister for Finance if he or his Department have made any initial calculations regarding the amount of revenue that may be generated by the residential zoned land tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51381/23]

*65. To ask the Minister for Finance to set out the timeframe a taxpayer can appeal a capital gains tax assessment after discharging same. — Peter Burke. [51412/23]

*66. To ask the Minister for Finance to give due consideration to establishing an expert group to advise the Government on the implementation of the Commission on Taxation and Welfare Report, recommending Government to develop fiscal measures to encourage a reduction in the consumption of ultra processed foods, to reduce the harms of such foods and to promote healthier eating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51500/23]

*67. To ask the Minister for Finance the current status of the Final Report of the National Disability Inclusion Strategy Transport Working Group recommendation that the current Disabled

Drivers and Disabled Passengers Scheme was outdated and should be replaced with a needs-based, grant-aided vehicular adaptation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51530/23]

*68. To ask the Minister for Finance the current status of his Department's recommendation to the National Disability Inclusion Strategy Transport Working Group that the current Disabled Drivers and Disabled Passengers Scheme should be replaced with a needs-based, grant-aided vehicular adaptation scheme; if all of the relevant Government Departments have been convened to discuss the way forward; the dates when the meetings were held; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51531/23]

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.

*69. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his views on delays in the construction of flood defences along Dublin Bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [51199/23]

*70. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if a tender process for a project (details supplied) has commenced; if so, its expected date of completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [51300/23]

*71. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the capital ceilings, by Department, for 2024 and 2025, as per the revised NDP, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [51332/23]

*72. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on amendments to the capital works management framework in relation to public works contracts on foot of high inflation costs for construction materials and details of other supports available to contractors. — Peter Burke. [51413/23]

*73. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline the procedure required so that householders and businesses can be supported by the Office of Public Works and by local authorities to install flood defence doors and barriers in areas at risk of flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [51457/23]

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

*74. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the report by the Implementation Group to address the recommendations of the March 2022 Department of Justice Report on the Review of the Atypical Working Scheme for non-EEA Crew in the Irish Fishing Fleet; the timeline for the publication of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51379/23]

*75. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason businesses that paid in cash are excluded from the business users support scheme for kerosene (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [51407/23]

*76. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there is any expansion of the work quota permits for employers. — Peter Burke. [51410/23]

*77. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if an IDA business development consultant has been hired; if Government have reconsidered the creation of such a role in light of the ongoing breaches of international humanitarian law and ongoing war crimes committed by Israel. — Matt Carthy. [51416/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*78. To ask the Minister for Education to provide urgent clarification on the timeline for the construction and handover of the new three-school campus at Buncrana, County Donegal, in response to recent media reports that this long-delayed and vital project will not be completed until 2030; and if she will honour the previously-made commitments to fast-track this project. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [51162/23]

*79. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding any initiatives at a Department level that seek to increase the supply of substitute primary school teachers; if she is concerned about the impact of the current shortfall in these roles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [51189/23]

*80. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date on the provision of an ASD unit at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [51190/23]

*81. 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 supports available to parents to meet alternative transport costs; when it is expected transport as approved will be available for the check; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [51191/23]

*82. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to restrict gambling industry-funded talks and programmes in schools. — Ivana Bacik. [51194/23]

*83. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 194 of 19 October 2023, if she will arrange for staff at the building unit at the Department to meet persons on a matter (details supplied) relating to the issues raised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [51261/23]

*84. To ask the Minister for Education when she expects the new special school announced by her Department for Carrigtwohill, County Cork, to open; the proposed location of the school; the number of students who will be able to attend the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [51285/23]

*85. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding application for capital funding, under the additional school accommodation scheme from school (details supplied) for special class accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [51314/23]

*86. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ASD places available in secondary schools in Tipperary in September 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [51333/23]

*87. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of providing one additional guidance counsellor position for schools with over 575 pupils. — Alan Kelly. [51334/23]

*88. To ask the Minister for Education when a replacement taxi driver will be put in place for a taxi service (details supplied) given that it is now over three weeks since the service ceased; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51443/23]

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

*89. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which potential growth opportunities for business tourism in this country continue to be identified. — Alan Kelly. [51324/23]

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

*90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update in relation to the review of the Derelict Sites Act initiated in November 2021; when the report will be finalised; when the report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [51163/23]

*91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to rapidly scale-up the building of affordable housing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51214/23]

*92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the date on which homeowners with building defects can apply for emergency funding for interim fire safety and other structural defects remedial work in advance of the introduction of the full defective building redress scheme; and when the emergency funding will be paid. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51227/23]

*93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a report on the number of vacant and derelict croí cónaithe applications that have been made per local authority with a breakdown per local authority. — Paul McAuliffe. [51234/23]

*94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are provisions within the local authority housing system to enable a separated person accessing the housing list if they have a stake in a former family home which they cannot access as a result of their separation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [51281/23]

*95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the WTE staff, by job title, working in the Office of Planning Regulator; the number of vacancies, by job title, in the Office; and when each of those vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [51337/23]

*96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the provisions of the incremental purchase scheme 2010 remain in force; how many homes have been made available for sale under this scheme in 2022, 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [51373/23]

*97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the guidance which has been provided to local authorities in request of acquisition cost guidelines in the cost-rental tenant-in-situ scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [51382/23]

*98. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of people that his Department, or associated agencies, has assisted that vacated Gaza since the onset of the most recent Israeli attacks; the supports that have been provided to these citizens by her Department and associated agencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [51503/23]

*99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for clarification (details supplied) relating to SI 216/2004 and Circular Letter LG(P) 06/09; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [51514/23]

*100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered extending the mortgage-to-rent scheme to require vulture funds which seek repossession of family homes to offer long-term tenancies as an option for those borrowers in arrears; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [51558/23]

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

*101. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a recent application for fuel allowance in the case of a person (details supplied) can be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51160/23]

*102. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a working family payment application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [51228/23]

*103. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a review of eligibility to the back to education allowance will be undertaken in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51298/23]

*104. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of making the entitlement to fuel allowance automatic for persons aged over 80 years. — Alan Kelly. [51342/23]

*105. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for the one-parent family payment; the number of applications rejected; the number of families receiving the payment, broken down per month, over the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [51359/23]

*106. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a domiciliary care allowance application (details supplied) which has been processing for a number of months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51393/23]

*107. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51459/23]

*108. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people that her Department has assisted that vacated Gaza since the onset of the most recent Israeli attacks; the supports that have

been provided to these citizens by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [51502/23]

*109. To ask the Minister for Social Protection regarding the case of a person (details supplied), who has been on jobseekers allowance for five years was moved to illness benefit following surgery and is now deemed ineligible for the fuel allowance despite being on interrupted social protection payments for five years, if discretion can be used in this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [51517/23]

*110. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, with regard to applications for carer's allowance benefit, she will clarify the reason people already in receipt of another social welfare payment are cut off from receiving that payment immediately from the date of their application for the carer's allowance, as carer's allowance applications are currently taking a minimum of 12 weeks to process, with applicants being advised to apply for supplementary welfare allowance in the interim, which is itself taking a minimum of six weeks to process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [51553/23]

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

*111. To ask the Minister for Justice when form 13 (details supplied) will be granted to an Irish citizen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [51204/23]

*112. To ask the Minister for Justice her views regarding the Irish Travellers Access to Justice report (details supplied); what recommendations her Department have committed to implementing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [51243/23]

*113. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí operating out of Cashel town Garda station; the opening hours of the station; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [51279/23]

*114. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason visa applications were determined not valid in the case of persons (details supplied); if the applications can be appealed; if new applications are advisable at this point; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51317/23]

*115. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of WTE staff, by grade, working in the International Protection Office as of 16 November 2023; and the corresponding figures as of 31 January 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [51325/23]

*116. To ask the Minister for Justice if a new recruitment campaign for prison nurses will be launched early in the new year. — Alan Kelly. [51327/23]

*117. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applicants, number of initial decisions, number of appeals, number of appeal decisions, number of JRs, and the decision outcome, positive and negative with respect to international protection by type of status, for the years 2013 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [51347/23]

*118. To ask the Minister for Justice the dedicated staffing and financial allocations of each of the decision-making divisions/bodies in the international protection process in each of the years 2013 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [51348/23]

*119. To ask the Minister for Justice the shortest, longest and average decision time for each step of the international protection process for the years 2013 to 2022 and to date in 2023, broken down by those on the safe countries list versus those that are not, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [51349/23]

*120. To ask the Minister for Justice for an estimate of the required Garda hours to complete a deportation order. — Pa Daly. [51350/23]

*121. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the process undertaken to ensure duplicate asylum applications are not made in this jurisdiction and the UK; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [51351/23]

*122. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of deportations ordered and completed for the years 2013 to 2022 and to date in 2023; and the associated costs for those years, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [51352/23]

*123. To ask the Minister for Justice the all-in projected cost of reducing waiting times for first instance decisions from the International Protection Office by 10%, 25% and 50%, including the recruitment of any staff required to meet this target. — Pa Daly. [51353/23]

*124. To ask the Minister for Justice the all-in projected cost if yearly completed applications through the International Protection Office were to be increased by 50%, 100% and 200% from the 2023 base number, including the recruitment of any staff required to meet this target. — Pa Daly. [51354/23]

*125. To ask the Minister for Justice the all-in projected cost if yearly completed applications through the International Protection Appeals Tribunal were to be increased by 50%, 100% and 200% from the 2023 base number of 3,200, including the recruitment of any staff required to meet this target. — Pa Daly. [51355/23]

*126. To ask the Minister for Justice the projected cost of reducing waiting times for decisions from the International Protection Appeals Tribunal by 10%, 25% and 50%, including the recruitment of any staff required to meet this target. — Pa Daly. [51356/23]

*127. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the visa extension application of a person (details supplied); and if she will indicate a timeframe for a decision. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51540/23]

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

*128. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farms restricted due to TB in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [51201/23]

*129. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he considers computerised calf feeders to be non “non-movable” in respect of TAMS grant payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [51213/23]

*130. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will include an advisory circular with all Ash dieback reconstitution scheme approvals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [51286/23]

*131. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the availability of grants for the promotion of forestry; what consideration has been given to supporting smaller groups and co-ops with promoting forestry in their local areas, particularly where these organisations are providing training and advisory services to farmers and forestry owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [51307/23]

*132. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a farm issue in relation to a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51315/23]

*133. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if farmers in Kerry are permitted to spread spoilt water after the recent storms and heavy rain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51318/23]

*134. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of revenue generated through activities in each of the fishery harbour centres under the remit of his Department in the first ten months of 2023. — Alan Kelly. [51335/23]

*135. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he or his officials have spoken with the Commissioner of the United States Food and Drugs Administration since January 2023. — Alan Kelly. [51336/23]

*136. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 363 of 14 November 2023, if the five-year requirement under the definition of a young farmer, as set by the Government, can be amended within the lifetime of the current scheme and current CAP; if there are plans to amend the definition for future equivalent schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [51361/23]

*137. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the expected timeline for approval to issue in respect of TAMS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [51376/23]

*138. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he and his Department officials will meet with several organisations (details supplied), following their withdrawal from the North West Herring Group; if he can confirm a date when such a meeting can take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [51408/23]

*139. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine why a person in County Cork (details supplied) has not yet received their BISS payment. — Michael Creed. [51508/23]

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

*140. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for a breakdown, in tabular form, of the number of children under the age of 12 years who have been referred for a public psychological assessment for autism. — Peadar Tóibín. [51308/23]

*141. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the need to divest programmes under the auspices of his Department from organisations which are funded by the gambling industry. — Ivana Bacik. [51195/23]

*142. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details of when his Department was first notified that a facility (details supplied) was being used for the purposes of providing emergency accommodation to people experiencing homelessness; if he has engaged with Tipperary County Council that now, as a result of a contract being entered into with the owner, the subsequent termination of that agreement, can no longer provide emergency accommodation at that location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [51278/23]

*143. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of people currently in the direct provision system in accommodation across County Tipperary, by location; to list the type of accommodation IPAs are being housed in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [51280/23]

*144. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline what national or international evidence or research, apart from data in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the National Disability Strategy 2004, the Education for Persons with Special Education Needs Act 2004, and the Disability Act 2005, was undertaken or considered in devising the progressing disabilities services programme; what models of implementation elsewhere, if any, were examined; his views on the conceptualisation of the PDS programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51284/23]

*145. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of staff at the end of each month for all the CDNTs nationwide from January 2022 to April 2023; the number of allocated positions; the number of vacant posts; the number of staff on leave that is, maternity, parental and so on; the caseload; the number of individuals open and/or active; the number of individuals waitlisted, subcategorized into the number waiting longer than three, six and 12 months; the health and safety metrics; the number of complaints filed; the AIM support metrics; the number of administrative staff versus therapeutic staff; the total number of individuals awaiting contact; the number of individuals awaiting assessment; and the number of individuals awaiting therapeutic services, in tabular form. — Paul Murphy. [51316/23]

*146. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current budget allocation for the Ombudsman for Children's Office in 2022 and 2023; and the expected budget allocation for same in 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [51341/23]

*147. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide information on a series of matters in relation to international protection applicants (details supplied), by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [51388/23]

*148. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the ECCE scheme (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [51414/23]

*149. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will review outstanding invoices for an accommodation provider (details supplied) and if their invoices can be paid without further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [51420/23]

*150. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current position regarding funding for a capital project (details supplied) in Donegal town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51458/23]

*151. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current status of the Final Report of the National Disability Inclusion Strategy Transport Working Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51528/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*152. To ask the Minister for Health what restrictions are currently in place in respect of employees of the HSE and the Child and Family Agency running in local elections; and the rationale for any such restrictions. — Sean Sherlock. [51202/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the need for promotion among healthcare staff of impartial information on the health effects of gambling, separate to that provided by organisations which receive funding from the gambling sector. — Ivana Bacik. [51193/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide funding streams to addiction services to remove the need for organisations in the sector to accept funding from the gambling industry. — Ivana Bacik. [51196/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for Health if he has replied to correspondence from 27 hospital consultants at Letterkenny General Hospital; if he will agree to their request to meet with them to discuss the ongoing issues and proposed solutions as outlined in their letter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51246/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of the memorandums CEO ref. 09954 and 10166 of 2023, by grade for CHO9, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Louise O'Reilly. [51255/23]

*157. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for St. Luke's Hospital, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Kathleen Funchion. [51256/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CHO5, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Kathleen Funchion. [51257/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for St. Luke's Hospital, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Kathleen Funchion. [51258/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied) by grade, for CHO 5, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Kathleen Funchion. [51259/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be secured for an individual for surgery (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [51260/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for Our Lady's Hospital in Navan, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Darren O'Rourke. [51262/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for Connolly Hospital, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts and the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Darren O'Rourke. [51263/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for Our Lady of Lourdes, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Darren O'Rourke. [51264/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CHO8, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Darren O'Rourke. [51265/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for Our Lady's Hospital in Navan, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Darren O'Rourke. [51266/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for Connolly Hospital, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Darren O'Rourke. [51267/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for Our Lady of Lourdes in Drogheda, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Darren O'Rourke. [51268/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied) by grade for CHO8, tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Darren O'Rourke. [51269/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of the memorandums CEO ref 09954 and 10166 of 2023 by grade for University Hospital Limerick,

in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts and the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Martin Browne. [51270/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of the memorandums CEO ref 09954 and 10166 of 2023 by grade for Tipperary University Hospital, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; and the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Martin Browne. [51271/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of the memorandums CEO ref 09954 and 10166 of 2023 by grade for CHO5, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; and the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Martin Browne. [51272/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of the memorandums CEO ref 09954 and 10166 of 2023 by grade for CHO3, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; and the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Martin Browne. [51273/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of the memorandums CEO ref 09954 and 10166 of 2023, by grade for University Hospital Limerick, in tabular form; and the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate. — Martin Browne. [51274/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of the memorandums CEO ref 09954 and 10166 of 2023 by grade for Tipperary University Hospital, in tabular form; and the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate. — Martin Browne. [51275/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of the memorandums CEO ref 09954 and 10166 of 2023, by grade for CHO5, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Martin Browne. [51276/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of the memorandums CEO ref 09954 and 10166 of 2023 by grade for CHO3, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Martin Browne. [51277/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for Beaumont Hospital, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Denise Mitchell. [51289/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CHO9, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number which

were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Denise Mitchell. [51290/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for Beaumont Hospital, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Denise Mitchell. [51291/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CHO9, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Denise Mitchell. [51292/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will receive a refund of medical fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51306/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown, in tabular form, of the number of children under the age of 12 years who have been referred for a public psychological assessment for specific learning disabilities including dyslexia and dyspraxia, and ADHD for each category, by year, from 2019 to 2023, and by county (details supplied); to provide a breakdown of the number of persons in a senior psychologist post working on assessments, by county, for the latest available year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [51308/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for University Hospital Galway, Portiuncula University Galway and Merlin Hospital Galway, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Mairéad Farrell. [51309/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CHO2, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Mairéad Farrell. [51310/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for University Hospital Galway, Portiuncula University Galway and Merlin Hospital Galway, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Mairéad Farrell. [51311/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CHO Area 2, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Mairéad Farrell. [51312/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the policy guidance, if any, that he has issued to the HSE with respect to unused or underused buildings such as old dispensaries that would not be suitable as residences; if he will consider allowing any such buildings to be used by local communities where a need for facilities such as community hubs exist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [51313/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Health the budget line afforded to a project (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [51322/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant oncologists based at Cork University Hospital in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [51328/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Health the extra funding and or personnel that will be allocated towards thrombectomy services in 2024. — Alan Kelly. [51329/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated to CHOs 3 and 5 for prosthetics in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [51330/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health if a service (details supplied) applied for and received the Covid recognition payment on behalf of its staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51346/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Health the policy of his Department with respect to the development of synthetic food; if he has engaged with the Food and Safety Authority on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51357/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Health if he has examined reclassifying large section 39 organisations, which are core service providers in partnership with the HSE, as section 38 organisations; if he has examined the potential cost of such a measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [51377/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Health to list in full all health national strategies, policies, clinical programmes and action plans, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [51378/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CUH and the Mercy Hospital, Cork, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Thomas Gould. [51384/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CHO4, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Thomas Gould. [51385/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CUH and the Mercy Hospital, Cork, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Thomas Gould. [51386/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CHO4, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Thomas Gould. [51387/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for Wexford General Hospital, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Johnny Mythen. [51403/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CHO5, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Johnny Mythen. [51404/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for Wexford General Hospital, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Johnny Mythen. [51405/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CHO5, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Johnny Mythen. [51406/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a person regarding an assessment for ADHD (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [51411/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to opening medical assessment units at Nenagh, Ennis and St John's hospitals on a 24-hour basis in light of the continued high number of presentations at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [51415/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Health if there are properties in the Pettigo area of County Donegal that are owned by the HSE but not currently being used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51421/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will be contacted and scheduled to have surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51448/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Health if he if he will give due consideration to the creation of GP referral guidance for suspected childhood, adolescent and young adult cancers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51449/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take the necessary steps to promote awareness raising of childhood, adolescent and young adult cancer symptoms among the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51450/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the reopening of Keltol. — Thomas Gould. [51451/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give due consideration to publishing a new cardiovascular health policy, as the current Changing Cardiovascular Policy (2010-2019) requires updating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51483/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set aside funding to invest in training and career development for non-clinical public health staff within public health departments and other agencies for the purposes of planning future health and social care needs and to respond to a wide range of public health emergencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51484/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Health to undertake the necessary research to assess the feasibility of involving pharmacists in Ireland in the management of confirmed hypertension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51485/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an anticipated completion date for the Department of Health Evaluation Report of the Impact of the 2018 Sugar Sweetened Drinks Tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51486/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take the necessary steps to initiate a Public Health (Obesity) Bill to include restricting the marketing of unhealthy foods to children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51487/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take the necessary steps in relation to implementing mandatory upper limits relating to salt in bread and other major sources of salt in the Irish diet, in tandem with linked initiatives addressing food labelling, public service procurements and mass media campaigns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51488/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Health if he will launch a public awareness campaign addressing the risks associated with the use of e-cigarettes and related nicotine products during pregnancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51489/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Health if he will allocate additional funding in respect of Ireland's tobacco control budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51490/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set aside funding to undertake a Healthy Ireland Study to ascertain levels of hypertension awareness, treatment and control in the population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51493/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Health to give due consideration to conducting cardiovascular disease screening and management within the pharmacy setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51494/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Health to examine action that can be taken to highlight the importance of physical movement in the workplace environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51498/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Health to set out a revised national food pyramid, designed to promote both human and planetary health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51499/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 258 of 12 July 2023, and the ongoing cost of electricity, if he will review the current financial assistance to patients with home dialysis machines in light of the additional cost of their operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51507/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the catchment areas for consultant psychiatrists in the Galway area; if an individual can be seen by these services outside of their catchment area; and to outline the options available to individuals who do not have a consultant psychiatrist in their catchment area. — Mark Ward. [51513/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Health if resources are in place to provide a primary healthcare centre in Collinstown, Clondalkin, Dublin 22; if he will provide an update on the provision of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51515/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the disposal of land to provide a primary healthcare centre in Collinstown, Clondalkin, Dublin 22; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51516/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an urgent medical appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [51518/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Health to set out the precise terms and conditions applying to the new HSE policy on discharging elderly patients from hospitals to nursing homes; and if the elderly person's (and their family's) wishes will be taken into account where the transfer place may be clinically appropriate, but may not be preferable or convenient to the elderly person or their family, or if the needs of the person on a trolley will supersede all the above. — Patricia Ryan. [51551/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Health to set out the precise terms and conditions applying to the new HSE policy on discharging elderly patients from hospitals to nursing homes; and if the elderly person's (and their family's) wishes will be taken into account where the transfer place may be clinically appropriate, but may not be preferable or convenient to the elderly person or their family, or if the needs of the person on a trolley will supersede all the above. — Patricia Ryan. [51552/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Health with regard to the saxenda injection and the prescription/testing process for same, to clarify what procedural/approval procedures are in place for GPs/primary care centres with regard to test analyses/approval of the suitability of possible candidates for injection of the drug saxenda; if a consultation process with all doctors in a GPs/primary care centre is required before approval/suitability for the injection is given (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [51554/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on primary healthcare nursing staff levels and numbers of patients covered, including public health nurses, in the south Kildare area, with particular emphasis on rural areas, the distances required to be covered by each PHN, and the individual PHN's ability to attend to rural patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [51555/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Health his views on GP services in the south Kildare area, the availability of those services generally and the length of time it is taking for those people trying to source and secure GP services in south Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [51556/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene in the matter of a young person (details supplied). — Patricia Ryan. [51557/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers which have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for Naas General Hospital, County Kildare, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Patricia Ryan. [51559/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CHO7, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover. — Patricia Ryan. [51560/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Health if, with regard to the proposed transfer of 68 elderly residents from units in Cherry Orchard Hospital, Dublin, to Bartra nursing home in Clondalkin, he will clarify the reason 68 vulnerable elderly residents in Cherry Orchard Hospital (many in receipt of palliative/end of life care or with advanced cognitive issues) have, in November last, received urgent notice they are being relocated en masse to another nursing home facility in Clondalkin by 20 November 2023, that that notice was given inconsistently or in some cases not at all, and the decision taken by the HSE without consultation with residents' families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [51561/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Health if, with regard to the HSE's proposed moving of 68 very vulnerable residents with complex care needs from Cherry Orchard Hospital to an alternative nursing home in Clondalkin, he will clarify how the decision to transfer them was made, in the absence of consultation with either residents affected or their families; if any consideration was taken to establish whether any other, less distressing/disruptive alternative was available on the hospital campus, to minimise the stress and trauma this move would cause to these very vulnerable people, many of whom suffer from cognitive difficulties, have very complex care needs and/or are in receipt of palliative/end-of-life care. — Patricia Ryan. [51562/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Health if, with regard to the transfer of 68 very vulnerable elderly and frail residents from Cherry Orchard Hospital on foot of an 'urgent evacuation', he will clarify if he or his Department were aware that the HSE was made fully aware by HIQA of the issues surrounding the current 'urgent evacuation', at the end of June 2021, yet no works were commenced/undertaken in the intervening two-and-a-half years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [51563/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Health if, with regard to the 'urgent evacuation' of 68 vulnerable residents from Cherry Orchard Hospital, he will explain in detail, giving dates, of when the agreement between the HSE and Bartra to accept transfer of the 68 residents, specifically with reference to the date of the notice of that transfer as given, inconsistently, to the affected residents and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [51564/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE workforce targets for 2023 across each discipline; and the progress to date on each target, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [51568/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Health the number of employment offers made by the HSE that have been withdrawn as a result of the recruitment freeze; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51569/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Health the disciplines excluded from the HSE recruitment freeze; the number recruited in each of these disciplines to date in 2023; the total number of staff in each of these disciplines; the expected workforce targets for each of these disciplines in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51570/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the HSE recruitment freeze across almost all disciplines; the steps he is taking to ensure that patient care is not compromised as a result

of this decision; to outline the impact of this decision on workforce planning taking place in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51571/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Health the impact of the HSE recruitment freeze on recommendations one, three, four and 12 of the Strategic Workforce Advisory Group on Home Carers and Nursing Home Healthcare Assistants, respectively, given that each of these recommendations relates to recruitment and training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51572/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Health the impact of the HSE recruitment freeze on the Framework for Safe Nurse Staffing and Skill Mix and the 854 additional nursing posts announced in May 2023 to fully implement the framework in all acute hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51576/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Health if he will invest in additional home care, outreach care and mental health supports for people living with epidermolysis bullosa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [51586/23]

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

*248. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to promote divestment in the gambling industry by third-level institutions; and, in particular, his views on the practice of organisations in the sector sponsoring academic programmes and sports events. — Ivana Bacik. [51192/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current number of Youthreach centres in Tipperary; and the number of students attending Youthreach centres within Tipperary. — Alan Kelly. [51323/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in line with recommendation 56 of the Autism Committee's recent report (details supplied), what would be the first-year and full-year cost of establishing a scholarship scheme to fund students in third-level courses in disciplines relevant to disability services with a commitment from graduates to work in Ireland for a set number of years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51542/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in line with recommendation 58 of the Autism Committee's recent report (details supplied), what would be the capital cost of compiling sensory maps to provide to all Higher Education Institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51543/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in line with recommendation 59 of the Autism Committee's recent report (details supplied), what would be the cost of funding the rollout of the Trinity Centre for People with Intellectual Disabilities across all Higher Education Institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51544/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in line with recommendation 60 of the Autism Committee's recent report (details supplied), what would be the first-and full-year cost of including an autism training module, as part of the

following courses in tabular form, Initial Teacher Education (ITE), Nursing, Therapy and all other medical courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51545/23]

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

*254. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a town (details supplied) in Westmeath will be considered for Clár status and given the recent demographic changes as outlined in Census 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [51283/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to outline the various funding schemes under the aegis of her Department that are open for applications at present; the closing dates for any such schemes; the further schemes she plans to open for applications in the next six months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [51297/23]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 2023**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a team has been established to review the occupations on the critical skills occupation list and ineligible occupations list for employment permits, on foot of submissions made by employers and stakeholders, representative bodies, Government departments, agencies and other interested parties during a public consultation process which ran from June to August 2023; if this review is currently underway; when this review will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51482/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide information on how the increased cost of business scheme announced in Budget 2024 will operate. — Sorca Clarke. [51134/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department will review the flood supports administered through the Red Cross for those affected whose insurance excess restricts them from accessing the current scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [51587/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on progress in the implementation of the Midlands regional enterprise plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [51225/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the up-to-date position regarding the provision of a new IDA advance facility at Kerry Technology Park; the anticipated timeline for the various stages in the process of delivering the new facility; and what progress has been made in the past three years while this Deputy has been seeking regular updates through

Parliamentary Questions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51506/23]

6. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to report on the outcomes of the recent trade mission to South Korea; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [51293/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the ongoing volatility in the tech sector given the slowdown in the sector as indicated by Central Statistics Office and data from the Revenue Commissioners. — Louise O'Reilly. [51438/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment whether an IDA business development consultant (details supplied) has been recruited; if the Government is rethinking the role in view of the ongoing breaches of international humanitarian law and ongoing war crimes committed by Israel. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [51480/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the progress he has made with Enterprise Ireland on stimulating the establishment of indigenous businesses in the renewable energy supply chain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51522/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question Number 403 of 25 July 2023, for an update on the investigations by his officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [51446/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how many businesses in Cork received emergency supports following floods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [51375/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 7 of 12 October 2023, the status of the review by his Department of the eligibility of occupations appearing on the critical skills occupations list and the ineligible occupations list for employment permits; his plans to remove dental nurses from the ineligible occupations list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51383/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 63 of 12 October 2023, the status of the implementation of the West Regional Enterprise Plan to 2024; for a status update on the implementation of Action 7.2 to “develop initiatives to encourage emergence of born sustainable, born circular startups”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51391/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of applications made under the scheme to assist businesses with the price of kerosene in counties Roscommon and Galway, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [51206/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans for strengthening the capacity of the LEO network to give specialist support to enterprises, with varying needs and regional specialisms, within their remit and to the development of regional centres of excellence. — Richard Bruton. [51510/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what extra support will be provided to the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [51235/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the progress of the National Industrial Strategy for Offshore Wind; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [51532/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in Louth affected by the recent flooding events that have applied for financial support under the flood relief scheme for businesses to date; the number and value of the payments made to date; when he plans to bring forward the statutory flood relief scheme for businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [51445/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is concerned that a high proportion of businesses have yet to embark on the transition to the European Green Deal to sustainability. — Richard Bruton. [51509/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to report on his efforts to tackle labour market shortages, in a time of full employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [51294/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the plans he has to provide additional financial supports to assist local authorities and community development organisations in the development of enterprise centres, in view of their importance in providing workspace for start-up businesses and small enterprises and the lack of such accommodation at present in areas such as County Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [51478/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide an update on the report from the Interdepartmental Group on Economic Migration Policy regarding the review of the occupational lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [51567/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what additional funding is being provided in 2024 to the IDA regional property programme development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51400/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how Budget 2024 will help the SME sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [51233/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of tribunals, public investigations and commissions of investigations in process; the length of time each has been underway; when each will conclude; the cost to date of each; and the estimated cost of each at completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [44814/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on progress being made to acquire an IDA Ireland purpose-built facility in Longford town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [51232/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps his Department is taking to promote the circular economy amongst the Irish enterprise base. — Louise O'Reilly. [51439/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will comment on a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [51598/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the plans, if any, he has to extend financial supports to business involved in import substitution from outside the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51521/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the planned IDA advance units development in Drogheda; when they will be available for use by client companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [51447/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extra support will be provided to the Digital Services Coordinator to resource its functions in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [51236/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the skills and supports required for businesses to meet decarbonisation targets; if the Government has plans to increase awareness and knowledge of decarbonisation amongst businesses and SMEs in particular; how SMEs have been supported to date to decarbonise; if there are plans to increase this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [51248/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the action being taken by the IDA and Enterprise Ireland to support new businesses and jobs in Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [51224/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how Budget 2024 is supporting regional enterprise development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51399/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the delivery of a new facility (details supplied) in Castlebar, County Mayo; the progress made since September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [51526/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to introduce mitigating measures to ensure that small and medium-sized businesses are able to bear the additional costs they are facing in terms of increased wage bills, additional bank holiday payment rates and increased commercial rates. — Cathal Crowe. [51128/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he plans to bring forward any proposals that address the rights of retired workers in relation to having representation rights concerning their occupational pensions in light of his recent rejection of the proposal to grant retired workers the right to take cases to the WRC in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51599/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he can detail the total volume and value in euro of Ireland's exports to and imports from the state of Israel; the

categories of products exported and imported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51602/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the procedure for triggering the human rights clauses in EU trade agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [50157/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 14 of 12 October 2023, the status update on his Department's engagement with the Department of Foreign Affairs with a view to developing a new business and human rights action plan and implementation body; the status of the business and human rights stakeholder forum, and if it has been re-convened to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51389/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will request the European Commission to start the process of suspending the EU-Israel Trade Agreement. — Marian Harkin. [51090/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on proposals to restrict and ban goods originating from illegal settlements in the West Bank; if his Department can provide any figures for the volume of such goods and their value of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51603/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline the work his Department is undertaking to fully utilise broadband connectivity in increasing sustainable employment, given that Ireland is set to become one of the most connected countries in Europe for fibre broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51520/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for a report on his attendance at the AI Safety Summit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [51221/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the proposals he has and the measures that will be introduced to assist in the provision of enterprise centres which are essential to provide workspace for start-up companies and small enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [51479/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No.76 of 23 February 2023, to outline his plans, if any, for the development of the IDA site at Ballyadam, Carrigtwohill, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [51304/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if it is his intention to set out in primary legislation how a workers' employment status will now be determined following the recent Supreme Court ruling in a case (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [51437/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide the current up-to-date numbers of how much funding has been administered through the Red Cross scheme for flood victims in the east Cork area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [51588/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details of any engagement he has had with the Minister for Foreign Affairs regarding the human rights considerations that may arise from the issuing of dual-use export licences in respect of end-users in Israel, particularly in light of Israel's actions in Gaza since 7 October 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51392/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the Government has reviewed the recommendations by the European Commission on developing social economy framework conditions in order to ease barriers to cross-border philanthropy. — Paul McAuliffe. [51534/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of successful applications for support under the business user support scheme for kerosene in each county; and the total value of the support provided in each county under the scheme, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [50973/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he continues to remain satisfied that any threats to enterprise, trade and employment continue to be adequately monitored in order to ensure provision is made insofar as is possible for both foreseen and unforeseen eventualities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51469/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the value of dual-use items or military goods approved for export to Israel in each of the years 2019 to date; and if he will direct the trade licensing and control unit within his Department to refuse export licence applications for dual-use items and military goods to Israel, given the ongoing breaches of international humanitarian law and ongoing war crimes committed by Israel. — Matt Carthy. [51442/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the take-up of the green for business programme for small businesses, broken down by LEO offices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [51401/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which any potential threats to employment in the context of the manufacturing, services and retail sectors have been identified or are identifiable, whether budgetary provisions are sufficient to meet any or all threats in this area; if he expects that all or most contingencies in respect of threats to either sector are adequately catered for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51470/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide an update on the publication of remote working code of practice. — Sorca Clarke. [51133/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment whether he has engaged with the management of a company (detail supplied) in respect of their announced intention to close facilities at Monaghan and Lough Egish; and whether he has made any efforts to protect these sites from closure. — Matt Carthy. [51441/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on plans to assist businesses struggling to meet the increased minimum wage with a view to introducing a living wage. — Paul McAuliffe. [51533/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on progress in the south-east regional enterprise plan; the funding for the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [51223/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the recently announced smart regions enterprise innovation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [51360/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the increased cost of business grant will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [51374/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment in relation to his recent trip to Korea and proposals for further data centres in this State, if he or his Department officials discussed the State's energy crisis with his Korean counterparts; if the drain on the State's energy system from the current number of data centres here was outlined or discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51601/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how he proposes to ensure that AI is developed and deployed in a way that is ethical and person-centred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [51222/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will review the performance of the IDA advance facility at Kerry Technology Park (details supplied); if he will consider the job opportunities hitherto foregone; if best practice was followed throughout the entire process of attracting and agreeing the tenancy; if adequate safeguards were put in place as part of the process; if he will engage with the IDA with a view to optimising employment opportunities at this site in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51505/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what action he is taking assist SMEs with the cost of doing business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [51226/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he is taking to support job creation in regional towns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51519/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a report on the IDA and Enterprise Ireland's latest efforts to bring business to County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [51126/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how he is helping businesses in rural Ireland establish a digital presence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [51362/23]

69. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the take-up of the climate planning fund for business and the enterprise emissions reduction investment fund, the two streams of the green transition fund run by Enterprise Ireland; whether there will be an evaluation of progress in the effectiveness of the fund on decarbonisation at an interim point in the five years of the fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [51402/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the work for a referendum on Unified Patent Court. — Louise O'Reilly. [51440/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the way his Department is assisting businesses that were adversely impacted by the recent flood events in Midleton, County Cork and elsewhere in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [51303/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 49 of 12 October 2023, for an update on the implementation of the white paper on enterprise; the details of the first update report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51390/23]

73. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to make grants available to SMEs to ensure that their websites are accessible for those with disabilities; if it will become a requirement of the trading online voucher scheme that websites are accessible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51523/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Finance his response to recent European Commission forecasts for the Irish economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [51398/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Finance how many earners in counties Kilkenny and Wexford, respectively will benefit from the USC reductions announced in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [51539/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will request that his Department undertake a vehicle taxation report considering the introduction of weight and size-based taxes on private vehicles in Ireland to incentivise a switch to smaller and lighter vehicles, similar to the weight tax in other jurisdictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [51579/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Finance if he can provide an update on Ireland's membership of the Crypto Asset Reporting Framework, and any proposed legislative changes to tax reporting relevant to the exchange of information between members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [51396/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Finance the date on which he will transpose the Credit Services Directive by means of a statutory instrument; his assessment of warnings that the provisions of the Directive could lead to an erosion of consumer protection and citizens' rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51434/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Finance the current status of the Final Report of the National Disability Inclusion Strategy Transport Working Group recommendation which indicated that the current disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme was outdated and should be replaced with a needs-based, grant-aided vehicular adaptation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51471/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of taxpayers in counties Cavan, Monaghan, Donegal, Sligo and Leitrim who will benefit from the USC reductions announced in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51230/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Finance his views and recommendations with regard to introducing a wealth tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51575/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 91 of 5 October 2023, if he will provide an update on the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal; when he expects the appeals process to re-commence; the expected timeline for the clearing of the backlog; what analysis his Department carried out into the reasons for the difficulty in recruiting the new board, as evidenced by the fact that it took four expression-of-interest campaigns in 18 months to fill the positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51363/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Finance to report on his Department's efforts to tackle money laundering within the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [51296/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on his Department's actions to crackdown on cryptocurrency tax evasion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [51525/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of earners in counties Kildare, Wicklow, Meath and Louth that will benefit from the USC reductions announced in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [51212/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to index the cap on tax relief (Standard Fund Threshold) on pensions, against wages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [51430/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of earners in counties Limerick, Clare, Cork, Kerry, Tipperary and Waterford who will benefit from the USC reductions announced in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [51218/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Finance to report on his Department's efforts to increase innovation and competition in Ireland's banking sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [51295/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will ensure that tax relief for parents in respect of the accommodation costs for students attending further or higher education colleges is applicable in respect of all students, whether studying in this jurisdiction or elsewhere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [51577/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on the progress made to date to convene a new Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeals; the actions he has taken to clear the backlog of 1,079 appeals outstanding, as of end-August 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [51565/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will explain the basis of his projection for inflation in 2024 of 2.9% when the annual inflation rate in September was 6.4%, and has been increasing recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46961/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Finance the guidance provided to the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund regarding industries, sectors or otherwise, which it is prohibited from investing in. — Matt Carthy. [51425/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons in County Carlow claiming the rent tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [51207/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider establishing a national flood insurance company to cover flood damage costs especially when so many homes and businesses are unable to obtain flood insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [51209/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Finance the implications, if any, for Ireland's taxation policy in the wake of recent European Court judgement in respect of competition laws; whether Ireland retains absolute authority in respect of taxation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51467/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Finance how many taxpayers in counties Kilkenny and Wexford, respectively, are claiming the rent tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [51538/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Finance how many people in Cork qualify for the disabled drivers and disabled passengers (tax concessions) scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [51366/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has reviewed the report on Section 481 tax relief from the Budget Scrutiny Committee; what actions he is planning in relation to the recommendations from that report, in particular those with regard to quality employment and training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51574/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is planning to implement the recommendations of the report on Section 481 tax relief from the Budget Scrutiny Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51573/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Finance the up-to-date figure in respect of corporation tax revenue recorded to November 2023; if he has reassessed the level of likely 'windfall' corporation tax surpluses out to 2026; if he will publish the revised figures as compared to the corporation tax estimates out to 2026 which were published in this year's summer economic statement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [51428/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Finance to identify the projects and initiatives in which his Department and the Government plan to invest in terms of the in excess of €3 billion to set aside as the 'climate and nature' elements of the proposed Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund; what assessment was made by his Department that determined that maximum drawdown from the fund out to 2030 would be approximately €3.1 billion out of a fund with a total value of €14 billion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [51427/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will engage with the insurance industry to discuss the provision of flood cover, particularly into the future due to the worsening effects of climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [51210/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Finance to outline his policy with respect to credit unions; the action he is taking or plans to take to encourage credit unions to foster good saving habits among young people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [51546/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of earners in County Carlow who will benefit from the USC reductions announced in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [51208/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of elderly people being pursued by financial companies for historic debts; if he is aware of the extreme distress being caused to people in such circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51581/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the relief available under the incapacitated child tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51472/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Finance what measures are being considered to assist homeowners whose home insurance does not include flood cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [51550/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to broaden the tax base in the context of the State's reliance on a small number of tax heads including corporation tax and VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [51429/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Finance what reductions in motor insurance premiums could be achieved to benefit motorists on the announcement that insurance details from the MIBI is now shared directly with An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [51549/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will comment on a review into the primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [51597/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans any changes to the disabled drivers and disabled passengers (tax concessions) scheme. — Michael Moynihan. [51365/23]

112. To ask the Minister for Finance his assessment of the European Commission's forecast of a 0.9 percentage point fall in GDP for 2023; the drivers of this revision; and his views on the outlook for the Irish economy and the labour market in the context of this downward revision. — Pearse Doherty. [51435/23]

113. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on the primary medical certificate; the steps taken to implement the appeals board; how he intends to reduce the waiting time for applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [51524/23]

114. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is concerned with the increases in mortgage interest rates being demanded of customers by financial lenders; to provide an update on his recent engagements with such lenders and the Central Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51580/23]

115. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on recent statistics published by An Garda Síochána regarding the 77% increase in cases of investment fraud this year; the measures his Department is considering to respond to the rise in financial fraud and authorised push payment scams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51433/23]

116. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason no monies can be drawn down from the Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund until 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [51426/23]

117. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will facilitate the progress of the Illegal Israeli Settlements Divestment Bill 2023 to Committee Stage as a matter of priority. — Matt Carthy. [51424/23]

118. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which Ireland's economy continues on a stable footing notwithstanding any potential threat; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51468/23]

119. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he and his European Union colleagues are taking to ensure better regulation of commodity future markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51475/23]

120. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of tribunals, public investigations and commissions of investigations in process; the length of time each has been underway; when each will conclude; the cost to date of each; and the estimated cost of each at completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [44814/23]

121. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on the implementation of the recommendations of the banking review. — Cathal Crowe. [51368/23]

122. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of earners in Offaly, Laois, Longford and Westmeath that will benefit from the USC reductions announced in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [51302/23]

123. To ask the Minister for Finance how overall tax revenues to end-October this year compares to the same period in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [51397/23]

124. To ask the Minister for Finance how many taxpayers in Dublin are claiming the rent tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [51219/23]

125. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of taxpayers in counties Cavan, Monaghan, Donegal, Sligo and Leitrim, respectively claiming the rent tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51229/23]

126. To ask the Minister for Finance when the National Payments Strategy will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [51367/23]

127. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the planned new Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [51537/23]

128. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of taxpayers in counties Limerick, Clare, Cork, Kerry, Tipperary and Waterford claiming the rent tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [51217/23]

129. To ask the Minister for Finance to update Dáil Éireann on his engagement with the retail banking sector, Department of Housing and representative groups of homeowners affected by defective concrete blocks with respect to bridging finance and the significant funding shortfall homeowners face to remediate their homes. — Pearse Doherty. [51432/23]

130. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of taxpayers in Offaly, Laois, Longford and Westmeath claiming the rent tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [51301/23]

131. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will indicate the plans for Ireland to adopt the European taxonomy in investment. — Richard Bruton. [51512/23]

132. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are plans to address wealth-related emissions via new levies or taxation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [51249/23]

133. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will amend the conditions applicable to eligibility for the rental tax credit for parents of students in relation to accommodation costs while attending further or higher education college to include students studying outside of this jurisdiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [51578/23]

134. To ask the Minister for Finance to review the recovery of funds invested in the rescue of the pillar banks during the financial crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [51511/23]

135. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the Government's plan to introduce a domestic tax on e-cigarettes or vapes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [51535/23]

136. To ask the Minister for Finance what progress has been made regarding public liability insurance reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [51422/23]

137. To ask the Minister for Finance for an assessment of the additional cost to construction of a standard 3-bed semi-detached house arising from the concrete product levy in the context of the current market price of concrete, cement and in-scope concrete products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51431/23]

138. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of taxpayers in counties Kildare, Wicklow, Meath and Louth claiming the rent tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [51211/23]

139. To ask the Minister for Finance how many earners in Dublin will benefit from the USC reductions announced in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [51220/23]

140. To ask the Minister for Finance to explain the rationale by the Revenue Commissioners for considering computerised calf feeders which are either bolted to a concrete floor or set in

concrete to be “movable goods” and therefore not eligible for a VAT reclaim which is available to non-VAT-registered farmers; when this policy change was decided; if he will direct that this policy revert to that which was previously in place where VAT reclaim was permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [51237/23]

141. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the planned new Future Ireland Fund. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [51536/23]

142. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the TBESS scheme and the €900 million underspend; how the Government plans to reallocate this funding; if some of it will be used to support businesses to transition towards renewable energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [51247/23]

143. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the successes and/or failures of the temporary business energy support scheme; the amount of funding issued under the scheme; the current underspend under the scheme; and if there is any possibility the underspend can be used to support businesses with rising energy costs, instead of reverting to the Exchequer, given nearly a third of businesses that use gas are in arrears. — Louise O’Reilly. [51436/23]