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QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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 when the ‘code of practice’ for remote working will be published. — Louise O’Reilly. [51452/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he will publish the details of the financial support scheme for businesses announced in Budget 2024; the total anticipated full year cost of the scheme; the estimated number of businesses likely to avail of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [51444/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on how the increased cost of business scheme announced in Budget 2024 will operate; and when businesses can expect to receive support under the scheme. — Louise O’Reilly. [51453/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on Irish-Israeli trade relations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [51394/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the recommendations of the Labour Employer Economic Forum High-Level Review Group on Collective Bargaining report will be incorporated into legislation. — Louise O’Reilly. [51454/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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. — Brid Smith. [51601/23]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

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Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

79. To ask the Minister for Finance the total value and number of investments made by the Irish Strategic Investment Fund in companies or enterprises which operate in illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied territories and, respectively, companies or enterprises that have been included on the UN Database of companies operating in illegal Israeli settlements on Palestinian land which was published by the United Nations Human Rights Council resolution 31/36; and for an update on engagements the Minister or his Department have had with ISIF with respect to divesting from said companies. — Pearse Doherty. [51791/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider reviewing the rate of VRT that applies to cars with advanced driver-assistance systems technologies that assist drivers in driving and

parking functions and, as a result, dramatically reduce road traffic accidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51596/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Finance for his and his Department's analysis of the estimated deadweight loss associated with the rented residential relief; its implications for social equity within the taxation system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51792/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 100 of 5 October 2023, his plans for the phasing out of the help to buy scheme; the details of the analysis underpinning the decision to extend the scheme to the end of 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51364/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

117. 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]

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

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

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

134. 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]

135. 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]

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

137. 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]

138. 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]

139. 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]

140. 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]

141. 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]

142. 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]

143. 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]

144. 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]

145. 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]

146. 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]

147. 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]

148. 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]

149. 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]

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

151. 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]

152. 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]

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

*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the measures, if any, he and his Department have taken to strengthen diplomatic ties with Taiwan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [51639/23]

*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in issuing said passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [51677/23]

*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 52 of 14 November 2023, of the €60 million increase in Official Development Assistance in vote 27, how much was contained in the ‘budget decisions’; and how much came from ‘to be allocated’ as outlined in the summer economic statement. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51715/23]

*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he agrees that Ireland has a duty under the UN Genocide Convention to prevent genocide; if any assessment has been carried out as to whether there is a serious risk that genocide is being committed by Israel in Gaza; if so, the outcomes as a result of such an assessment; what action the Government now proposes to take in view of the very serious and worsening situation in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51732/23]

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

*157. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a breakdown of the models of electric vehicles with a full price of more than €60,000

that are on the SEAI's registers to qualify for support through tax incentive schemes; and for each model, to provide the full price of the vehicle, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51594/23]

*158. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the final electricity demand from business, domestic sectors from 2019 to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51626/23]

*159. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to review and address correspondence (details supplied) concerning operational inefficiencies in the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's management of the support scheme for renewable heat, particularly the substantial delays in budget deployment and payment cycles for clients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [51637/23]

*160. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if grants are available to install solar panels and wind turbines in domestic houses; to detail the criteria applied to these grants; and the timeframe within which it is expected these grants will remain in place. — Pauline Tully. [51684/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what assessments of the existing barriers and potential of development of renewable energy communities have been conducted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [51710/23]

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

*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of Defence Forces personnel of each rank who have signed up to participate in the EU Battlegroup; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [51694/23]

*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will review the decision to withdraw Defence Forces troops from the UNDOF UN peace keeping mission in Golan Heights, considering the increased tensions in that region and the poor sign-up of Defence Forces personnel in the EU Battlegroup; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [51695/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*164. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to ban sulky races, particularly in light of the recent sulky races which took place on a public road in Limerick, which caused significant danger to other road users and resulted in cruelty to the horses involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [51658/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department is aware of significant damage caused by recent flooding to the bridge over the river Flurry, Deerpark Road, Ravensdale, Dundalk, which provides public access to the Proleek Dolmen national monument; if the Office of Public Works will consider undertaking repair works to the bridge; if the agency has engaged with Louth County Council on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [51702/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for Transport to investigate a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51605/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will comment on the current relevance of the CPC driver course; and if the teaching manuals for this course are out of date and not in line with current driving guidelines. — Robert Troy. [51615/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport for further details on a cab system (details supplied); if they will have insurance; the type of licence required to operate same, given it is for hire and reward; the person or body that sets the fare charged to customers; the type of industry, area knowledge tests and Garda clearance the driver has to undergo to be allowed to operate same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [51621/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport to reinstate a bus stop that had previously been in service (details supplied); if there are no plans to reinstate this, if an alternative service can be offered for this location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [51624/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport what applications for expansion of a bike scheme (details supplied) have been received; and the costs involved for an expansion. — Sean Sherlock. [51669/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport when a substantive response to correspondence (details supplied) of 8 October 2023 can be expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51673/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update in relation to changes to the pension scheme for CIÉ pensioners; and the timeline for when an increase in the pension will be sanctioned. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51733/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport the bus stops for the 203 bus under proposed changes. — Thomas Gould. [51769/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding progressing the N86 Tralee to Dingle Road upgrade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51788/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*175. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address an inequality in the fuel rebate scheme for disabled drivers (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [51765/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Finance the plans, if any, he has to amend the disabled drivers and disabled passenger's scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51473/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he remains satisfied that competency in respect of taxation resides within the Member States throughout the European Union, notwithstanding recent decisions/deliberations. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49984/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of units of renewable electricity that are determined by reference to data on the fuel mix in respect of the suppliers concerned, as published by the Commission for Regulation of Utilities, for which relief is claimed from the electricity tax for 2022, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51628/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Finance when it is proposed to establish the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal; when the criteria for this scheme will be amended in view of the widespread dissatisfaction in relation to the workings of this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [51735/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of individuals charged excess tax under the standard fund threshold in each of the years from 2016 to 2022. — Pearse Doherty. [51744/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that recent binding /non-binding discussion/decision at European level by the ECJ's advocate general in respect of a judgement (details supplied) is fully in accord with the fact that the competency for taxation resides with the Members States throughout the European Union, and not with the European Institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51755/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he remains satisfied that the OECD sponsors' proposals in respect of corporation profits tax in this country and across Europe remains notwithstanding the recent opinion of the ECJ's advocate general; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51756/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he remains satisfied that Ireland remains rightly in control of its taxation policy, notwithstanding developments at EU level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51757/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which he remains satisfied that this country's finances are on a firm footing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51758/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he remains satisfied that this country's economy remains on a solid footing, notwithstanding the various challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51759/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which Ireland remains an attractive investment location from the point of view of international investors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51760/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which he remains satisfied that EU competition rules are not set to invade the competency of national governments to retain control of tax policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51761/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Finance whether it might be advisable for the EU to examine its policies in relation to state aid /competition rules, where such rules might be seen to undermine rules in relation to taxation, which remain within the competence of national governments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51762/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which confidence in the Irish economy remains strong in the international sphere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51763/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he is confident that Ireland continues to compete on the international stage, with particular reference to any potential threats; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51764/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies with a registered address in Galway that availed of temporary business energy support scheme; and the value of the total value of support received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51477/23]

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.

*192. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 179 of 17 October 2023, if the new civil service arbitration board has yet been finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51707/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if a vacant property will be made available to a community group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [51786/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the supports, financial or otherwise, available to houses and businesses that are flooded at a location (details supplied) which are included in the CFRAM flood area while they wait for the works to commence. — Paul McAuliffe. [51802/23]

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

*195. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide an update on the increased cost of business grant; at what point the details of this scheme will be finalised; the process by which eligible SMEs will apply to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [51251/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to outline what flood relief schemes are available to businesses that are not eligible for the emergency flood relief scheme as they have over 20 employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [51252/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to give serious consideration to an effective package of support for businesses, as the current small business support scheme proposed by the Government will go nowhere near addressing the issues businesses are facing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [51657/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to respond to queries raised by a person (details supplied) following the most recent flooding event; to outline the supports in place; if the emergency flood relief scheme can be accessed in such circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [51672/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans for the establishment of a consultative group of key external stakeholders to support the work of a referendum on the Unified Patent Court; the membership of this committee; the timeline for such a referendum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51711/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason businesses using diesel gas are excluded from the business users support scheme for kerosene, given many businesses utilise diesel gas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [51725/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his satisfaction or otherwise with Ireland's ability to compete with all others for already established or potential export markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51745/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment where Irish exports are likely to meet the greatest level of competition in the short, medium and long-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51746/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he anticipates levels of investment here to adequately cater for the employment needs of the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51747/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he has identified any potential threats to the manufacturing and services sectors here likely to arise from continued inflation or competition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51748/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which innovation continues to be utilised to assist in job creation in this country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51749/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he continues to monitor challenges to the manufacturing of the service sectors here, with particular reference to ensuring continued maximum levels of employment and high production and marketing standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51750/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he believes support for small and medium-sized enterprises remains, given the challenges now and in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51751/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the degree to which he remains satisfied that the level of support for small and medium-sized enterprises here is adequate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51752/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the adequacy of safety at work standards here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51753/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the degree to which he and his Department remain alert to any threats to employment here, whether locally or imported, with particular reference to the need for identification of such threats in order to address them in good time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51754/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*211. To ask the Minister for Education the current sick payment entitlement for a person (details supplied) who is currently out on long-term sick leave from their teaching post; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [51638/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education to examine a case whereby a person (details supplied) did not receive full payment for the hours completed in the Home Summer Provision 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51688/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Education the reason an approved extension development for a school (details supplied) was withdrawn; the reason no reason for the withdrawal was given to the school; to outline the proposals her Department has for increasing the school capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [51722/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Education if she will instruct her Department to put a plan in place to deliver the necessary temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied) to ensure that the school can take in the cohort of over 150 students on a waiting list for next September from the catchment area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [51739/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education if she will instruct her Department to put a plan in place to deliver the necessary temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied) to ensure that the school can take in the cohort of over 150 students on a waiting list for next September from the catchment area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [51740/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a school bus service from east Galway city and Oranmore to a school (details supplied) where there is no secondary gaelscoil; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [51742/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Education the measures she is taking to resolve the shortage of secondary school places in Greystones, County Wicklow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [51743/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Education the updated timeline for the delivery of a new school accommodation for post-primary schools (details supplied), given the tender process has been completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [51774/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 231 of 17 December 2013, if the Governing Authority was established under the Education and Training

Board Act 2013; and if this board was and/or is on a statutory footing. — Catherine Murphy. [51775/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Education whether there are plans to locate a future primary and/or post-primary school in the growing north Santry area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [51794/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Education whether there are plans to locate a second-level gaelcholáiste in the Swords area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [51795/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify a matter (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [51803/23]

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

*223. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she is taking to protect small children from being exposed to hardcore online pornography; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [51595/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide an update on the fourth collective statement by the 36 sports ministers worldwide on Russia's war on Ukraine and international sport, and inconsistencies of approach by countries who signed the declaration; if she has engaged with these fellow signatories over their non-enforcing of the declaration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [51632/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide an up-to-date statement on LSSIF round 1; to detail how much has been allocated; how much has been drawn down; and the list of projects it was allocated to. — Cathal Crowe. [51701/23]

*226. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén chaoi a mheasfar a bhfuil an té a cheapfar mar Ard-Rúnaí nua ar an Roinn cumasach ar an ngnó a dhéanamh trí Ghaeilge; an bhfuil sé i gceist leas a bhaint as an Teastas Eorpach do theangacha mar chuid den phróiseas; má tá, cén leibhéal a bheidh le baint amach ag an té a cheapfar; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [51720/23]

*227. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén t-achar ama, tar éis an ceapachán a dhéanamh, a thabharfar d'Ard-Rúnaí nua na Roinne chun líofacht a bhaint amach sa Ghaeilge; cén caighdeán Gaeilge a bheidh le baint amach agus cén chaoi a mheasfar sin; an féidir a dheimhniú nach ndéanfar an ceapachán buan go mbainfear amach an caighdeán cuí; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [51721/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the up-to-date position regarding the latest Sports Capital and Equipment Programme; the number of applications received, per county; the estimated total value of applications from each county; the estimated total value of applications nationwide; the estimated total value of applications under the equipment only, local and regional categories, per county; the total overall budget available for this round of the programme; the anticipated timelines for the announcement of allocations under equipment only, local and regional categories; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51801/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she believes enough is being done to promote the importance of paying the TV licence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51813/23]

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

*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details on the actions he has taken to address the Committee on the Rights of the Child's concluding observations on the combined fifth and sixth periodic reports of Ireland recommendation 18 (d): Act on the State party's previous commitments to hold a referendum on lowering the voting age to 16 years and ensure that a decision to lower the voting age is supported by active citizenship and human rights education, and measures to prevent undue influence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [51651/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with whom responsibility rests for the replacement of broken windows on a local authority-owned property which occurred due to antisocial behaviour that was not connected to the tenant of the property. — Pauline Tully. [51683/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the fresh start loan scheme will be available for renovations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51699/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans to amend the incremental tenant purchase scheme 2016 to allow tenants of social homes acquired since 1 January 2016 to pursue a purchase of their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [51766/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm the number of Section 179A social housing planning applications that are currently under way; and to provide a table, by local authority, listing the individual planning proposals and number of social homes involved and where decisions have been made or are pending. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51787/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has had engagement with Kerry County Council regarding the process of having the Annagh Banks Development in Castlemaine, County Kerry, taken on as a turn-key development; if the 14-unit development will be successful in this regard (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51793/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether there is provision for standalone timberframe houses in planning legislation, taking into account that the cost would be in the region of one third that of a traditional block build, the energy rating would be close to passive and the environmental impact of construction is hugely lessened by the fact that the construction takes place largely off-site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [51797/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 676 of 7 November 2023, if he will increase the targets previously issued in line with the deepening housing crisis; if he is satisfied the targets issued are high enough; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [51800/23]

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

*238. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware that a fee is charged online to free travel pass holders when an allocation of bookings for free travel pass or valid ticket holders is fully booked on Irish Rail InterCity services; if such a fee is charged when a free travel pass holder is looking to purchase a ticket in similar circumstances in person; when such a fee was introduced; if the imposition of such a fee is compatible with the free travel scheme operated by her Department; her plans, if any, to remove the fee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [51644/23]

*239. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51689/23]

*240. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal for carer's allowance in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51734/23]

*241. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider applying the same eligibility criteria for rental income as are applied to investment income in respect of qualification for the benefit payment for 65-year-olds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [51783/23]

*242. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of households in each county that are receiving the €300 fuel allowance lump sum payment this week, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [51805/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of households in each county that are receiving the €400 disability support grant this week, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [51806/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of households in each county that are receiving the €400 lump sum working family payment this week, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [51807/23]

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

*245. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 389 of 17 October 2023, when a person (details supplied) can expect to return to Ireland, having regard to the fact that the British authorities have now processed the application for transfer to complete their sentence in an Irish prison, and that their father has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51682/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will carry out a health impact assessment on the Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022; the planning that has taken place to ensure that there are adequate resources across a number of areas (details supplied); the additional funding that will be made available in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51713/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Justice if she intends to put a system in place to monitor changes in the night time economy and collate data for future reviews following enactment of the

proposed Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51714/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Justice if, in the context of section 50 of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023, persons below the rank of chief superintendent can be appointed and or seconded to An Garda Síochána from other police services outside of this jurisdiction. — Catherine Murphy. [51776/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update in respect of permitting policer officers from other jurisdictions to transfer to An Garda Síochána at and below inspector rank. — Catherine Murphy. [51777/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of policer officers seconded to An Garda Síochána from other jurisdictions on an annual basis from 2013 to date in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [51778/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Justice the up-to-date position regarding the possible posthumous pardoning in historic cases (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51785/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide, in tabular form, the number of road traffic collisions involving farming vehicles per year between 2017-2023. — Martin Kenny. [51810/23]

*253. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide, in tabular form, the number of road traffic collisions involving HGVs per year between 2017-2023. — Martin Kenny. [51811/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide, in tabular form, the number of arrests made during the most recent Operation Twin Tracks (November 2023). — Martin Kenny. [51812/23]

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

*255. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to review and address correspondence (details supplied) concerning operational inefficiencies in the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland; to provide an update on the postponed issuance of letters of offer for the TAMS 3 solar PV grant as this delay is greatly impacting businesses and farmers, as these concerns are causing significant financial strain and affecting the efficacy of these key environmental schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [51637/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a decision has been made on a review of a BISS penalty in respect of a farmer in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51589/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is a proposal to make available grant assistance for purchasing shredders/mulchers for use on family farms, given the new regulations and restrictions surrounding the burning of green waste on farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51620/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51630/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will publish the Brexit pelagic fisheries support scheme application submitted by Ireland to the European Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [51642/23]

*260. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he considers that financial losses faced by vessels in respect of pelagic stocks such as mackerel and herring will be adequately compensated for by the Brexit pelagic fisheries support scheme, given that they will be required to repay any funding received for months that their vessels were tied up as part of the Brexit temporary fleet tie-up scheme or other introduced temporary schemes through the seafood taskforce scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [51643/23]

*261. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will look at opening the fodder scheme 2023 to new entrants in view of recent adverse weather (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [51675/23]

*262. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a forestry licence application (details supplied) will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [51681/23]

*263. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of finfish aquaculture licences currently up for renewal in Ireland; the number of finfish aquaculture licences currently that applied for renewal in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51724/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of finfish aquaculture licences currently up for renewal that have been supplied with all and sufficient environmental assessments that are needed to support the renewal application as required by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51726/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration is being given to the introduction of a scheme for farm buildings damaged by the recent flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [51737/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review the process regarding a potential land deal in Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51741/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the financial support that he is providing to farmers in the Shannon callows for lost fodder and grass as a result of the flooding over the past number of months; if this support is available to farmers along the river Suck south of Ballinasloe and on the Little Brosna, where the same floodwaters have had a similar impact; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51790/23]

*268. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason farmers are debarred from benefitting from reliefs if they have solar panels on their farms (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51809/23]

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

*269. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has received correspondence from a charity (details supplied) regarding a funding deficit; and what action his Department will take to ensure the service can continue. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51604/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51629/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to push the introduction of the budgeted increase in the ECC hours to €2.14 per hour to January 2024, and not September 2024 as budgeted for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [51640/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details of the actions he has taken to address the Committee on the Rights of the Child's concluding observations on the combined fifth and sixth periodic reports of Ireland recommendation 18 (b): Strengthen measures to promote the meaningful and empowered participation of all children, including children in disadvantaged situations, within the family, the community, schools and in the realm of policymaking at the local, municipal and national levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [51650/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of early years and school-age care providers that have withdrawn from Core funding for each month to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [51666/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of "baby room" closures that have been reported for each month to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [51667/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the actions in Nurturing Skills: The Workforce Plan for Early Learning and Care and School-Age Childcare, 2022-2028 regarding English language proficiency for non-native speakers working in ELC and SAC services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [51668/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has considered reimbursing parents who avail and pay for private assessments in respect of ASD services for children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [51670/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of young people who have had reassessments for autism spectrum disorder in children's disability network teams by year since 2020; the reasons for a reassessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51685/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the options open to the families of individuals of who have had an autism spectrum disorder reassessment which has overturned their original diagnosis; what supports area available to the families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51686/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on (details supplied); when this application will be processed; the outstanding documentation required; when this applicant will be inspected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [51687/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to increase the ECCE payment and Core funding to childcare providers (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [51700/23]

*281. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if it was known at the time of entering a contract with an accommodation provider (details supplied) that there was and still is no fire certificate for this building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51708/23]

*282. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is a maximum number of single IPAS applicants permitted per hotel room; if three to four men per room is considered acceptable by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51709/23]

*283. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide information on a series of matters in relation to international protection applicants, in tabular form, in view of a television report and allegations made by residents of Inch, Ennis, County Clare (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [51718/23]

*284. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what measures he is taking on Ireland being referred by the European Commission to the EU's Court of Justice for failing to fully comply with the process for implementing new rules about protecting work-life balance for parents and carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [51547/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason there has been no response to the European Commission's letter of formal notice in September 2022 requesting confirmation of completed transposition of the Work-Life Balance Directive adopted in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [51548/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*286. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [51738/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for Cavan General Hospital; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number that were new posts; the number that were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number that were related to absence/leave cover, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [51590/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CHO1, 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. — Pauline Tully. [51591/23]

*289. 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 Cavan General Hospital, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Pauline Tully. [51592/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers that have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CHO1; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [51593/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the funding for the national clinical programme for ADHD in adults in each of the years from 2019 to date; his views on the rollout of the national clinical programme; how this operates in the new regional health areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51606/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the CHO areas that are funded for adult ADHD services; when the remaining services are expected to be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51607/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on waiting lists for adult ADHD services, per CHO; what efforts are being taken to reduce these waiting times; if those in catchment areas without adult ADHD services in place can access services in surrounding CHO areas, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51608/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Health if reviews of adult ADHD clinical teams have been carried out; if teams will be allowed to expand in personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51609/23]

*295. To ask the Minister for Health if additional funding is available to pay external recruitment agencies to fill vacant positions within adult ADHD services; if this funding is separate to funding allocated to the services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51610/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the current vacancies within adult ADHD services, per CHO; if the HSE recruitment embargo will affect the filling of the positions; how this will affect the level of service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51611/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on accommodation for adult ADHD services in Kerry/Cork west; if the accommodation is up to standard; if new accommodation is being sought and for an update on this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51612/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the provision of accommodation for adult ADHD services in CHO7; what sites are being considered; when the service will be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51613/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Health the medication that is prescribed for ADHD; what measures are being taken to address shortages of these medications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51614/23]

*300. 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 Hospital, Drogheda; 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, in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [51616/23]

*301. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CHO8; 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, in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [51617/23]

*302. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers that have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate, in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [51618/23]

*303. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers that have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CHO8; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate, in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [51619/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Donegal is on the routine or urgent waiting list for a consultation in Galway University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [51622/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can be considered for an earlier appointment through the National Treatment Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [51623/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51631/23]

*307. 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 Letterkenny University 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. — Pearse Doherty. [51633/23]

*308. 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 CHO1, 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. — Pearse Doherty. [51634/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers that have been withdrawn as a result of the memorandums CEO ref 09954 and 10166 of 2023 by grade for Letterkenny University Hospital, in tabular form; and the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate. — Pearse Doherty. [51635/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers that have been withdrawn as a result of the memorandums CEO ref 09954 and 10166 of 2023 by grade for CHO1, in tabular

form; and the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate. — Pearse Doherty. [51636/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51641/23]

*312. 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, County Meath, 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 Guirke. [51645/23]

*313. 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. — Johnny Guirke. [51646/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers that have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for Our Lady's Hospital, Navan, County Meath, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Johnny Guirke. [51647/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers that have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CHO 8, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Johnny Guirke. [51648/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the case of a child (details supplied) regarding essential hip surgery for dysplasia. — Denise Mitchell. [51649/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for Sligo University Hospital, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number that were new posts; the number that were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number that were related to absence/leave cover. — Martin Kenny. [51652/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CHO1, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number that were new posts; the number that were replacement posts or vacant posts. — Martin Kenny. [51653/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers that have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for Sligo University Hospital, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Martin Kenny. [51654/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers that have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CHO1, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Martin Kenny. [51655/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the establishment of a primary care centre in Millstreet, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [51656/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider lifting the recently announced HSE recruitment freeze; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [51659/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the proposal to develop a 'surgical hub' in Limerick; the location of the preferred site; when he expects it to be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [51660/23]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for St. Vincent's University Hospital, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; the number that were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number that related to absence/leave cover. — John Brady. [51662/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CHO6 and 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. — John Brady. [51663/23]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers that have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for St. Vincent's University Hospital, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — John Brady. [51664/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers that have been withdrawn as a result of memorandums (details supplied), by grade, for CHO6 and CHO7, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — John Brady. [51665/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health what discussions he has had with the HSE to ensure queries raised by Deputies on behalf of constituents will be answered in adequate time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [51676/23]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health if a letter of determination has been sent to the HSE outlining priorities and funding levels for 2024; if the details of this letter will be published; when the National Service Plan for 2024 is expected by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51678/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health what steps have been taken under the National Drugs Strategy to ensure that drugs rehabilitation projects have the capacity and supports required to benefit from the ring-fenced T-coded CE places for those recovering from drug or alcohol addiction; and her views on the issue. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51680/23]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will get an appointment for orthodontic treatment; their current place on the waiting list; if there are any options available to expedite the treatment required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [51696/23]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the current waiting times for orthodontic appointments for children in the public system across Laois/Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [51697/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of orthodontic vacancies within the HSE orthodontic services in County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [51698/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in Meath will be given a medical appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [51703/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made on an application submitted by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [51706/23]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health if the level of financial support approved by the HSE under the fair deal scheme for the care of a person (details supplied) will be applied from the date that inpatient care commenced on 17 September 2019 until their death; and if he will expedite the matter. — John McGuinness. [51716/23]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline his intentions regarding the urgent need for funding for the supported care homes in counties Carlow and Kilkenny to ensure that each one is sustainable into the future; and if a new line of funding will be made available in 2024 to assist these homes with the exceptional running costs being experienced and the cost of compliance with HIQUA standards. — John McGuinness. [51717/23]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the availability of tyverse medication, in particular in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [51719/23]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the issues concerning members of the Goulding voluntary medical scheme; and if so, if his Department can assist in any way. — John McGuinness. [51723/23]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health if he will introduce an RSV vaccine programme for older adults this winter to help minimise the impact of the tripledemic, RSV, Covid and flu; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [51727/23]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health if he will initiate a health technology assessment for an RSV vaccine for older adults following the recent publication of a NIAC recommendation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [51728/23]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health if he will introduce a free shingles vaccination scheme for older adults; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [51729/23]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health the policy for increasing the number of vaccines available to adults to prevent against infectious diseases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [51730/23]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health the policy regarding life-course vaccination; his plans to introduce a comprehensive adult vaccination programme in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [51731/23]

*345. 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 Mayo 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. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51690/23]

*346. 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 Mayo and CHO 2, 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. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51691/23]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers that have been withdrawn as a result of the memorandums CEO ref 09954 and 10166 of 2023 by grade for Mayo University Hospital, in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51692/23]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job offers that have been withdrawn as a result of the memorandums CEO ref 09954 and 10166 of 2023 by grade for Mayo and CHO 2 in tabular form; the number of headcount posts; and the WTE to which these relate. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51693/23]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for a device by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51767/23]

*350. 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 Letterkenny University 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. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [51770/23]

*351. 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 CHO1, 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. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [51771/23]

*352. 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 Letterkenny University Hospital, in tabular form; and the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [51772/23]

*353. 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 CHO1, in tabular form; and the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [51773/23]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the arrangement between the HSE and an organisation (details supplied) in relation to extra hospital bed capacity; the number of private beds the HSE is currently paying for; the cost of same per day; the timeline for negotiations for a new agreement; the expected duration of that agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51780/23]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the impact of the HSE recruitment freeze on the implementation of regional health areas; the status of recruitment of the six regional executive officers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51781/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the significant rise in sexually transmitted diseases; if he intends to launch a new public health campaign to highlight this rise and encourage safe sex practises and testing; the status of the new national sexual health strategy; the timeline he is working towards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51789/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a development (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [51798/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 49 of 9 November 2023, if he will provide an update on the standardisation of additional opening hours for LIUs and MAUs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [51799/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health his plans regarding a medical centre in west Wicklow (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [51804/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health his plans (details supplied) regarding a health centre in West Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [51808/23]

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

*361. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what plans he is putting in place to resolve delays in completion of pipefitting apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [51674/23]

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

*362. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if additional time will be provided in respect of the drawdown of a grant for a project in Kerry (details supplied) to allow for greater consultation with the local community; if so, how much time will be given to the community to complete this process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51782/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when she expects the latest ORIS scheme to be adjudicated upon and allocated; if she will provide a list of eligible projects from County Kerry that have been applied for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51784/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if funding will be provided for a project in Kerry under the Clár scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51796/23]