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QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on his engagement with the forestry sector regarding concerns around the limitations the new forestry programme rules will have on afforestation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [55423/23]

2. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline the reasons to delay 60% of ACRES applicants payments until February 2024; what discussions there were with farmers and stakeholders; if he will ensure payments now happen before Christmas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [55988/23]

3. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide update on concerns raised around the suckler efficiency carbon programme and the recent changes to the beef index; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [55424/23]

4. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department will make efforts to deliver ACRES payments to participating farmers without further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [56100/23]

5. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the projected financial loss to the Irish fishing fleet, arising from the actions of the UK and Scottish governments that have blocked them from fishing in their traditional fishing grounds around Rockall for the past number of years; and to provide an update on the status of negotiations with the UK and Scottish governments, aimed at finding a resolution. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [55295/23]

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OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to report on his attendance at the food, agriculture, nature and land use thematic days of COP28; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [55710/23]

7. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when approval will issue in respect of TAMS applications relating to animal welfare related investments and the construction

of slurry and manure storage facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [55733/23]

8. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the development of the centre for sustainable animal and grassland research; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [55511/23]

9. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when approvals will issue in respect of TAMS applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [55732/23]

10. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to consider a ban on fishing for sprat, which is not intended for human consumption, in Irish waters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [55810/23]

11. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will promulgate emergency, interim measures to allow farmers and knackeries to dispose of dead animals in light of their accumulation, with the resultant risk to sanitation, due to the strike by renderers since 1 December 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [55812/23]

12. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he has taken to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to increase the veterinary presence available on all live export consignments to third countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [55708/23]

13. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains confident for the dairy, beef, lamb and pig meat sectors, as well as the cereal sector, into the future; the areas whence competition is most likely anticipated on international markets; the extent to which the industry can meet these challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55725/23]

14. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the impact that inserting the rights of nature into the constitution would have on agriculture; whether he supports the Citizens’ Assembly on Biodiversity’s proposal to hold a referendum on the rights of nature; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55790/23]

15. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the immediate financial supporting measures he can put in place for the Irish inshore fishing sector to address the deepening crisis in the industry that is threatening the livelihoods of inshore fishermen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [55722/23]

16. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the recent publication of the new bull replacement and terminal index ratings by an organisation (details supplied); the potential impact this could have on beef suckler farms and the Suckler Carbon Efficiency Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [55528/23]

17. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has conducted any research into the reasons the number of Teagasc graduates attaining trained farmer

status has been declining in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [55429/23]

18. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if farmers in Carlow are benefitting from the organic farming scheme or other supports for the organic sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [55640/23]

19. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action he intends to take to address delays to ACRES payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [55410/23]

20. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details on when farmers who are participating in the ACRES cooperative scheme can expect to receive their payments. — Cathal Crowe. [55634/23]

21. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied that Irish farmers and the agri-food industry in general remain safeguarded into the future notwithstanding competition, restrictions and/or requirements to land rewetting, given the extent to which moisture abounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55724/23]

22. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what engagement he has had with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to rating changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55815/23]

23. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the publication of a strategy to address ash dieback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [55407/23]

24. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what measures his Department is taking to ensure the expedition of ACRES payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [55793/23]

25. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to support and help deliver the establishment of more integrated constructed wetlands on farms nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [55381/23]

26. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will be allocating additional funding through the Animal Welfare Grant Programme to animal welfare charities given the unprecedented amount of surrenders they are dealing with at present, in addition to the increased cost of running animal welfare and animal rescue organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55296/23]

27. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to report on the progress to establish an implementation group for a just transition in agriculture, as recommended by the NESC report on the Just Transition in agriculture; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55737/23]

28. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views regarding the capital investment scheme support for renewable energy investments as part of the CAP Strategic Plan; if

said support can be expected to continue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [55700/23]

29. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the new EuroStar evaluation for suckler cows and stock bulls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [55828/23]

30. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of land afforested in 2020, 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023; the Government target for forestry licence output in 2023; the number of licences issued; the number of afforestation licences issued in 2023; the total hectareage of land licenced for new afforestation in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [55510/23]

31. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for significant delays in the issuance of ACRES payments to many farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [55827/23]

32. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to report on the progress of the delayed biomethane strategy; and if he anticipates it will be published before the end of 2023. — Darren O'Rourke. [55736/23]

33. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 78 of 26 October 2023, for an update on the work of the Wool Council; if the €30,000 in Departmental funding has been drawn down to-date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55641/23]

34. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to assist suckler farmers on the ratings issue for animals with the new SCEP scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [55441/23]

35. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what steps his Department is taking to address the skills and labour shortages currently facing the agricultural sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [55795/23]

36. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline in detail the progress that his Department has made to date, in conjunction with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, in the creation of a national biomethane development strategy plan through the new built environment and heat delivery taskforce; when it is envisaged that this strategy will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55311/23]

37. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if any consideration or study was undertaken by his Department in relation to his recent trip to Korea and the proposed expansion of beef exports by any other Government Department, of the climate impact of such an expansion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51600/23]

38. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action his Department is taking to reduce the timeline from when livestock in a herd have been tested and identified positive with tuberculosis and when these animals are removed from the herd, in view that the current average timeline is 17.3 calendar days from the date of test to the date of removal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55312/23]

39. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider the possibility of developing, along with other Ministers, a circular compact across the food sector, aimed at designing out the negative environmental features all along the supply chain, from primary production to unnecessary waste. — Richard Bruton. [55783/23]

40. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has been monitoring fluctuation in the cost or price of farm fertiliser; and if he will outline the supports there are to support farmers struggling with the cost of fertiliser. — Peadar Kirby. [55428/23]

41. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of his Department's efforts to improve food production sustainability in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [55512/23]

42. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers participating in suckler beef support schemes in 2020; the number participating currently; his proposals to improve participation; and the impact he believes recent beef index changes will have on suckler farmers. — Matt Carthy. [55509/23]

43. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the research being carried out at present into possible uses for wool with at present hardly pays for the shearing costs although it has huge possibilities for a multiple of uses because of its natural qualities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55633/23]

44. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason organisations in Carlow were not included on the list of funding for animal welfare charities announced recently. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [55639/23]

45. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise on plans to change existing rules around herd owners and herd keepers, given the impact the current process has on women in agriculture and young farmers in farm partnerships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [55408/23]

46. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will detail the research being undertaken into the quantification and reward of environmental services generated by actions at farm level to allow water tables rise on organic soils, to switch from livestock to forestry; and whether this can lead to a more extensive financial framework than the present ACRES scheme. — Richard Bruton. [55782/23]

47. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 204 of 16 November 2023, the status of plans for the introduction of measures to protect the sprat fishery, which is concentrated within the six-nautical-mile zone; if he has received the updated scientific advice from the Marine Institute and Bord Iascaigh Mhara to date; his plans for the publication of this advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55642/23]

48. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the proposal to bring forward a solution for the group known as 'forgotten farmers', given details of the scheme were supposed to be published in Q1 of 2023 and a further follow-up was promised in May 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [55409/23]

49. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is concerned with the latest evaluation changes by an organisation (details supplied) which has greatly devalued some cattle breeds; if he will address this issue by requesting a rollback to the previous evaluation until full clarification is received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [55819/23]

50. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what engagements he and his officials had with meat and dairy industry lobbyists in relation to and his attendance at COP-28; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55787/23]

51. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether any assessment has been carried out into the effect of land abandonment in Ireland; the amount of land now not been actively used or farmed; the possible negative impact it could have on the environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55632/23]

52. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way he is supporting Coillte in its new Forestry Strategy and Strategic Vision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [55638/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will instruct his Department to make interim, part payments immediately to farmers in ACRES tranche one, following the announcement by his Department that it will not pay monies out on this scheme until February 2024, in view of farmers' reliance on the scheme payments to pay end-of-year bills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [55791/23]

54. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider the introduction of an emergency fund for the brown crab and shrimp sector in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [55809/23]

55. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the process for investigating complaints received in respect of reported breaches of animal welfare regulations during shipments of live animals to third countries. — Brian Leddin. [55709/23]

56. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on his Department's Programme for Government commitments in relation to animal welfare; if he will provide an overview of the progress made to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55297/23]

57. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline his position on including the food system in the Global Stocktake documents discussed at COP-28; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55788/23]

58. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline the reasons for the delay to ACRES payments; the steps he is taking to rectify the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55814/23]

59. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update regarding the work done by the Agriculture Water Quality Working Group in relation to the nitrates directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [55699/23]

60. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he acknowledges the current immense pressures being exerted on the family farm model; what measures his Department intends to take to ensure viability of the family farm going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [55792/23]

61. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the ACRES scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [55644/23]

62. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has contacted an organisation (details supplied) on the flaws being outlined by farmers with animal ratings since the new SCEP scheme came into play; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [55442/23]

63. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on ensuring that women in agriculture and young farmers can take part in knowledge transfer groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [55406/23]

64. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline Ireland's experience in moving to sustainable food systems, as claimed at an event where he spoke in the UAE recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55786/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the new TAMS scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [55643/23]

66. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what supports are in place to assist farmers trading with the UK with new export rules coming into effect on 31 January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [55560/23]

67. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagement he has had with his EU counterparts on requiring all farm vehicles sold in the community to be supplied with advanced driver-assistance systems (ADAS) technologies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51463/23]

68. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what measures are being taken to address the issue under the sheep improvement scheme 2023, in particular hill flocks and the scanning criteria timeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [55559/23]

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

69. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on negotiations with relevant religious orders and pharmaceutical companies in regard to their contribution to the mother and baby institutions payment scheme; how many meetings have been held to date; what actions he intends to take outside of these discussions to ensure religious orders and pharmaceutical companies contribute; when he expects the States redress scheme to open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [54561/23]

70. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline any new strategy development within his Department that deals with foster children and the challenges facing foster parents, particularly in relation to social security entitlements with respect to pension contributions (details supplied). — Matt Shanahan. [55037/23]

71. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details on what criteria are in place to determine that the Government grant funding to communities to assist with integration is meeting community requirements, and that the funding allocations are being targeted at the areas of greatest need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [55623/23]

72. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the lack of services available at the CDNT7 area due to the shortage of staff and specialists; to provide a schedule of the staff in place and a schedule of the staff levels required to run the level properly; when the full complement of staff will be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [54562/23]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

73. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the work underway by the national disability services and HSE procurement to develop a tender process and service specification for the delivery of assessments of need from private providers to deal with the long waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [55516/23]

74. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he expects the six new assessment hubs to streamline the assessment of need process will be established to relieve pressure on service delivery, as set out in the Roadmap to improve Children's Disability Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [55522/23]

75. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on improving the chart of accounts mandatory for those services signed up to core funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [54563/23]

76. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider extending the DNA testing to family members who are cousins to identify remains at the mother and baby home in Tuam as a result of advancements in the science of DNA testing since the Bill was enacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [54569/23]

77. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans under the Child Care Amendment Bill 2023 to establish a committee on child care which will include representation from other departments to oversee and facilitate interagency collaboration (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [55773/23]

78. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the progress in integrating those in temporary protection from Ukraine and who have

refugee status into work, education and community activity; and whether further policy initiatives are under consideration to improve integration. — Richard Bruton. [55781/23]

79. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what steps his Department is taking to reduce the rate of child trafficking in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [55427/23]

80. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of his Department's efforts to tackle child poverty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [55513/23]

81. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will allow for the redress scheme for survivors of mothers and babies home be extended to include survivors who spent less time than the present threshold of six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [54568/23]

82. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he expects to publish the white paper on ending direct provision; the steps his Department is taking to address some of the recommendations highlighted in the Ombudsman for Children's report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [54565/23]

83. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how the funding increase for his Department announced in Budget 2024 will provide for an expansion of targeted Access and Inclusion Model supports to children in County Carlow beyond time spent in the ECCE programme, both in-term and out-of-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [55524/23]

84. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children referred back to primary care by their CDNT, by CDNT for the year to date 2023, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [55777/23]

85. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details on the number of centres in County Clare to date that are providing protection to Ukrainian refugees and international protection applicants; and the number of persons residing in these centres. — Cathal Crowe. [55636/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of CAMHS referrals from CDNTS, by CDNT and CHO for the year to date 2023, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [55776/23]

87. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he will introduce a grant scheme to assist in the provision of large-scale preschool accommodation and the upgrading of existing childcare accommodation, as there is a need to increase substantially the level of grant aid to ensure adequate childcare accommodation in the coming years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [55734/23]

88. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on Government policy on increasing supply of childcare places and decreasing the cost for parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [55645/23]

89. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will launch a zero-tolerance information campaign across all media, particularly social media, to counteract corrosive anti-immigrant and far-right narratives, which are feeding into aggressive or misdirected protests near places where refugees are accommodated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [54564/23]

90. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what steps are being taken to increase supports for and to prevent the closure of small to medium size early years settings in rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [55648/23]

91. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will undertake to bring forward the second increase in the foster carers allowance under Budget 2024 in line with other payments ahead of November 2025. — Sean Sherlock. [55774/23]

92. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the process of public and community engagement and consultation his Department undertakes in advance of establishing or approving a centre/building for the purpose of emergency protection for people seeking international protection. — Matt Carthy. [55507/23]

93. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to confirm if the NCS hourly/attendance-based rules are his Department’s policy or a restriction placed on his Department by the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [54566/23]

94. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the degree to which he remains satisfied that children continue to be adequately protected in all locations at home, in care or otherwise where there might be a threat to their wellbeing; the extent of the provisions in place or being put in place to address these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55726/23]

95. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will establish a publicly-owned childcare service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [55581/23]

96. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are plans to provide an occupational therapy service for those with mild intellectual disability in County Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [55525/23]

97. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline any recent engagements his Department has had with the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science regarding workforce planning in the disability sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [55702/23]

98. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline in detail the significant staff development, retention and recruitment actions that his Department will take to improve children’s disability services, as set out in the recent Roadmap to improve Children’s Disability Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [55523/23]

99. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the level of collaboration between his Department and the HSE to streamline the process whereby aids and appliances provided through HSE resource allocation groups for children with disabilities in order to avoid and remove barriers as outlined in the case of a child (details supplied), to ensure they have timely access to mobility aids to optimise their and their family's independence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [55558/23]

100. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he is taking to ensure that an organisation (details supplied) is adequately funded and prevent it from having to initiate closure procedures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [55759/23]

101. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of his Department's work with regard to the Growing Up in Ireland study; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [55514/23]

102. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what engagement he has had with the relevant stakeholders, including foster families on the proposed National Standards for Children's Social Services; what future he envisages for the 2003 standards; what role will be there for foster families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [55561/23]

103. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if it is proposed to increase capital investment in the early learning and childcare sector for 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [55735/23]

104. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the transfer of residents from a direct provision centre in Cork (details supplied); the engagement his Department has had with residents; if the decision to transfer people will be reviewed considering many include school-going children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55286/23]

105. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the number of vacancies in the CDNT in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [55840/23]

106. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will fund research by an organisation (details supplied) in relation to barriers to foster care in order to build fostering back up as a key pillar in society as how we treat and care for the most vulnerable. — Sean Sherlock. [55775/23]

107. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on establishing a longitudinal study in relation to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on child development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [55557/23]

108. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that civil society organisations have said the wording of the proposed referendum on care is significantly different to that recommended by the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Gender Equality and Citizens' Assembly on gender equality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [55578/23]

109. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has received submissions on the excessive administrative burden associated with the Core funding scheme; and if modifications are possible. — Richard Bruton. [55780/23]

110. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1493 of 11 September 2023, if the negotiation process between the expert negotiator and religious orders, with regard to contributing to the mother and baby institutions redress scheme, has been completed to-date; if not, the expected timeline for the conclusion of the negotiation process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55650/23]

111. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on any plans he has to introduce changes to the current situation in respect of the accommodation offered to Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [55625/23]

112. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that the reporting mechanism being requested by his Department from childcare providers is not workable and is creating unnecessary paperwork and cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [54570/23]

113. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which Tusla remains well placed to protect children who may be in danger of becoming homeless or are under potential threat of abuse from whatever source; the degree to which all complaints are adequately investigated and followed up in all circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55727/23]

114. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he and his Department have mapped the existence of youth-focused community projects and staff across the State; and if they are aware of gaps in coverage, or large and populous areas without or with inadequately resourced projects, and how they intend to resolve this. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [49716/23]

115. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the new core funding chart of accounts requirement for the early years sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [55875/23]

116. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what measures are being taken to address the staff shortage and retention issues in childcare facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [55562/23]

117. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider increasing the NCS subsidy for after school care to correct the anomaly whereby some parents are paying more for part-time care than they were for full-time care due to the difference in the subsidy rate. — Paul McAuliffe. [55841/23]

118. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the steps he is taking to address the accommodation crisis for asylum seekers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [55624/23]

119. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware The Health Information and Quality Authority has raised concerns with the Government over why staff in accommodation centres housing Ukrainian refugees, including children, are not being vetted by An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [55579/23]

120. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to confirm a breakdown of new ELC and SAC services that are entirely new services and not corporate acquisitions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [54567/23]

121. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unaccompanied minors or separated children currently seeking asylum in the State; and the types of care settings they are in, i.e., foster care, residential care, emergency accommodation, and so on. — Peadar Tóibín. [55426/23]

122. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline the current vacancies in the CDNT in Mayo; to outline the impact this is having on service delivery; to outline how this matter can be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [55646/23]

123. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way he is supporting youth clubs and youth services nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [55806/23]

124. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to detail exactly what measures have been taken by his Department to deal with the CDNT crisis in Donegal; what plans are in place to deal with said crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [55811/23]

125. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline his policy with respect to youth services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [55808/23]

126. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department is aware that an after-school service in County Cork (details supplied) is facing closure due to issues with the Core funding model; if his Department has engaged with the service provider regarding its concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55287/23]

127. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how the extra €20.5 million funding for disability residential services announced in Budget 2024 will be spent; where exactly this funding will be channelled to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [55527/23]

128. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how his Department will improve engagement with the Department of Education, the National Council for Special Education and the National Educational Psychology Service to optimise health and integration as set out in the Roadmap to improve Children's Disability Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [55526/23]

129. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline his plans to increase childcare places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [55580/23]

130. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Ukrainian refugees who are now in the State; the projected number of refugees from Ukraine expected to come to the State over the next 12 months; the plans that are in place to deal with the additional people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [54571/23]

131. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the plans that are in place to provide accommodation for these asylum seekers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [54572/23]

132. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current capacity of respite care in counties Cavan and Monaghan for children with disabilities; the number of children that are provided with respite care each week in these counties; and his proposals to increase this capacity. — Matt Carthy. [55508/23]

133. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on dealings with residents of Kilbride IPAS centre, County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [55720/23]

134. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his accommodation plans for new international protection applicant refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [55577/23]

135. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 65 of 7 November 2023, when the mother and baby institutions redress scheme will be open for applications; the timeline for when payments will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55649/23]

136. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to confirm what his Department's plans are to recruit and retain childcare workers in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55729/23]

137. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the success or otherwise of the rapid build programme undertaken by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [55826/23]

138. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update regarding the legislative proposals arising from the review of the Equality Acts (Equal Status Acts 2000 and Employment Equality Acts 1998); when it can be expected that these proposals are brought forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [55701/23]

139. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many parents and guardians will benefit from childcare measures announced in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55728/23]

140. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the adequacy of engagements that occurred with disability organisations and disabled persons

representative organisations in relation to the National Disability Strategy and the Green Paper on Disability Reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [55758/23]

141. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the long waiting lists for an assessment of need as a result of the 11 March 2022 High Court judgement (details supplied); how his Department is tackling this growing waiting list in light of the ruling; the projected increase in the waiting list in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [55517/23]

142. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on his dealings with the management of Kilbride IPAS centre, County Wicklow, in relation to facilities at the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [55721/23]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide the number of public servants servicing on State boards since 2006 in an independent capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55910/23]

*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if, in view of the circumstances in correspondence (details supplied), anything can be done to assist a person to be relocated to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [55921/23]

*145. Chun a fhiafraí den Tánaiste agus Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55996/23]

*146. Chun a fhiafraí den Tánaiste agus Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56016/23]

*147. Chun a fhiafraí den Tánaiste agus Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56034/23]

*148. Chun a fhiafraí den Tánaiste agus Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na

comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana seo an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56052/23]

*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56110/23]

*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide details of what efforts Ireland is undertaking to ensure that Palestinians arrested by the Israeli military during the ongoing assault on Gaza are being treated humanely by their captors; if human rights organisations are being allowed access to prisoners to ensure their wellbeing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [56187/23]

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

*151. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which inland fish conservation measures continue, with particular reference to the restocking of lakes and rivers including freshwater; whether research continues to be undertaken to promote coarse fishing and freshwater fishing in a way which is in keeping with best practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56242/23]

*152. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to examine the case and review the documents of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [55681/23]

*153. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures that have been undertaken by local authorities in terms of CCTV monitoring of illegal dumping, including dog fouling and anti-social behaviour, since the enactment of the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [55904/23]

*154. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is prepared to address a policy anomaly in respect of the SEAI solar PV scheme that has seen the exclusion of an individual (details supplied) and potential other homeowners from access to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [55929/23]

*155. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what funding is available for a person (details supplied) to carry out insulation work to their house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [55933/23]

*156. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the next review of the Climate Action Plan is due to be carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55974/23]

*157. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55994/23]

*158. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56014/23]

*159. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56032/23]

*160. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana seo an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56050/23]

*161. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what funding is available for a person (details supplied) to carry out insulation work to their house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56068/23]

*162. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total revenue generated by the Environmental Management Cost (tyre recycling levy) since its introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56069/23]

*163. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the 2024 budget allocation for residential and community retrofits per programme, including a breakdown of capital and current allocations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56099/23]

*164. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56107/23]

*165. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of smart heating control grants awarded in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the geographic spread per county; the average amount per grant; how much funding has been drawn down for smart heater control grants in the same period, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56128/23]

*166. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the support scheme for renewable heat; how much funding has been allocated in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date 2023; how much funding has been drawn down 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; how many grants were awarded in the same period, in tabular form; the average amount per award; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56129/23]

*167. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the excellence in energy efficient design scheme; how much funding has been allocated in

2020, 2021 2022 and to date in 2023; how much funding has been drawn down 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; how many grants were awarded in the same period, in tabular form; the average amount per award; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56130/23]

*168. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he report on the number of sustainable energy communities that were funded in 2020, 2021, 2022 and in 2023, in tabular form; the level of funding awarded to each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56139/23]

*169. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the funding allocated to renewable energy communities in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 and in Budget 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56140/23]

*170. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the funding drawn down to renewable energy communities in 2020, 2021, 2022 and in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56141/23]

*171. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he report on the number of renewable energy communities that were funded in 2020, 2021, 2022 and in 2023, in tabular form; the level of funding awarded to each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56142/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to outline any engagement he has had with ComReg since 2020 about improving the 4G signal in Mayo; and the progress to date. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56147/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of connections under the National Broadband Plan in County Mayo; how that compares to revised targets; the sanctions against the contracted company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56148/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide an update on the North Connacht Interconnector. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56149/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of climate action coordinators, community climate officers and climate action officers hired by each local authority to date, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [56160/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a breakdown of the indicative costs associated with hiring a climate action coordinator, a community climate officer and a climate action officer, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [56161/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on plans to strengthen climate action teams in local authorities; the gaps and challenges that exist to reaching their potential; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56162/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how much funding was allocated to the Irish Environmental Network in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 and in Budget 2024, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [56173/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of the widespread concerns in relation to inadequate mobile phone coverage in parts of County Cavan and County Monaghan; if there is an obligation on mobile telephony providers to ensure proper and adequate coverage in all areas; if this issue will be addressed by his Department or by agencies under the remit of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56174/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the contract extension announced between his Department and a company (details supplied) for the National Postcode System (Eircode) require additional expenditure of public money by Government in excess of the €38 million already spent on the contract due to expire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56175/23]

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

*181. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide the number of public servants servicing on State boards since 2006 in an independent capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55910/23]

*182. Chun a fhiafraí den Tánaiste agus Aire Cosanta cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55991/23]

*183. Chun a fhiafraí den Tánaiste agus Aire Cosanta cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56011/23]

*184. Chun a fhiafraí den Tánaiste agus Aire Cosanta cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56029/23]

*185. Chun a fhiafraí den Tánaiste agus Aire Cosanta cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana seo an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56047/23]

*186. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56104/23]

*187. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the total value of procurement overseen by his Department as a central purchasing body; the percentage of compliant and non-compliant procurement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56170/23]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide the number of public servants servicing on State boards since 2006 in an independent capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55910/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport the total budget allocated for the removal of vegetation on the Western Rail Corridor between Athenry and Claremorris; what is the purpose of the removal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [55845/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 175 of 28 November 2023, when funding will be committed for the provision of additional drivers in 2024 (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [55848/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport to follow up with the NTA on correspondence (details supplied) which was sent to the authority over two weeks ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [55877/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers that have used Bus Éireann route 109X in each direction in 2021 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [55878/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport whether there are further plans in place to add additional carriages to early morning commuter trains from Sallins in order to address capacity issues, in particular the 7:09 service to Grand Canal Dock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [55893/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will consider an awareness campaign to address the issue of lane discipline on motorways and dual carriageways, specifically pertaining to the 'keep left; pass right' rule, and the introduction of new penalty points for failing to use lanes properly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [55957/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will consider an awareness campaign to promote the importance of walking on the right side of the road for pedestrian safety, especially in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [55958/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport whether extra funding will be provided to local authorities, where considerable damage was done to road infrastructure, to reinstate damaged roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55983/23]

*197. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Iompair cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56008/23]

*198. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Iompair cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56026/23]

*199. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Iompair cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56044/23]

*200. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Iompair cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana seo an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56062/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will give further consideration to the issues raised in a motion passed by a local authority (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56079/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will have further consideration given to the issues raised in a motion passed by a local authority (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56082/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56120/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 204 of 9 November 2023, if he will ensure that submissions by local authorities to his Department (details supplied) will be approved at an early date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56136/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport if more average speed zones will be rolled out nationwide; the learnings from existing zones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56177/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport the annual budget for LocalLink for each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56179/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding catering on trains from Kerry to Cork/Dublin; what levels of service currently exist; what is envisaged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56180/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of local area hackney licences issued per county to date in 2023; the total number of live licences per county; the total number of licences previously issued per county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56181/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is concerned with personal safety issues for public transport users; if he has liaised with An Garda Síochána in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56182/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport the waiting times for a driving test in Tralee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56183/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport the waiting times for a driving test in Killarney; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56184/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport the waiting time for a driving test in Dublin bay south; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56185/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new bus shelters provided per county in 2023; how many of these replaced older shelters; how many were completely new; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56186/23]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*214. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide the number of public servants servicing on State boards since 2006 in an independent capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55910/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of beneficiaries per county of the bike-to-work scheme in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56178/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Finance to review correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [55844/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Finance whether there is any mechanism to prevent a bank from selling a performing loan to a debt collecting agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [55876/23]

*218. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Airgeadais cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55995/23]

*219. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Airgeadais cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56015/23]

*220. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Airgeadais cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56033/23]

*221. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Airgeadais cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana seo an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56051/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review recent changes to the flat rate VAT scheme, which allowed unregistered farmers to reclaim VAT on certain expenditure on farm investments, in view of the impact this is having on TAMS applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56073/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of VAT reclaims (details supplied) for unregistered farmers that have been refused in each of the past twelve months; to confirm the number of claims that have been allowed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56074/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will introduce a statutory instrument to ensure that fixtures which are an integral part of a farming structure as eligible for a refund under the flat rate VAT scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56076/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Finance if the National Asset Residential Property Services has been transferred to the LDA; the number of residential units held by NARPS; the value of these properties; the number of these properties currently in social housing leasing arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [56090/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Finance the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56109/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the unfair decision to exclude parents of students studying outside this jurisdiction from the rental tax credit, as this and other measures were introduced to ease the cost-of-living pressures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56188/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 95 of 5 December 2023, to provide a breakdown of the number of non-tax resident landlords by jurisdiction of residency according to their form 11 tax return in each year since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56202/23]

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.

*229. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his views on the measures being considered to address the pension concerns of post-1995 Garda members, specifically regarding the requirement to register as job seekers for nine months for pension eligibility, and the restrictions on post-retirement part-time work affecting their supplementary pension; if he will clarify what reforms, if any, are planned to alleviate these issues and uphold the dignity of these public servants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [55899/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide the number of public servants servicing on State boards since 2006 in an independent capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55910/23]

*231. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of people employed in the Office of the Ombudsman and the number of each grade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55911/23]

*232. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the estimated cost of setting up a specific role for the Office of the Ombudsman in relation to public procurement based on five higher grade staff members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55912/23]

*233. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform what percentage of the civil service office space is in purpose-built office space; the percentage of buildings converted for office use; the percentage of leased office space that is purpose-built and the share that is converted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55913/23]

*234. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide a full list of heritage sites maintained by the OPW that charge for entrance, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55914/23]

*235. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of people currently working in the National Investment Office; the grade of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55915/23]

*236. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of people working in the Office of Government Procurement; the grade of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55916/23]

*237. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the reason the monument at An Grianán of Aileach, County Donegal has been closed to visitors for the past three weeks. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [55926/23]

*238. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he is aware of the concerns of an organisation (details supplied) regarding the potential discontinuation of the longstanding pay/pension parity link with serving Garda members; what steps are being taken to address these concerns in light of the Building Momentum Agreement expiring on 31 December 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [55927/23]

*239. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí, Seachadta ar an bPlean Forbartha Náisiúnta, agus Athchóirithe cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56003/23]

*240. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí, Seachadta ar an bPlean Forbartha Náisiúnta, agus Athchóirithe cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56021/23]

*241. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí, Seachadta ar an bPlean Forbartha Náisiúnta, agus Athchóirithe cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56039/23]

*242. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí, Seachadta ar an bPlean Forbartha Náisiúnta, agus Athchóirithe cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana seo an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56057/23]

*243. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 208 of 20 September 2023, whether there has been progress in relation to streamlining the process of the payment of public service occupational pension schemes payable to retired public servants, particularly where post '95 members of An Garda Síochána retiring must first exhaust all entitlement under social welfare, and are required to sign a declaration to the Department of Social Protection saying they are available for work, despite this not being the case given that the members are retired; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [56063/23]

*244. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the position regarding ongoing negotiations related to the retention of the pay/pension parity for retired members of An Garda Síochána, following the expiration of the Building Momentum Agreement at the end of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [56078/23]

*245. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if retired members of An Garda Síochána will continue to receive pension increase on a parity basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56083/23]

*246. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline the rationale for using supplementary pensions for retired members of An Garda Síochána who joined after 1995; to detail the practical implications on retired members attempting to claim this supplementary pension; if she plans to reform the current system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56084/23]

*247. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform how many publicly-owned buildings have car parks with more than 80 spaces. — Darren O'Rourke. [56087/23]

*248. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56115/23]

*249. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Jim O'Callaghan. [56143/23]

*250. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to respond to the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council's Fiscal Assessment Report, published recently; his views on their assessment of the health allocation for 2024 (details supplied); if he accepts the views of the Acting Chair; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56155/23]

*251. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the total value of procurement overseen by the Office of Government Procurement as a central purchasing body; the percentage of compliant and non-compliant procurement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56168/23]

*252. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Jim O'Callaghan. [56357/23]

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

*253. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how an SME can apply for the increased cost of business scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [55849/23]

*254. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide an update on plans to hold a referendum on the Unified Patent Court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [55887/23]

*255. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 183 of 19 October 2023, to provide an update in respect of the legal drafting of provisions for a seasonal employment permit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55888/23]

*256. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 183 of 19 October 2023, the progress made to date in respect of the Employment Permits Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55889/23]

*257. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of WTE staff, by job title, working in the IDA office based in Dubai and Sydney, as of 6 December 2023; and if he will provide the same figures as of 31 January 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [55900/23]

*258. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of WTE staff, by job title, working in the Enterprise Ireland office based in San Francisco and Vietnam, as of 6 December 2023; and if he will provide the same figures as of 31 January 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [55901/23]

*259. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total funding provided to the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission each year since 2006; the number of people employed by the CCPC since 2006; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55920/23]

*260. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55993/23]

*261. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56013/23]

*262. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56031/23]

*263. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana seo an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56049/23]

*264. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56106/23]

*265. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the proposed industrial park for Ballina, County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56203/23]

*266. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extra supports provided to local enterprise offices since the current Government was formed in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [56207/23]

*267. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the implementation of each of the Regional Enterprise Plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [56208/23]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*268. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide the number of public servants servicing on State boards since 2006 in an independent capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55910/23]

*269. To ask the Minister for Education what her plans are to support post-primary schools in delivering the physical education curriculum, in particular those schools which have no access to their own indoor sports facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [55842/23]

*270. To ask the Minister for Education the number of post-primary schools in Ireland that have an enrolment figure of 500 students or more; how many of those schools do not have access to an on-site indoor sports facility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [55843/23]

*271. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the shortage of primary and secondary school places in the Fingal area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55883/23]

*272. To ask the Minister for Education the steps parents who have children on multiple waiting lists for schools in the Fingal area should take in light of the significant lack of school places available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55884/23]

*273. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department plans to rapidly move to build and staff more schools in the Fingal area, in light of the increasing population of the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55885/23]

*274. To ask the Minister for Education how her Department determines the need for more schools in an area; if this need is calculated by the current population of an area; if not, if it is calculated by the prospective population of an area, considering the increasing number of new builds underway in the Fingal area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55886/23]

*275. To ask the Minister for Education if the siblings of a child in Donegal (details supplied) can travel on the same bus to the same school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [55902/23]

*276. To ask the Minister for Education when the terms of reference for the Citizens' Assembly on the future of education will be published. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [55922/23]

*277. To ask the Minister for Education how her Department plans to integrate children's voices into the Citizens' Assembly on the future of education to ensure they are adequately represented at the assembly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [55923/23]

*278. To ask the Minister for Education the reasoning behind the exclusion of persons over 70 years of age from driving buses under the school transport scheme; the engagement she or her Department have had with Bus Éireann with a view to increasing the age limit, particularly in light of the ongoing shortage of bus drivers for the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55930/23]

*279. To ask the Minister for Education the measures underway to reinstate school transport route F6313 as a matter of urgency, in light of the impact that the loss of service is having on the students concerned, and on their families, who are required to make a 100km round trip to school twice per day; the details of any engagement she or her Department have had with the families concerned, particularly with a view to providing alternative transport for the children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55931/23]

*280. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding an ASA application lodged by school (details supplied); if consideration is being given by her Department to the request by school that the proposed extension be included as part of its Adapt 18 programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [55973/23]

*281. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sí a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55992/23]

*282. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sí a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56012/23]

*283. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sí a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56030/23]

*284. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sí a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana seo an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56048/23]

*285. To ask the Minister for Education the main policy achievements of her Department since 27 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56105/23]

*286. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the scheme to install solar panels for schools; how many applications have been received and processed to date; if work has commenced or been completed on any school; the estimated average cost to install solar panels per school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56121/23]

*287. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a schedule of all active new school construction projects and expansion projects in Kildare and Wicklow; the stage each project is at; and the target delivery date of each. — Catherine Murphy. [56122/23]

*288. To ask the Minister for Education the number of temporary school accommodation requests, that is, new rented space and prefab classrooms, she has received from schools in

Wicklow and Kildare in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; if she will provide a schedule of schools that have made these requests; the number approved and delivered; and the number refused. — Catherine Murphy. [56123/23]

*289. To ask the Minister for Education the remedy she has for second level schools that can offer only a limited subject choice due to a shortage in the teacher numbers and lack of appropriate learning environments. — Catherine Murphy. [56131/23]

*290. To ask the Minister for Education can schools be allowed flexibility with regard to height levels for fences for play areas that are installed, taking into account local circumstances and conditions including proximity to roads; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [56146/23]

*291. To ask the Minister for Education the expected timeline for the completion of the review of the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56157/23]

*292. To ask the Minister for Education the total value of procurement overseen by her Department as a central purchasing body; the percentage of compliant and non-compliant procurement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56169/23]

*293. To ask the Minister for Education the steps being taken to ensure adequate school places in Prosperous, Naas, Clane, Straffan, Maynooth and Kilcock, County Kildare at both primary and second level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56247/23]

*294. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which special needs school places at primary and second level are available throughout Kildare north; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56251/23]

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

*295. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide the number of public servants servicing on State boards since 2006 in an independent capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55910/23]

*296. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the figures for the receipts collected for the licence fee in each of the years 2022 to date in 2023, broken down between licence fee receipts from households and licence fee receipts paid by the Department of Social Protection under the household benefits package, in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [55890/23]

*297. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of households estimated not to be paying their television licence in each of the years 2022 and 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [55891/23]

*298. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to confirm that relevant qualifying media organisations will be in a position to draw down funding from the recently announced local democracy reporting scheme and the court reporting scheme before the local and European Parliament elections in June 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [55898/23]

*299. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if schemes (details supplied) will be in place prior to the referendum scheduled for 8 March 2024 and prior to the local and European elections in June 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [55909/23]

*300. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sí a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56007/23]

*301. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sí a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56025/23]

*302. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sí a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56043/23]

*303. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sí a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana seo an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56061/23]

*304. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the main policy achievements of her Department since 27 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56119/23]

*305. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the additional measures that will be introduced to deal with the spread of mis-information on social media platforms; if she is satisfied that legislation enacted both at national and EU level is adequate to ban the incitement of hatred on such platforms and ensure proper protection of the public, and particularly children, from harm; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56125/23]

*306. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department will provide additional funding to ensure the IMMA satellite museum initiative in Ballina, County Mayo, goes ahead following the suspension of the IIP programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56204/23]

*307. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans for future development of the Wild Atlantic Way tourism experience; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56209/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what progress has been made on the development of an Irish sea coastal route experience; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56210/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what progress has been made on developing a wild Atlantic walkway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56211/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans for the US market in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56212/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she continues to support the application for a swimming pool in Maynooth, County Kildare, to cater for the surrounding area as well as a student population of 17,000 and the need to avail of the offers available from Kildare County Council and Maynooth College; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56249/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the degree to which she continues to acknowledge the sporting and recreational needs in all the towns throughout Kildare north given the burgeoning population and the need extra facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56250/23]

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

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide the number of public servants servicing on State boards since 2006 in an independent capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55910/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which conservation of game and other bird species continue to be protected in order to ensure maximum protection for various games species such as grouse, partridge, woodcock and pheasant as well as such special such as the landrail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56243/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action being taken to protect our environment against invasive species such as Japanese knotweed or other similarly invasive species; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56245/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will give clarity to Roscommon County Council on a query which they have whereby an applicant's application (details supplied) requires for safety three walls to be removed and rebuilt under council notice, with one remaining wall being left in place; to give direction to the council on this to allow for the croí cónaithe grant application being applicable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [55897/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he has issued a circular detailing the formula to be used for assessing social housing means policy. — Thomas Gould. [55944/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the annual cost of operating the Land Development Agency since its inception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55975/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing units provided by the Land Development Agency to date, in tabular form, in each local authority area, broken down between those provided on local authority lands and those built on lands considered to be surplus to their needs by public bodies other than local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55976/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses the Land Development Agency intends to make available for occupation in each local authority area in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55977/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether local authorities will be granted extra funding for the cost of clearing and cleaning in public spaces after storms and for the reinstatement of badly damaged public infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55982/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what discussions his Department has had with disability organisations in relation to agreeing a special specification and costings for accommodation for people with significant disabilities, who need staff in attendance with them at all time to cater for their care needs and safety; the result of these discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55987/23]

*323. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56001/23]

*324. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56019/23]

*325. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56037/23]

*326. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana seo an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56055/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of successful cases completed under the mortgage to rent scheme in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; the cost of the scheme in each year; the steps being taken to ensure more householders can avail of this scheme in order to reduce potential homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56064/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether farmers have been constrained by the National Parks and Wildlife Service in using the Roundstone Bog Commonage; if this is the case, whether compensation is available for said farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56066/23]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average HAP payment per recipient funded by the Exchequer; the average cost to the State, per recipient, net of differential rents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [56088/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the gross and net average cost to the State per HAP recipient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [56089/23]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on his Department's examination of the creation of a system of holding rental deposits as set out in Housing Policy Objective 2.12 of Housing for All; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [56091/23]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of homes delivered through the croí cónaithe (cities) scheme to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [56092/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of applications for the croí cónaithe towns grant; the number approved and the number of drawn downs, broken down by local authority area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [56093/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of job vacancies that are currently yet to be filled at An Bord Pleanála; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [56094/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a report on the implementation of the Programme for Government commitments in relation to local government; the other initiatives that have been undertaken with regard to local government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [56095/23]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56113/23]

*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the break down per county of the social housing stock in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56132/23]

*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of the BER rating of social housing stock, in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56133/23]

*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many social houses were retrofitted in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date per county; their post BER rating, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56134/23]

*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if any assessment has been carried out by his Department concerning the installation of solar PV on the social housing stock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56135/23]

*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to expand the Fresh Start principle to include divorced applicants seeking to remortgage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56144/23]

*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 781 of 21 April 2021, the current status of the Programme for Government commitment to incentivise local authorities to bring forward pilot participatory budgeting projects; when details of same will be announced; the funding mechanism to be put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [56145/23]

*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new build social homes and new build affordable homes that were delivered in County Mayo in 2023; the targets for 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56151/23]

*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of people that have presented as homeless to Mayo County Council in 2023 and were either turned away or issued vouchers due to the fact that emergency accommodation was full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56152/23]

*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the provisions of the Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Act 2009 provide for a clawback charge to be made on mortgage/property registered with the Register of Deeds but not with the Land Registry, i.e., must a property be registered with the Land Registry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56159/23]

*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on plans to strengthen the ability of local authorities to tackle the biodiversity crisis; the gaps and challenges that exist to reaching their potential; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56163/23]

*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of the indicative costs associated with hiring local authority biodiversity officers, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [56164/23]

*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of biodiversity officers hired by each local authority to date; how many posts have yet to be filled; if there are plans to increase the number of biodiversity officers, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56165/23]

*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how local authorities are resourced to supervise the water quality of private water supplies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56166/23]

*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how local authorities are resourced to implement the Water Framework Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56167/23]

*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total value of procurement overseen by local authorities as a central purchasing body; the percentage of compliant and non-compliant procurement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56172/23]

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

*352. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide the number of public servants servicing on State boards since 2006 in an independent capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55910/23]

*353. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person in County Cork (details supplied) will receive child benefit. — Michael Creed. [55847/23]

*354. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether there has been any communication between her Department and the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform on how retired gardaí have to draw the jobseeker's payment for nine months in order to avail of their supplementary pension; if she is aware of the issues that this raises for retired gardaí; if she is open to starting a dialogue to change the manner in how this process is managed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [55850/23]

*355. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Cork is entitled to a State pension (contributory) on the basis of contributions paid from their farm income and off farm employment. — Michael Creed. [55938/23]

*356. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a disability allowance application review (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55943/23]

*357. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify the situation regarding the allocation of funding for the hot meals programme to a school (details supplied) in Dublin mid-west which currently receives cold meals funding. — Emer Higgins. [55945/23]

*358. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 121 of 7 December 2023, the names of the disability stakeholders and disabled persons organisations that her Department engaged with prior to the launch of the green paper. — Pauline Tully. [55956/23]

*359. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of a €1 increase in each of the social insurance schemes, social assistance schemes, other weekly schemes and other scheme payments, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [55959/23]

*360. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of introducing a child benefit double payment. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [55960/23]

*361. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of raising the earnings disregard for the one parent family payment by €1. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [55961/23]

*362. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of raising the earnings disregard for the jobseeker's transitional payment by €1. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [55962/23]

*363. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost to the exchequer of the JobPath scheme. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [55963/23]

*364. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of reintroducing the State pension for 65-year-olds who choose to retire. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [55965/23]

*365. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost to the Exchequer of the benefit payment for 65-year-olds. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [55966/23]

*366. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing the qualified child increase by €1 for children under the age of 12 years and €1 for children over the age of 12 years, respectively. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [55967/23]

*367. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing the current young jobseeker's rate of €129.70 by €1 per week. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [55968/23]

*368. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of including the working family payment as a qualifying payment for fuel allowance. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [55970/23]

*369. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing the annual carers support grant by €1. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [55971/23]

*370. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing child benefit by €1. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [55972/23]

*371. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline the new rules for the granting of paid contributions to long-term carers; whether there is a minimum number of paid contributions from employment or self-employment required before a person can be granted long-term caring paid credits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55980/23]

*372. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the increased disregard of income for the carer's allowance will come into operation which will see the first €450 of income of a single person disregarded and €900 for a couple; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55981/23]

*373. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sí a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán

5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56005/23]

*374. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sí a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56023/23]

*375. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sí a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56041/23]

*376. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sí a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana seo an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56059/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the main policy achievements of her Department since 27 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56117/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been brought to research into energy hardship experienced by cancer patients with life limiting diagnoses (details supplied); the steps she is taking to address this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56154/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the correct level of jobseeker's allowance payable in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56264/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether an exceptional needs payment might be made available to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56265/23]

*381. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for review of carer's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56266/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision might be made in respect of application for disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56269/23]

*383. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether a person (details supplied) qualifies for an exceptional needs payment, submitted via this office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56278/23]

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

*384. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide the number of public servants servicing on State boards since 2006 in an independent capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55910/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of asylum seekers who are now in the State; the projected number of asylum seekers expected to come to the State over the next 12 months. — Seán Canney. [54572/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the progress made on establishing a refuge for victims of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence in Cavan. — Niamh Smyth. [55879/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has had discussions with Cavan County Council on a proposed site for a refuge in the county and for an update on the progress on selecting a site. — Niamh Smyth. [55880/23]

*388. To ask the Minister for Justice when she expects a refuge in Cavan to be operational. — Niamh Smyth. [55881/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Justice if Ireland is on track to provide a refuge in every county over the lifetime of the current Zero Tolerance strategy. — Niamh Smyth. [55882/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of garda stations in Mayo; the total number of gardaí since 2006, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55917/23]

*391. To ask the Minister for Justice to positively support an application (details supplied) to the DSGBV funding call under four applications; and when a decision may be made. — Robert Troy. [55932/23]

*392. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide the data her Department holds with respect to the number of persons who have applied for international protection in Ireland but who were subsequently found to have made previous applications for international protection following a fingerprint search of the Eurodac database, or through an information exchange with relevant UK agencies or through the use of the Schengen information system; the countries or territories where these previous applications were made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [55937/23]

*393. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide details on the UNHCR training offered to staff members within her Department who provide international protection services, including the content of any modules offered; if international protection staff can issue decisions in the absence of UNCHR training; the names and positions of the persons within the UNCHR who have provided this training; the costs incurred for the provision of this training from the date it was first offered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [55941/23]

*394. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications for asylum that have included grounds relating to female genital mutilation that have been made from 2012 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [55955/23]

*395. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress made with the review of remission entitlements for prisoners; the timeline for the completion and publication of the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55978/23]

*396. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56002/23]

*397. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56020/23]

*398. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56038/23]

*399. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana seo an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56056/23]

*400. To ask the Minister for Justice the main policy achievements of her Department since 27 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56114/23]

*401. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on a visa application submitted by a person (details supplied) on 5 July 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56176/23]

*402. To ask the Minister for Justice the average cost of keeping a prisoner in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56190/23]

*403. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of unused cells per prison; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56191/23]

*404. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans for more prison places to keep pace with population growth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56192/23]

*405. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of electronic tags currently in use for convicted persons, the locations of these; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56193/23]

*406. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of Irish Prison Service personnel for each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56194/23]

*407. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of Garda vehicles for each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56195/23]

*408. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of tasers currently available to Garda; her plans in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56196/23]

*409. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of reported assaults on public transport vehicles and in public transport properties in 2019, 2022 and 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56197/23]

*410. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who retired in 2023 and the average age of retirement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56198/23]

*411. To ask the Minister for Justice when she expects a decision will be reached on historic cases (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56200/23]

*412. To ask the Minister for Justice the current/expected residency status for Stamp 4 renewal in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56267/23]

*413. To ask the Minister for Justice the current/expected position in regard to naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56268/23]

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

*414. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide the number of public servants servicing on State boards since 2006 in an independent capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55910/23]

*415. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on his Department's efforts to ban inshore trawling within the six-mile limit. — Holly Cairns. [56101/23]

*416. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when farmers dealing with the ash die back will be given a resolution to the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [55852/23]

*417. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason there are different criteria for eligibility of horses and donkeys for the purpose of establishing stocking density under the ANC scheme; the reason, in particular, on one hand mares that have not been bred for two years cannot be counted, whereas donkeys in such circumstances are counted as half a livestock unit; whether he has any intention of allowing older, non-breeding mares and stallion horses to be counted as half-a-livestock unit in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55873/23]

*418. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise on whether farmers who can sell electricity generated by TAMS funded solar panels back to the grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50282/23]

*419. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 771 of 20 September 2023, if he will now provide the details requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55895/23]

*420. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person in County Cork (details supplied) will be paid their TAMS grants. — Michael Creed. [55907/23]

*421. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person in County Cork (details supplied) will receive their TB reactor grant payments. — Michael Creed. [55908/23]

*422. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of the widespread dissatisfaction amongst farmers regarding the issue of VAT refunds in respect of certain items of expenditure (details supplied); if he accepts that these changes by the Revenue Commissioners without prior notification represent an unfair changing of the rules for farmers without adequate consultation or notice; the conversations and meetings he has had with the Minister for Finance or the Revenue Commissioners on the matter; and if he believes, on the grounds of legitimate expectation, that farmers who incurred expenditure on the presumption of being entitled to a VAT refund, should be refunded. — Michael Creed. [55939/23]

*423. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to urgently address the critical issue of the delayed ACRES cooperation payments until February 2024, which was announced without any prior consultation with affected farmers or stakeholders (details supplied); if he agrees that immediate action and a review of the document submitted by an organisation are crucial; the steps he will take to rectify the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [55946/23]

*424. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will take emergency measures to ensure full delivery of the ACRES payment pre-Christmas 2023; the reason approximately 27,800 farmers (60%) will not receive payment until February 2024 at the earliest; if he accepts that these delays will create massive financial hardship for those whose payments are delayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [55947/23]

*425. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of TB reactors in each of the past ten years in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55948/23]

*426. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of TB reactors in dairy stock per year over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55949/23]

*427. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of TB reactors in beef stock per year over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55950/23]

*428. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how many animals under three months were TB reactors per year over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55951/23]

*429. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of money paid out per year over the past ten years under the TB compensation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55952/23]

*430. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the cost of running the TB eradication scheme per year over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55953/23]

*431. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the badger vaccination programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55954/23]

*432. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55989/23]

*433. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56009/23]

*434. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56027/23]

*435. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana seo an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56045/23]

*436. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the rebate on VAT that was available to farmers buying milk tanks is being withdrawn (details supplied); if this will affect farmers putting up new milking parlours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56065/23]

*437. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to address concerns (details supplied) relating to the enforcement of prohibition orders served by his Department relating to a commonage bog in Trumera, County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56067/23]

*438. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what options are available to farmers whose animals have died and who are unable to correctly dispose of the carcasses due to strike action in knackeries. — Cathal Crowe. [56070/23]

*439. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will ensure that an ACRES payment is issued to all applicants prior to Christmas, in light of the increasing financial pressure placed on farmers; the number paid to date; the number of applicants still awaiting a payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56071/23]

*440. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the engagement to date with the knackery sector to cease the non-collection of dead animals; the steps he is taking to protect both animal and human health as a result of this dispute; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56072/23]

*441. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has any plans to amend the TAMS scheme in light of recent changes to the flat rate VAT scheme for unregistered farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56075/23]

*442. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what efforts are being made to urgently resolve a dispute (details supplied) due to the pressure on the industry and farmers affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [56077/23]

*443. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is looking into actions to mitigate the damage caused by adverse weather events (hail) in Wexford in June 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [56081/23]

*444. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of the widespread concerns of farmers regarding delays in the issue of some ACRES payments; if a partial payment can be issued for those applicants pending processing and finalising of all applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56096/23]

*445. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56102/23]

*446. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline his Department's plan to support the development of the tillage sector. — Holly Cairns. [56108/23]

*447. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the rules were changed on the issuing of stars (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56126/23]

*448. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of payments in Mayo that will be affected by the delayed ACRES payments. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56150/23]

*449. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which traceability, husbandry, management and hygiene tests continue to be strictly applied throughout the food sector, indigenous and imports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56226/23]

*450. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he and his Department continue to monitor the poultry sector, with particular reference to any threats to the industry; the degree to which potential for growth remains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56227/23]

*451. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he expects all agricultural support payments to be made on time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56228/23]

*452. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline the growth and development of the fish processing sector, including landings in this jurisdiction over the past ten years; the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the future development of the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56229/23]

*453. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he has had discussions with the farming sector, with a view to identifying issues that have caused concern in the course of the past twelve months; whether it is expected that any particular provisions are likely to be made to address the issues in all the sectors where issues have arisen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56230/23]

*454. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the targets set in Foodwise 2025 continue to be met; the areas, if any, which have raised concern and any proposals arising therefrom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56231/23]

*455. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied that adequate soil management continues to take place, given the need to ensure that adequate drainage, soil aeration and productive capacity remain vital in the future, notwithstanding the current emphasis on the need for rewetting and mindful of the necessity to achieve the maximum level of food production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56232/23]

*456. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied that adequate protection is in place to ensure future protection of agriculturally productive land and the need to maintain high productivity in the future in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56233/23]

*457. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which beef, lamb, sheep, poultry, pig meat or meat products are imported into this country and deemed to originate in European and non-European countries, whether husbandry, hygiene and production methods in the respective country of origin meet those applicable in this country and throughout the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56234/23]

*458. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the fishing industry is likely to expand in the future in terms of production, jobs and exports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56235/23]

*459. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the extent, if any, to which the market for venison can be enhanced, with particular reference to exports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56236/23]

*460. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the fishing industry continues to progress, with particular reference to new markets abroad while maintaining existing markets and meeting home demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56237/23]

*461. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied that agricultural production volumes here will not be impaired in the course of climate change measures, which are necessary as is food production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56238/23]

*462. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which turkey production here continues to meet the needs of home and export markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56239/23]

*463. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which all causes for the spread of bovine TB continue to be examined, with a view to maximising health and safety issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56240/23]

*464. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent of the research currently in hand or to be undertaken in respect of the cause(s) of the spread of bovine TB; whether adequate measures and scientific research continue to be taken to ensure the safety of the national bovine herd; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56241/23]

*465. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the action taken to protect ash forests against dieback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56244/23]

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

*466. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps his Department is taking to ensure the child trafficking is not occurring where refugee families and adolescents are presenting for international protection in Ireland. — Matt Shanahan. [55038/23]

*467. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the premises in County Monaghan that currently house international protection applicants; the number of men, women and children housed in each premises; if there are proposals to expand the capacity at any premises, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [55851/23]

*468. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of new appointments that have been made to the children's disability network teams (details supplied) services in counties Cavan and Monaghan since January 2022, in light of the very high vacancy rate within the service. — Niamh Smyth. [48158/23]

*469. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 481 of 5 December 2023, if his Department seeks any record of individual occupancy per night from IPAS accommodation contract providers; if it maintains any record of individual occupancy in IPAS accommodation centres per night; if he will provide any such figures in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [55892/23]

*470. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to consider and refer correspondence (details supplied) to IPAS, requesting it to address the issues identified. — Robert Troy. [55905/23]

*471. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to review the current process which is applied in determining the core funding for afterschool services, in view the fact that some of these facilities are now closing due to the costs that they have to incur in order to secure core funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55924/23]

*472. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports that will be put in place to assist parents in the Kerry Pike area in Cork who depended on afterschool services in view of the fact that the current operators have decided to withdraw; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55925/23]

*473. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details regarding Core funding being withheld from a childcare provider (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [55934/23]

*474. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason a centre (details supplied) housing Ukrainian refugees has so many vacancies since last August, taking into account the pressure on accommodation for Ukrainian refugees; whether it is intended to ensure all accommodation centres have their full complement as far as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55985/23]

*475. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacancies in accommodation hosting Ukrainian refugees across the country; the reason for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55986/23]

*476. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55990/23]

*477. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56010/23]

*478. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56028/23]

*479. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana seo an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56046/23]

*480. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56103/23]

*481. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth given that many private early childcare providers are going out of business due to lack of funding, if he will give a breakdown as to where the existing funding is going; and the reason it is not getting to the early child care providers who are running a top class service on a shoe string budget. — Michael Collins. [56224/23]

*482. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the availability of adequate resources to meet the growing challenges in terms of youth support services, social services, investigative programmes and rapid response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56252/23]

*483. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which she continues to improve the services available for the protection of children in the home, in foster care or in statutory residential care; whether sufficient resources continue to be available to meet all likely future requirements having particular regard to the past experience; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56253/23]

*484. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which the investigative structures within his Department are deemed adequate to meet current and future requirements as evaluated by reference to the time taken to respond to individual cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56254/23]

*485. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he has sufficient resources available to his Department to meet the anticipated demands of children at risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56255/23]

*486. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he and his Department have access to the necessary information to address the needs of children of homeless families; whether any particular referrals or recommendations are received in his Department from the relevant local authorities where there is a risk of children becoming homeless; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56256/23]

*487. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the average time taken to investigate cases of children at risk of the various forms of abuse; the degree to which a systemic response is in place to deal with such issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56257/23]

*488. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of children currently in fosterage; the number in protective residential care; the extent of the ongoing demand arising from the need to ensure the welfare and well-being of all such children, the availability of the required personnel and resources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56258/23]

*489. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which his department can provide for adequate funding for youth services and youth development services country-wide, with particular reference to areas of social and economic deprivation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56259/23]

*490. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent the efforts in hand to urgently address the delay in accessing vital services for children with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56260/23]

*491. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent, if any, to which the provision of appropriate services for children continues to be a major priority; the specific areas in question identified for improvement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56261/23]

*492. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which, in conjunction with the Minister for Education, efforts are in hand to provide an integrated childcare system under the National Childcare Scheme on site in every primary school around the country; whether any future plans are anticipated in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56262/23]

*493. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when it is expected that all waiting lists for children with special needs/disabilities are likely to be satisfactorily dealt with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56263/23]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*494. To ask the Minister for Health for a progress update on the commitment in the Programme for Government to support genetic services in Our Lady's Children's Hospital. — Patrick Costello. [55903/23]

*495. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide adequate resources for genetic testing services in Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin, in line with that of other comparable countries where the turn-around time is 12 weeks (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [55906/23]

*496. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update in respect of an application (details supplied); when a decision will be reached; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55936/23]

*497. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received correspondence from a person (details supplied) in relation to difficulties in seeking publicly-funded IVF. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [55940/23]

*498. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be an extension of existing arrangements to keep a health service operational (details supplied) until their new premises is ready. — Cathal Crowe. [55942/23]

*499. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of a recent report (details supplied) which found that women in Ireland struggle with breastfeeding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55771/23]

*500. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Sláinte cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in

Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56000/23]

*501. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Sláinte cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56018/23]

*502. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Sláinte cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56036/23]

*503. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Sláinte cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana seo an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56054/23]

*504. To ask the Minister for Health the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56112/23]

*505. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect to be transferred from Letterkenny University Hospital to Galway University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [56127/23]

*506. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been brought to research into energy hardship experienced by cancer patients with life limiting diagnoses (details supplied); the steps he is taking to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56153/23]

*507. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged with the Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform regarding the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council's Fiscal Assessment Report and their analysis of the Health allocation for 2024 (details supplied); his views on their analysis of the health allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56156/23]

*508. To ask the Minister for Health the total value of procurement overseen by his Department and HSE as a central purchasing body; the percentage of compliant and non-compliant procurement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56171/23]

*509. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide information regarding the talks between his Department and the Revenue Commissioners to rectify the problematic issues caused by proposed changes to tax laws for GP group practices; (details supplied); if he will outline the outcome of these talks; if GPs concerns will be allayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56189/23]

*510. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Galway can expect to receive an appointment from Cappagh Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [56205/23]

*511. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of vacancies of medical professionals in Mayo University Hospital; the length of time each position has been vacant, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56213/23]

*512. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the emergency department development in Mayo University Hospital. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56214/23]

*513. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients presenting at the emergency department at Mayo University Hospital but leaving prior to being seen each month to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56215/23]

*514. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting on lists as both inpatients and outpatients for Mayo University Hospital; the average wait time; the number waiting more than one, two, three and four years, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56216/23]

*515. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting list for elective surgery in Mayo in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56217/23]

*516. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new acute beds that have been provided in Mayo in the past two years. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56219/23]

*517. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the average emergency department waiting times in Mayo University Hospital. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56220/23]

*518. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for cataract surgery, by county; the average wait time; the number waiting over one, two, three and four years, respectively, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56221/23]

*519. To ask the Minister for Health the current position in regard to the extension to previously promised facilities at Naas General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56246/23]

*520. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been advised to seek possible treatment for his condition abroad given that he has lived in this country and has been employed here, and whose home is in this country for many years, who is a patient of Tallaght Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56276/23]

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

*521. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear

amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55999/23]

*522. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56017/23]

*523. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56035/23]

*524. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana seo an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56053/23]

*525. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56111/23]

*526. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures that he will introduce to improve cross-Border mobility for students in further and higher education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56158/23]

*527. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will review the unfair decision to exclude students studying outside this State from the €1,000 reduction in student contribution fees which was introduced to support households to ease the cost-of-living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56201/23]

*528. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, in view of the need to promote more cross-Border mobility for further and higher education students, he will ensure that students studying outside this State are entitled to the same State assistance as students in this jurisdiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56206/23]

*529. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason for the refusal of a higher education grant by SUSI in the case of the son of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56277/23]

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

*530. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide the number of public servants servicing on State boards since 2006 in an independent capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55910/23]

*531. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sí a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56004/23]

*532. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sí a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56022/23]

*533. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sí a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56040/23]

*534. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sí a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana seo an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56058/23]

*535. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the main policy achievements of her Department since 27 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56116/23]