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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*1. To ask the Taoiseach the annual funding provided to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions each year since 2016; the number of people employed in the ODPP since 2016; and the number of people employed working directly on economic crime. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55919/23]

*2. To ask the Taoiseach the total number of international visitors that came to Ireland as tourists in each in each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Carol Nolan. [56581/23]

*3. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the need for an inquiry into the national Covid response. — Ivana Bacik. [56608/23]

*4. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department collates data on the average commute by car; and, if so, if he will make a statement on average commute distances by car in each county. — Ivana Bacik. [56707/23]

*5. To ask the Taoiseach the average commute distance for journeys to work in each year since 2003. — Ivana Bacik. [56722/23]

*6. To ask the Taoiseach the average commute distance for journeys to education in each year since 2003. — Ivana Bacik. [56723/23]

*7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will list the ongoing research commissioned under the remit of his Department through the North-South Ministerial Council, Shared Island Initiative or through other all-island arrangements; if he will outline the research that has been completed; and the date of publication of the research since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement. — Denis Naughten. [56922/23]

*8. To ask the Taoiseach whether the Central Statistics Office will consider ceasing the use of ‘world population’ as an environmental indicator, as used in its graphic posted to the CSO’s social media channels (details supplied) in light of the evidence of very highly unequal resource distribution including from reports by an organisation (details supplied) which show the richest 1% of the world’s population has the same emissions as the poorest 50%. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56963/23]

*9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a schedule of the personal and or person-specific data sets his Department holds that have been provided and/or shared with other Departments and/or Ministers and/or State bodies and/or agencies and/or local authorities in the past 20 years to date; if he will clarify if the transfer of data and/or records was in aggregated form or on an

individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records were provided. — Catherine Murphy. [57219/23]

*10. To ask the Taoiseach the members of the public inquiry committee investigating the State's response to the Covid pandemic; and if it will include scientists. — Francis Noel Duffy. [1298/24]

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

*11. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent engagements with the British government; if he has engaged with the British government regarding reported safety issues at the Sellafield nuclear facility; if he discussed this matter with the British Foreign Secretary when they met on 13 December 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56805/23]

*12. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs in light of statements from members of the Israeli government that they will not allow for the establishment of a Palestinian state; if he will now honour the Programme for Government commitment to recognise the State of Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56806/23]

*13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Government sought internal legal advice from the Office of the Attorney General or otherwise, in regard to Israel's actions in Gaza and its obligations under the Genocide Convention at any time since 7 October 2023. — Catherine Connolly. [1886/24]

*14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Government received legal advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs or from the Attorney General on whether Israel's war in Gaza constitutes genocide, considering that Ireland is a signatory to the Genocide Convention and has legal obligations to fulfil, the Government needs to seek an urgent legal opinion on the matter; and if legal advice has been received, if he will provide a copy of the advice received, to Deputies. — Peadar Tóibín. [1926/24]

*15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagements with the Minister for Justice in relation to developing new guidelines in relation to the requirements for Irish association applications for citizenship based on Irish descent or association; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56424/23]

*16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason Ireland is not submitting the names and details of the families of Palestinian-Irish citizens for exit from Gaza as other countries have done, including the USA, Canada, Australia, Norway, France, the Netherlands, Austria, Belgium, and many others; if he will acknowledge that while these family members are not Irish citizens, their lives are endangered by lack of medication, food and clean water in addition to relentless bombing; if he will acknowledge that they will be accommodated by their family members here, and will not be a burden on the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56429/23]

*17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application (details supplied) given the applicants travel date is imminent and all requested supporting documentation has been submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [56470/23]

*18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason the ID number on a traditional Irish passport and a passport card differ when they are connected documents (details supplied); and if this will be addressed in order that both can be accepted by EU countries as valid ID for travel. — Cathal Crowe. [56473/23]

*19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has raised concerns regarding human rights violations in Bahrain, including the detention of political prisoners and conditions in prisons, directly with Bahraini authorities; if he has raised these issues at UN, EU or other multilateral level; and if he will make a statement on the current situation in Bahrain. — Matt Carthy. [56517/23]

*20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if an FBR application (details supplied) will be reviewed; if all information required to have this application processed at the earliest convenience has been received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [56521/23]

*21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what efforts his Department is making to ensure the safe release of a person (details supplied) from Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [56555/23]

*22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is aware that the US has announced that it will be implementing a new visa restriction policy targeting individuals believed to have been involved in undermining peace, security or stability in the West Bank; if Ireland will be implementing a policy such as this; if Ireland will be imposing sanctions on the Israeli state that would place meaningful pressure on the Israeli Government to halt its current assault on Gaza; if Ireland will be calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [56615/23]

*23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [56641/23]

*24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will intervene to help secure the release of three persons (details supplied) who were kidnapped by the Israeli army on 13 December 2023; if he will acknowledge their work with traumatised children living in the Jenin refugee camp and how necessary their work is; if he is aware that the IDF took 100 persons from the camp and killed four young people on the same day and that three of the hospitals in Jenin were surrounded by Israeli tanks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56695/23]

*25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagement with other European countries in respect of recognition of Palestinian statehood. — Ivana Bacik. [56725/23]

*26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs whether enquiries will be made to assist the journalists and their families (details supplied) and who are currently stuck in Gaza and attempting to get out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [56733/23]

*27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will make direct contact with the Israeli embassy in relation to the illegal detention of the executive director of the Aida Youth

Centre in the Aida Refugee Camp Bethlehem (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [56757/23]

*28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his efforts to ensure safe passage out of Gaza for an Irish-Palestinian person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56809/23]

*29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will list the ongoing research commissioned under the remit of his Department through the North-South Ministerial Council, Shared Island Initiative or through other all-island arrangements; if he will outline the research that has been completed; the date of publication of the research since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56914/23]

*30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will list the ongoing research commissioned under the remit of his Department through the British-Irish Council or through other bilateral arrangements; if he will outline the research that has been completed; the date of publication of the research since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56932/23]

*31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a citizenship application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56996/23]

*32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the annual contribution from Ireland to the European Peace facility each year since it was established and the projected cost for the coming years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [57053/23]

*33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland has been providing military aid to Ukraine through the European Peace facility; if so, the total amount provided to date in financial terms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [57054/23]

*34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide a schedule of the personal and or person-specific data sets his Department holds that have been provided and/or shared with other Departments and/or Ministers and/or State bodies and/or agencies and/or local authorities in the past 20 years to date; if he will clarify if the transfer of data and/or records was in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records were provided. — Catherine Murphy. [57211/23]

*35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on passport renewals for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57227/23]

*36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will enact the Occupied Territories Bill 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [1000/24]

*37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will invoke the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in relation to the activities of Israel in Palestine since October 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [1002/24]

*38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to visit Poland in the first quarter of 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [1075/24]

*39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he spoke with the UK Opposition Foreign Secretary during his visit to London before Christmas. — Catherine Murphy. [1076/24]

*40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he spoke formally with his Singapore counterpart during 2023. — Paul Donnelly. [1144/24]

*41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if the post of Irish Honorary Consul in Malaga has been filled; and if not, when he expects this post to be filled. — Paul Donnelly. [1145/24]

*42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications currently with the Passport Office from persons based in County Meath. — Darren O'Rourke. [1169/24]

*43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs with regard to the increasingly urgent conflict situation in Sudan what supports his Department can provide or if he plans to introduce supports that will assist Sudanese/Irish citizens who are at risk. — Pauline Tully. [1223/24]

*44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the initiatives his Department's embassies are undertaking to gain international recognition of St. Brigid's day with a particular reference to the 1500th anniversary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [1302/24]

*45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if, in the history of the State, diplomatic status has even been given to representatives of a political movement (such as the African National Congress or Palestine Liberation Organization), as opposed to the more standard diplomatic status for representatives of a State; and if this has not been granted, if he could explain how relations between the State and the ANC prior to the fall of Apartheid, or relations between the State and the PLO prior to the establishment of the Mission of Palestine in Dublin, were coordinated. — Chris Andrews. [1559/24]

*46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if additional harsher sanctions will be discussed to be applied to North Korea due to their involvement in the war against Ukraine at the next EU Foreign Affairs Council meeting. — Darren O'Rourke. [1627/24]

*47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs given the European Court of Justice ruling in 2022 to bar public transparency on beneficial ownership and the international consortium of investigative journalists findings from their "Cyprus Confidential" investigations showing clear evidence of money laundering and EU sanction evasions by Russian oligarchs in Cyprus, the initiatives envisaged at a European Union-level to counteract this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [1646/24]

*48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a decision will be made on an application for foreign birth registration (details supplied); the reason for the delay in processing the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [1796/24]

*49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland will be supporting South Africa in taking Israel to the International Court of Justice accusing it of crimes of genocide against Palestinians in Gaza; and if Ireland will support the people of Gaza in the International Court of Justice following violations by Israel of its obligations under the 1948 Genocide Convention and international law in relation to Palestinians in Gaza. — Thomas Pringle. [1857/24]

*50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is aware of reports of human rights abuses in Balochistan, Pakistan; if he has taken the matter up with the Government of Pakistan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1863/24]

*51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to ensure Ireland's commitments under the political declaration regarding the use of explosive weapons in populated areas are being vindicated in relation to the ongoing bombardment by Israel of Gaza, one of the most densely populated areas on earth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1901/24]

*52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he sought legal advice before deciding that Ireland would not participate in the ICJ case in respect of Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [2028/24]

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

*53. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the most recent visit of officials from his Department and the Environmental Protection Agency to the Sellafield nuclear facility; their findings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56807/23]

*54. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if heat tests are carried out as part of the national retrofitting programme in advance of carrying out a retrofit. — Darren O'Rourke. [56223/23]

*55. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a series of matters (details supplied) will be taken into account rather than introducing a brown tag regime on the Roughty River in Kilgarvan; if a person from his Department will meet with an organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56295/23]

*56. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of concerns (details supplied) concerning the warmer home scheme, that inadequate work is carried out to reach a B2 standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56305/23]

*57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of the €170.2 million underspend in residential and community retrofits in 2022; the factors that caused this underspend; the steps that he took to address them; if he anticipates an underspend in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56310/23]

*58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of retrofits carried out in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, broken down by scheme and by pre

to post-BER ratings, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56315/23]

*59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average energy uplift as part of the warmer homes scheme in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, broken down by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56316/23]

*60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average energy uplift per SEAI scheme in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56317/23]

*61. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how many sold fuel homes were retrofitted as part of the national retrofit programme broken down, by scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56318/23]

*62. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of additional workers required to reach the Government's national retrofitting targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56324/23]

*63. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the solar PV scheme for schools will be amended to include free-standing solar structures as well as roof-top structures, given many schools could benefit from a dual-function structure as part of their solar PV deployment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56341/23]

*64. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has issued any guidance on the disposal of decommissioned wind turbine blades; if he accepts that due to the material from which these blades are constructed there are exceptional environmental challenges in disposing of them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56344/23]

*65. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how many applications have been made and approved by the SEAI for residential retrofitting for houses built prior to 1940; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56372/23]

*66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to the order of business debate of 5 December 2023, to outline the consideration being given to the development of floating offshore wind infrastructure in phase 3 of the Climate Action Plan; when he expects details on phase 3 to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [56482/23]

*67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will extend the schools PV solar panel support scheme to include panels installed on secondary structures where the existing roof is not suitable to take panels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56525/23]

*68. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider a proposal from a post-primary school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56538/23]

*69. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide funding for a school initiative on waste disposal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56539/23]

*70. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a list of the local authorities which have ongoing, managed energy-efficiency campaigns. — Brian Leddin. [56572/23]

*71. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current annual economic value of cumulative energy efficiency savings resulting from intentional energy efficiency campaigns undertaken over the past five years, for each local authority which is undertaking such campaigns.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [56573/23]

*72. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of retrofits completed broken down, by SEAI scheme and the pre-BER, post-BER of completed projects in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56578/23]

*73. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of retailers who have signed up for the deposit return scheme to date; how many retailers have yet to sign up; what major retailers have signed up; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56603/23]

*74. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider making properties in the private rented sector eligible for funding equivalent to the better energy warmer homes scheme for low-income tenants and their landlords, based on a tenant receiving the housing assistance payment and having a long term lease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56658/23]

*75. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the legal actions and actions of instances being taken against his Department for failure to implement EU directives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [56685/23]

*76. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on fuel poverty in the private rented sector; his plans to ensure that rented properties are included in thermal retrofit programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [56724/23]

*77. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated cost to double the domestic solar PV scheme by 50% over the next five years. — Darren O'Rourke. [56818/23]

*78. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for a breakdown of the property upgrades completed through the warmer homes scheme over the course of 2023, by local authority area. — Emer Higgins. [56824/23]

*79. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will review correspondence (details supplied); and the status of the roll-out of fibre broadband at this property. — Niamh Smyth. [56845/23]

*80. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the Youth Assembly on Climate; and how he plans to respond to the report's recommendations. — Darren O'Rourke. [55772/23]

*81. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56906/23]

*82. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will list the ongoing research commissioned under the remit of his Department through the North-South Ministerial Council, Shared Island Initiative or through other all-island arrangements; if he will outline the research that has been completed; the date of publication of the research since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56912/23]

*83. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how persons can get access to their personal data usage having installed a smart meter without signing up to a smart meter plan. — Patrick Costello. [56961/23]

*84. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason a property (details supplied) is excluded from the NBI scheme even though the properties either side are included; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [57001/23]

*85. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for statistics in relation to the average project duration timeframe from application date to completion date for the fully funded energy upgrade scheme administered by SEAI, broken down by either county boundary as indicated in the applicants address or by local authority area; over the last two years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [57020/23]

*86. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of energy poverty upgrades under Programme B, Energy Expenditure, broken down by either county boundary or local authority area, over the past two years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [57021/23]

*87. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of new applications received for both the warmer homes scheme and warmth and wellbeing scheme; the number of completions of warmer homes scheme and warmth and wellbeing scheme projects, broken down by county boundary or local authority, over the last two years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [57022/23]

*88. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of people with chronic respiratory conditions receiving energy efficiency upgrades under the warmth and wellbeing scheme, over the past two years to date and broken down, by county boundary or by local authority area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [57023/23]

*89. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide details of the number of domestic solar PV upgrades undertaken in 2023; the average size in kw of those upgrades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57060/23]

*90. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the allowable size of invertors on residential solar units; whether there has been a change in the size permitted; if so, the reason change was made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57061/23]

*91. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the targeted solar PV scheme for medically vulnerable persons is in operation; the process by which people can avail of this scheme; the size of unit available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57062/23]

*92. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes upgraded to BER B2 under SEAI retrofitting in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57063/23]

*93. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of heat pumps installed on an annual basis in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57064/23]

*94. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of fully funded energy upgrades for low-income households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57065/23]

*95. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications whether he is taking any steps to ban disposable vapes as they are increasingly becoming an environmental hazard in terms of waste and production of single use plastics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [57093/23]

*96. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are retrofitting grants that are specific to apartment complexes; if not, his plans to put such specific schemes in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [57137/23]

*97. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if it is possible for apartment owner management companies to access individual energy upgrade grants for an entire apartment complex; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [57138/23]

*98. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to reports that many, possibly most, one-stop-shop operators will not quote or engage with apartment owner management companies; if he will consider putting in place specific one stop-shop-services for apartment complexes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [57139/23]

*99. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a schedule of the personal and or person-specific data sets his Department holds that have been provided and/or shared with other Departments and/or Ministers and/or State bodies and/or agencies and/or local authorities in the past 20 years to date; if he will clarify if the transfer of data and/or records was in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records were provided. — Catherine Murphy. [57209/23]

*100. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of concerns (details supplied) that particulars of the re-turn scheme will render it anti-competitive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [57325/23]

*101. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how the re-turn scheme will process imported drinks containers from EU Member States; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [57326/23]

*102. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will amend the legislation for the energy credit under Budget 2023 to include the removal of the exclusion of 'low usage' homes in cases whereby new tenants/owners move into a previously vacant unit. — Patrick Costello. [57332/23]

*103. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware that that 75% of collected clothes are exported abroad and that there is an urgent need for regulations in the post-consumer textile sector; if he will urgently work to establish definitions for textile waste and enhance transparency in relation to the handling and export processes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [57381/23]

*104. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are any protections for deposits placed by customers with participants in schemes supported by the SEAI for solar energy projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [1029/24]

*105. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of reports carried out on the former Dunsink Dump, Dublin 11, in relation to toxins and odours coming from the site in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [1037/24]

*106. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1050/24]

*107. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if all sections of all Acts under the remit of his Department in the past three years have been commenced; and the number of sections that are outstanding. — Catherine Murphy. [1077/24]

*108. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what, if any, additional funding has been provided to increase grid capacity and/or to prepare the grid for renewable energy projects; if there are plans to increase this; what, if any, requests for additional funding have been made to Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1100/24]

*109. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and SEAI will consider a system of deposit guarantees or a form of a bond system to protect consumers who place significant deposits with solar panel providers and installers and to guard against such businesses going out of business; if he is aware of any significant providers/installers having gone out of business in 2023 and where customers lost deposits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [1119/24]

*110. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a property (details supplied) can expect to be provided with high-speed broadband. — Louise O'Reilly. [1121/24]

*111. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the WTE staff by job title working in the geological survey division of his Department as of 3 January 2024; the number of vacancies currently in this division; and when he expects these vacancies be filled, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [1171/24]

*112. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide an update on the Celtic Interconnector; and if the project is on track to meet the target of a 2026 completion date. — Darren O'Rourke. [1209/24]

*113. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason a property (details supplied) was not included in the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan as it does not have access to 30Mb/s of broadband at present and there is no time indication when this will happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1276/24]

*114. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if an additional Eircode will be assigned to a building (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1306/24]

*115. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the current SEAI housing insulation scheme (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [1461/24]

*116. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to examine a matter (details supplied) in relation to the NBI broadband plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [1507/24]

*117. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider amending the terms of the scheme to provide electricity credits to domestic residents to include people living in accommodation that have been deemed ineligible for energy credits due to a low consumption designation when a person can demonstrate that current consumption meets normal levels, for example where a person moved a property in mid-2023, up to which point it had been vacant for several years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1589/24]

*118. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the process for a firm to register on the SEAI website; what checks are performed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1593/24]

*119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on concerns (details supplied) that insufficient oversight is performed on firms registered on the SEAI website; the measures he is taking to address these concerns and to provide adequate protection to people pursuing energy upgrades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1594/24]

*120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of recent reports (details supplied) that due to firms going into liquidation, would be customers have

lost significant investment into home energy upgrades; what measures he is taking to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1595/24]

*121. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has assessed the capital investment which will be required in Ireland to meet higher recycling and reuse targets and lower exports of materials for recycling over the years to 2030 and beyond; if it is anticipated that this investment will require State direct investment or State support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [1606/24]

*122. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he expects to fill the vacancies on the board of Inland Fisheries Ireland. — Darren O'Rourke. [1629/24]

*123. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he last met the CEO of the ESB. — Darren O'Rourke. [1630/24]

*124. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason people with low energy usage between July 2022 and June 2023 are being penalised by ineligibility for the electricity credit, as many of these people are on low incomes and are desperately in need of the credits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1645/24]

*125. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of reports that the EPA and SEAI are only including Dublin Airport's on-site operating emissions in their reports, that this would not include emissions driven by its core business (aviation) or any associated road traffic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1659/24]

*126. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications in light of the Post Office scandal in the UK, if he has considered conducting a review of the situation of postmasters in this country, or of the potential need for an independent adjudication mechanism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [1664/24]

*127. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 118 of 21 November 2023, to provide an update on the development of the National Biomethane Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1721/24]

*128. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 105 of 28 September 2023, the number of submissions received by his Department as part of the public consultation on private wires; when he expects the policy on private wires to be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1734/24]

*129. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the required establishment of dedicated resources within regional lead authorities to provide co-ordination, expertise and advice to ensure enforcement of the new air-quality regulations nationwide, further to the €500,000 awarded to local authorities to support targeted enforcement campaigns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1757/24]

*130. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there is any possibility of ensuring a fully funded energy upgrade scheme application by a person (details supplied) is processed as a matter of priority due to medical need. — Paul Murphy. [1770/24]

*131. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he supports the introduction of an An Post Ombudsman who could mediate in all disputes between An Post and postmasters, for example in relation to contracts and payments, and instruct An Post management to retain all correspondence both in letter and electronic form; if he will instruct An Post take action to ensure the implementation of this ombudsman; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1777/24]

*132. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when an applicant (details supplied) can expect works to be completed under their warmer homes application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [1856/24]

*133. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications whether there are any plans to implement a scheme that bans the destroying of food that is still fit for consumption in order to tackle unnecessary food wastage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [1899/24]

*134. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the supply of HVO fuel to Ireland; if the supply is sufficient to meet current demand in all relevant sectors; if there are plans to increase supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [1902/24]

*135. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the supply of biofuels to Ireland; if the supply is sufficient to meet current demand in all relevant sectors; if there are plans to increase supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [1903/24]

*136. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how much HVO fuel Ireland produced in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; how much, if any, of this was exported in each of the aforementioned years; what proportion can be considered sustainable versus land destruction, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [1904/24]

*137. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how much HVO fuel Ireland imported in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; what proportion can be considered sustainable versus land destruction, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [1905/24]

*138. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications about the classification HVO fuel as a vehicular fuel; if there are plans to expand this classification to include home heating uses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [1906/24]

*139. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of the proportion HVO fuel that is supplied within/to Ireland that is sustainable versus land use destructive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [1907/24]

*140. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what supports are available to households to upgrade their boilers so that they are compatible with biofuels and if there are plans to increase this; how many households upgraded their boilers to be compatible with biofuels in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1908/24]

*141. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how many homes were heat pump assessed in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; how many of these were found not to be suitable for heat pumps; how many were offered alternatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1909/24]

*142. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on biofuels as a home heating method; the number of households that used biofuels as a home heating method in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; the size of the reduction in emissions this yielded; how this compares to other home heating methods, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1910/24]

*143. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are plans to increase biofuels as a home heating method; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1911/24]

*144. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how the deposit return scheme, due to come into effect from 1 February 2023, will pertain to vintners and pubs; and if he will ensure that guidance is issued to operators of the same in advance of the scheme rollout. — Cathal Crowe. [1930/24]

*145. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications why a company (details supplied) that is delivering the emergency call answering service a state contract can refuse to attend the WRC following referral by a union thereby increasing the risk of a strike taking place in such an important public service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2079/24]

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

*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what air quality investigations were carried out at Main Technical Stores in Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnell prior to the 2017 investigations by a company (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56835/23]

*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the presence of a Russian submarine positioned directly outside the entrance of Cork harbour; how he was alerted to the presence of same; the engagements he had in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56420/23]

*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the project for the enhancement of subsea awareness capabilities; the timeframe in which related equipment will be acquired; the budget allocated for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56421/23]

*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the proposals to ensure that Irish Naval Service ships are equipped with sonar equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56422/23]

*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans to amend the Defence Forces recruitment process to allow persons with asthma to join; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [56640/23]

*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to report on his Department's assessment of sonar capabilities of the Defence Forces; what plans his Department is considering to improve sonar capabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [56767/23]

*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide an update on his Department's efforts to develop primary radar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [56768/23]

*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the implementation of the Working Time Directive in the Defence Forces; if he will list the duties which civilian and military management are engaged in with regard to determining which of those may fall within or outside of the derogation from the Working Time Directive, post its application to the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56804/23]

*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will list the ongoing research commissioned under the remit of his Department through the North-South Ministerial Council, Shared Island Initiative or through other all-island arrangements; if he will outline the research that has been completed; the date of publication of the research since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56909/23]

*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the total share of the €500 million provided under the EU Act in Support of Ammunition Production Regulation will be used to provide direct supply of ammunition to Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [57055/23]

*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the EU Act in Support of Ammunition Production Regulation will provide €500 million to subsidise the EU arms industry and Ireland will be contributing through the EU budget to this funding despite the fact that Irish companies are unlikely to benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [57056/23]

*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 192 of 12 December 2023, the timeline for completion of the assessment of vacant housing stock referred to. — Ivana Bacik. [57147/23]

*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide a schedule of the personal and or person-specific data sets his Department holds that have been provided and/or shared with other Departments and/or Ministers and/or State bodies and/or agencies and/or local authorities in the past 20 years to date; if he will clarify if the transfer of data and/or records was in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records were provided. — Catherine Murphy. [57206/23]

*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the date on which the Defence Forces updated their vehicle details in 2021, 2022 and 2023 on the National Fleet Database. — Catherine Murphy. [1073/24]

*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the name of external marine advisors that have been appointed to support the procurement of a multi-role vessel to replace the decommissioned LE Eithne. — Catherine Murphy. [1090/24]

*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of males and females that applied for the post of conductor within the Defence Forces School of Music; if this post was advertised for suitable qualified persons outside of the Defence Forces to apply for this post. — Paul Donnelly. [1126/24]

*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how many members of the Defence Forces have requested voluntary retirement, by rank; the number that have been granted and refused, respectively in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1219/24]

*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of vacant qualified military avionics technicians; and the number of vacant qualified military aircraft maintenance technicians currently within Defence Forces. — Paul Donnelly. [1288/24]

*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of vacant engine room artificer technicians currently within Naval Service; and when these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [1289/24]

*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if any personnel from the Naval Service or the Air Corps went to the United States for specialist military training in 2023. — Darren O'Rourke. [1633/24]

*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if there is a provision available to re-issue medals for persons who fought and were awarded medals in both conflicts and whose medals have been lost or mislaid due to the passage of time; if there is a list available of all who were awarded medals for service during the conflicts regardless of what side they fought on or gender; and if it is not possible to have medals re-issued is there some other way that service can be acknowledged by way of an official letter or parchment and can these be provided on request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1875/24]

*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the acquisition of primary radar; the timeframe in which he intends contracts to be agreed and equipment acquired and installed; the expected cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1941/24]

*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the timeline in which he intends to bring forward proposals to establish a network of military attaches comprised of Defence Forces personnel to serve in Irish diplomatic missions abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1942/24]

*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current number of permanent members within the Army, Air Corps and Naval Service; the corresponding number for each January in each of the years 2010-2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1943/24]

*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current number of members in the Reserve Defence Forces and the Naval Reserve; the corresponding number for each January in

each of the years 2010-2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1944/24]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress that has been made on the N2 Ardee to Castleblayney Road scheme in 2023; the progress that is expected in 2024; the timeframe in which he envisaged this project to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56303/23]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress that has been made on the N2 Clontibret to the Border Road scheme in 2023; the progress that is expected in 2024; the timeframe in which he envisaged this project to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56304/23]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the current ownership model of Rosslare Europort has hindered investment in the port; whether he agrees that it should be taken into public ownership by the Government.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [56306/23]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the decision by Transport Infrastructure Ireland to close down motorway lay-bys for private vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56378/23]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport if the NDLS will contact a person (details supplied) to resolve outstanding issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56380/23]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport the data available to TII regarding fatal and non-fatal accidents on a stretch of the N22 (details supplied) over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [56381/23]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the weekday average traffic count threshold used by TII for the identification of roadways for improvement from single lane to dual carriageway/motorway standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [56382/23]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that the Department of Education is currently piloting the use of well-being practitioners for primary schools in the Dublin area; if any consideration had been given to including this group in the category for fast track driving tests to facilitate this work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [56392/23]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of a driving test for a person (details supplied) in County Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [56402/23]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport how much was expended on transport of persons in receipt of temporary protection, per month, since February 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56478/23]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will receive their licence exchange; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [56501/23]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the recent toll road increases and the specific effect it has on areas such as Inchicore, Chapelizod and the Phoenix Park with cars using those areas to avoid toll roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [56565/23]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of electric buses purchased by the NTA in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; the overall investment made; if all of these buses are currently in operation; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [56575/23]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will set aside increased funding in respect of the rural public transport scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56651/23]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the approach by the contractor approved to carry out NCT tests whereby the applicants are required to re-present for a test less than twelve months after passing their most recent NCT, as a consequence of the delays in securing appointments when due for their original test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [56691/23]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide clarification on the current surveying practices for fishing vessels, particularly those that fall just over the 15-meter mark, such as a vessel (details supplied) and consider reviewing these regulations to ensure they are fair and proportionate, and do not unduly push fishermen out of the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [56693/23]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost per tonne of abating greenhouse gas emissions by facilitating and incentivising switching from diesel and petrol cars to electric cars. — Ivana Bacik. [56719/23]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost per tonne of abating greenhouse gas emissions by facilitating and incentivising modal shift from cars to public transport. — Ivana Bacik. [56720/23]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost per tonne of abating greenhouse gas emissions by facilitating and incentivising modal shift from cars to bicycles. — Ivana Bacik. [56721/23]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the implementation of next generation ticketing and cashless payment under BusConnects Cork; the expected benefits of this, especially with regard to punctuality and reliability of public transport services in the city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56752/23]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport if the area knowledge module of the taxi licence exam in Ireland will be updated to take account of the use of satellite navigation (details supplied) and Eircodes as common practice in the industry, considering a taxi driver in Nenagh, County Tipperary is expected to answer questions in this module on local area knowledge in Carrick-

on-Suir, County Tipperary,; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56753/23]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department plans to address the difficulties faced by the taxi industry in obtaining taxi plates, the prices of which have increased dramatically since the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [56758/23]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport the airmiles spent by the Government since 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56784/23]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport how many additional Luas carriages will be purchased in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56785/23]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people using public transport, that is bus, Dart, Luas, train since 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56786/23]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new taxi drivers, by month, since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56787/23]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new bus drivers in each county since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56788/23]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new train drivers since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56789/23]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps the Marine Survey Office is taking to investigate the circumstances surrounding the sinking of a fishing vessel off the coast of Louth on 15 December 2023 which resulted in the death of one fisher and injuries to another; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [56821/23]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport if matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56839/23]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport if matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56841/23]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport to examine an issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [56883/23]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will list the ongoing research commissioned under the remit of his Department through the North-South Ministerial Council, Shared Island Initiative or through other all-island arrangements; if he will outline the research that has been completed; the date of publication of the research since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56924/23]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 30 of 30 November 2023, the reason the NTA is not carrying out a study of the effect on intercity enterprise services before key decisions are made on the DART+ Coastal North Project, given that Irish Rail has already confirmed that DART+ may result in slower enterprise journey times; if he will request the NTA to discharge its statutory duty in transport planning and avoid a

negative impact on this transport link; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [56953/23]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure an answer is provided to a query sent to the office of the Minister of State for International and Road Transport and Logistics on 8 November 2023; if he will ensure that these complaints are addressed and a response to the unanswered PQ is provided (details supplied); his views on the lack of response provided to the NTA complaints submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [56965/23]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request the NTA to consider updating the route of bus S8/S6 so that the direct Dundrum and UCD connection is returned to the area of Woodfield/Scholarstown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [56972/23]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport if consultation has taken place with disabled persons representative organisations in relation to the Active Travel Programme. — Pauline Tully. [57013/23]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the new primary legislation on speeding limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [57015/23]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport the current project stages and project deliverable timelines for each of the remaining two sections of the Cork to Waterford Inter-Urban Demonstrator Pathfinder, for completion in 2024 and 2025, as indicated in the reply to Parliamentary Question No. 48 of 30 November 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [57051/23]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of electric State vehicles as a percentage of the overall number of State-owned vehicles in 2023, broken down into diesel/electric, electric, petrol/electric, petrol/plug-in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57066/23]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of cars registered, by fuel type in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57067/23]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of EV charging points delivered, by county in 2022 and 2023, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57068/23]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to accelerate the Galway bypass and improve travel in Galway city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [57084/23]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the delay to the Galway bypass project to date; the timeline for commencement and completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [57085/23]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the criteria required in order to obtain a disabled parking permit; if his Department has plans or proposals to change those criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [57131/23]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine and address an issue in relation to a local bus service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [57135/23]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will advise on NCT services in counties Roscommon and Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57151/23]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport the action he has taken to progress the funding for the N2 Ardee to Castleblaney road scheme. — Pauline Tully. [57155/23]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport to detail the additional funding that was announced in Budget 2024 to maintain and improve the county, regional and local road network. — Pauline Tully. [57156/23]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport if there will be any requirements for lighting on personally powered transporters in the Road Traffic and Roads Act 2023 regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [57160/23]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport when a project (details supplied) submitted by Laois County Council will be approved for funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [57162/23]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport to examine a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [57182/23]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport for a progress update on the Greystones Coast Guard station; when the tender process will be completed; the timeline for construction and completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57196/23]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a schedule of the personal and or person-specific data sets his Department holds that have been provided and/or shared with other Departments and/or Ministers and/or State bodies and/or agencies and/or local authorities in the past 20 years to date; if he will clarify if the transfer of data and/or records was in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records were provided. — Catherine Murphy. [57221/23]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to upgrade the car parking facilities at Charleville train station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [57376/23]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport to examine reliability issues with the C3 bus service (details supplied); if plans are in place to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [57378/23]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person (details supplied) will receive a disabled parking bay, similar to that provided in an area in Dublin 24, considering their comparable needs; if not, the reason; who holds the responsibility for such allocations within local authorities particularly concerning cases in which driveway modifications are not viable according to the council; and if the response will issue directly from his Department and not handed over to the local authority. — Paul Murphy. [57380/23]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the East-West Link which includes a risk-based analysis for the east-west route between Dundalk and Cavan and the requirement for the necessary funding to made available for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Toibín. [57386/23]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport to detail the proposed new driver education plan for transition year students; to seek clarification on the reason approved driving instructors were not consulted on these new proposals. — Pauline Tully. [57388/23]

*230. To ask the Minister for Transport if a bus pick up will be allowed for persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1013/24]

*231. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason passengers travelling on the late evening Ennis to Dublin rail service must endure an hour-long wait at Colbert Station, resulting in a delayed 11pm arrival at Heuston Station; if the previous timetable will be restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [1027/24]

*232. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason there is such a discrepancy between the volume of candidates that pass driving tests in Nenagh test centre compared to all other test centres in Tipperary; the number of tests taken, per month, in each test centre in Tipperary; and the percentage pass rate, by month, in each test centre in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [1044/24]

*233. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of fleet owners/managers and motor traders that failed to upload their vehicle details to the National Fleet Database, by county, as required under the Road Traffic and Roads Act 2023, by the deadline of 30 November 2023; the number that face legal sanctions including prosecution in the District Court; the number subjected to fines of up to €500 per vehicle to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [1071/24]

*234. To ask the Minister for Transport the date on which the Irish Coast Guard updated their vehicle details in 2021, 2022 and 2023 on the National Fleet Database. — Catherine Murphy. [1074/24]

*235. To ask the Minister for Transport the expected timeline for completion of the inner relief road Thurles, County Tipperary linking Slievenamon Road to the Mill Road; if funding is in place for same; if a route been finalised; if all land required has been secured; if the Thurles Bypass project will be considered for inclusion on the National Development Plan in the review to take place in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [1096/24]

*236. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of parking spaces in each public car-park area within Dublin Airport, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [1141/24]

*237. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding being made available in 2024 and 2025 to purchase additional longer carriages for the LUAS for both lines; and if so, when those new carriages expected to come into service. — Paul Donnelly. [1142/24]

*238. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of times Dublin Bus routes were curtailed; the reasons for same, by individual bus routes and by month for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1177/24]

*239. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of times the 13 Dublin Bus route was curtailed; the reasons for same, by month for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1178/24]

*240. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of times the G2 Dublin Bus route was curtailed; the reasons for same, by month for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1179/24]

*241. To ask the Minister for Transport what discussions he has had with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to ensuring, over time, that all local authority housing tenants have access to home charging of electric vehicles; if he has proposed that such facilities would be provided in all new local authority accommodation from now on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1189/24]

*242. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that the RSA has informed seven driving testers that their temporary contracts will not be renewed next month despite driving test waiting times remaining unacceptably high; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1211/24]

*243. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will sanction a new permanent contract competition for driver testers for the Road Safety Authority in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1212/24]

*244. To ask the Minister for Transport the outcome of the 2019 order for 41 rail carriages which was to deliver a 10% increase in capacity in the morning and evenings for commuters on the Northern Line; how this has been achieved to date; the status of the delivery of 95 Dart + carriages; how the delivery of the carriages will increase capacity on the Northern Line; the projected time scale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1235/24]

*245. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on funding allocated to progress a dedicated town bus service for Ennis. — Cathal Crowe. [1241/24]

*246. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of submissions received under the latest round of consultation for BusConnects Cork; and the amount spent in total on all three rounds of consultation, by subject line and the date for the publication of the statutory round of consultation for the sustainable transport corridors, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [1252/24]

*247. To ask the Minister for Transport the date for publication of the route of the proposed Cork Luas; and the amount spent to date on the project. — Sean Sherlock. [1253/24]

*248. To ask the Minister for Transport if a capital envelope is available to local authorities for the repair and enhancement of footpaths. — Sean Sherlock. [1255/24]

*249. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will allow applications by local authorities to retrofit active travel funding to older estates for the repair and enhancement of roads and footpaths especially in estates that are commuter estates. — Sean Sherlock. [1256/24]

*250. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of users of the Cork bike scheme in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, by station, in tabular form; and the number of 2024 memberships recorded to date. — Sean Sherlock. [1257/24]

*251. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of users of the Galway bike scheme in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, by station, in tabular form; and the number of 2024 memberships recorded to date. — Sean Sherlock. [1258/24]

*252. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of users of the Dublin bike scheme in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, by station, in tabular form; and the number of 2024 memberships recorded to date. — Sean Sherlock. [1259/24]

*253. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of users of the Waterford bike scheme in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, by station, in tabular form; and the number of 2024 memberships recorded to date. — Sean Sherlock. [1260/24]

*254. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of users of the Limerick bike scheme in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, by station, in tabular form; and the number of 2024 memberships recorded to date.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [1261/24]

*255. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the roll-out of next gen ticketing in Cork city and county buses. — Sean Sherlock. [1262/24]

*256. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus users on each individual bus route in Cork city and county in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [1263/24]

*257. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus users on each individual bus route in Waterford city and county in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [1264/24]

*258. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus users on each individual bus route in Galway city and county in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [1265/24]

*259. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus users on each individual bus route in Limerick city and county in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [1266/24]

*260. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus users on each individual bus route in Dublin city and county in each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [1267/24]

*261. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of applications for additional park and ride locations in cork city; the amount spent to date on such applications and proposed dates for constructions. — Sean Sherlock. [1270/24]

*262. To ask the Minister for Transport when the route for the Northern Distributor Road in Cork city will be chosen; and when work will commence. — Sean Sherlock. [1271/24]

*263. To ask the Minister for Transport the date of publication of TII funding for 2024 for national roads and by-passes. — Sean Sherlock. [1272/24]

*264. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason an applicant (details supplied) for a CPC card has to re-sit the theory test to be approved for the CPC card when they already passed the theory test in 2012 when they applied for a learner permit. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1278/24]

*265. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason travel centres have been closed in all bus stations. — Thomas Gould. [1282/24]

*266. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the planned rollout of hybrid or electric buses in Cork after the initial tranche of 35 are in operation. — Thomas Gould. [1283/24]

*267. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a comprehensive breakdown of road traffic collisions, by county for the most recent year available, detailing the number of incidents, fatalities and serious injuries in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [1284/24]

*268. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of purchasing 100 extra hybrid and 18 extra hydrogen buses for the Dublin Bus fleet. — Paul Donnelly. [1297/24]

*269. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of cross-Border driving bans that the RSA has sought to enforce through the courts since 1 January 2020 to date in 2024; the number of such bans that have actually been enforced; the status of each case to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [1299/24]

*270. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions being taken by his Department to reduce waiting times for driving tests in the Dublin area; the current waiting times, by test centre in Dublin; his Department's target wait time for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [1338/24]

*271. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to run an information campaign for motorists who may be able to use hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) in their vehicles, given that it is now available at some petrol stations; if the Government will encourage and incentivise the roll-out of HVO across the country in view of its ability to reduce fossil fuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1342/24]

*272. To ask the Minister for Transport when the NTA will receive its 2024 funding allocation; and the reason for the delay to date.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [1346/24]

*273. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the Transport For Ireland Live app does not process the Nightlink bus information; if there is a plan to process this information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1350/24]

*274. To ask the Minister for Transport if the eSPSV grant is due to reopen for applications in 2024; and if so, if the eligibility requirements will remain the same as in the 2023 round of the scheme. — Patrick Costello. [1361/24]

*275. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to make the wearing of high-visibility clothing a legal requirement for pedestrians and cyclists due to the high level of pedestrian fatalities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [1396/24]

*276. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement his Department has had with the RSA to develop measures necessary to reduce driving test waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1429/24]

*277. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that drivers who are limited to a three year driving licence due to medical reasons, when renewing their licence pay almost double that of a driver without medical issues in a ten year period where a three year licence is currently €35 and a ten year licence is €55; the reason this is the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1475/24]

*278. To ask the Minister for Transport to confirm which entities including public bodies under his remit are included in and required to implement the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan and if those not currently included will be added; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1499/24]

*279. To ask the Minister for Transport for an updated timetable on the completion of works at Portmarnock train station; when these works will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1509/24]

*280. To ask the Minister for Transport the final number of car parking spaces that will be available at Portmarnock train station upon the completion of works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1510/24]

*281. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason seven driving testers are being made redundant by the RSA in February and March this year, particularly given the current backlogs; the reason these driving testers have not been given permanent contracts to date despite being employed by the RSA as driving testers for three years; to list the areas where redundancies are being made in 2024 together with the waiting lists in those areas; if he will urgently review this issue to avoid further backlogs particularly when Government policy is to increase the number of tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [1511/24]

*282. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of fatal car accidents in each county, in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1521/24]

*283. To ask the Minister for Transport where a person can seek records of their father's employment as a station master from 1916-1934. — Thomas Gould. [1555/24]

*284. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of applicants awaiting a driving test, by county and age and the length of time that they are waiting, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [1562/24]

*285. To ask the Minister for Transport when a driving test appointment will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1577/24]

*286. To ask the Minister for Transport if further consideration will be given to the provision of support for hackney services in rural communities in counties Cavan and Monaghan where it is not feasible to have a bus service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [1583/24]

*287. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of difficulties being experienced in the replacement of Leap Cards for students, including in the case of a student (details supplied); if he intends to reform the system or make improvements in this respect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [1597/24]

*288. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will receive a date for a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [1655/24]

*289. To ask the Minister for Transport if an aircraft (details supplied) was approved to carry weapons or munitions or US soldiers through Shannon Airport; the reason(s) such aircraft are permitted to refuel at Shannon airport on their way to the Middle East while war crimes are being committed in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1668/24]

*290. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 170 of 7 December 2023, if any of the additional driver testers have been allocated to test centres in County Galway; if so, how many; to which test centres in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [1677/24]

*291. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department and the DAA have liaised in relation to the safety and quality control procedures of Boeing aircraft following recent incidents with their 737 Max plane; if either have liaised with the US regulatory body (FAA) in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [1678/24]

*292. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 50 of 10 May 2023, to outline the way his Department is supporting and assisting the relevant ports and private companies within the remit of NewERA, to access funding via the Connecting Europe Facility and other grant funding in order to develop a competitive and responsive ports sector in order that Ireland can meet our targets of 7GW of offshore wind by 2030; the deadlines, if any, pertaining to applications; when he expects decisions to be made in this regard; the amounts involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1703/24]

*293. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will liaise with the NTA in relation to recent route changes that have left elderly residents (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [1722/24]

*294. To ask the Minister for Transport whether on renewing an individual’s drivers licence online the requirement to have a public services card in order to activate MyGovID will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [1752/24]

*295. To ask the Minister for Transport in light of the approval by An Bord Pleanála of the Liffey Valley to Dublin City Centre BusConnects scheme, when construction of this scheme will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [1771/24]

*296. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the toll increases that are due to be implemented in July 2024; if he will postpone these increases given the recent toll increases that have already taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [1775/24]

*297. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the concerns in the community of Firhouse in relation to when the bus route 49 will be taken out of Firhouse Village Centre to be

replaced by the BusConnects F1 route; if he will instruct his Department to review this concern and add the eight bus stops from the community college around Ballycullen Ave. and down to stop 4757 on Ballycullen Drive to the new route so that it services the community needs (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [1779/24]

*298. To ask the Minister for Transport if he, in conjunction with the Road Safety Authority will reconsider the decision to only accept electronic payments for drivers licences (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1806/24]

*299. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the development of a railway station at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [1849/24]

*300. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider extending a proposed rail line (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [1850/24]

*301. To ask the Minister for Transport what action his Department is taking to ensure that all motorway stop off petrol stations are fitted out with both fast charge and type 2 EV charging points, recognising the fact that many EV users only have type 2 connections; and if he will introduce minimum standards to ensure that all stations are required to facilitate type 2 charging points. — Patrick Costello. [1866/24]

*302. To ask the Minister for Transport further to a request from the N2/A5/Ten-T Cross Border Committee (details supplied), if he will meet with the committee to discuss the delivery of improvements and upgrades to the N2/A5/TEN-T route from Dublin to the northwest and serving the Border region and Northern Ireland. — Pauline Tully. [1972/24]

*303. To ask the Minister for Transport if the decision to accept non-cash payments only to pay for driver's licences will be reconsidered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2044/24]

*304. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a full update on the funding requirements and allocations required to advance the N2 Ardee to Carrickmacross road project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2049/24]

*305. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on TII roads funding for 2024; the reason for the delay in announcing the final allocations; when he expects the announcement to be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2078/24]

*306. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the rationale behind the reduction in the home charger grant scheme which came into effect on 1 January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [2080/24]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*307. To ask the Minister for Finance the total expenditure on the help to buy scheme in each year since the scheme was launched, including expenditure to date in 2023; and the budget allocation for the scheme in 2024. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56290/23]

*308. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of electricity tax collected from business and non-businesses categories, respectively. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56363/23]

*309. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will amend the rules regarding the imposition of the residential zoned land tax on land used for active farming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56438/23]

*310. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of officers with assigned powers (details supplied) under section 62 of the Finance Act 1994, per county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [56444/23]

*311. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of officers with assigned powers (details supplied) under section 62 of the Finance Act 2001, sections 134, 135, 136, 138, 139, 140 and 141, per county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [56445/23]

*312. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of officers with assigned powers (details supplied) under regulation 7 of the European Communities (Intrastat) Regulations 1993, per county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [56446/23]

*313. To ask the Minister for Finance what consideration has been given by him to a more favourable VAT and customs regime for products deemed to be more environmentally friendly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [56511/23]

*314. To ask the Minister for Finance the total amount in legal costs that have been recovered by the Office of the Chief State Solicitor following an award of costs in favour of a party represented by the office in court or tribunal proceedings in each of the five years up to and including 2022; how many sets of proceedings to which those recovered costs are referable in each of those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [56566/23]

*315. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [56600/23]

*316. To ask the Minister for Finance if the National Asset Loan Management Ltd is still the owner of a property (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [56604/23]

*317. To ask the Minister for Finance if a scheme will be implemented to allow homeowners to buy back their mortgage from a vulture fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [56616/23]

*318. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing a refundable tax credit that would return unused portions of the PAYE tax credit to low-income workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56657/23]

*319. To ask the Minister for Finance if the proceeds of the vacant homes tax and residential zoned land tax respectively will be retained centrally by the Exchequer or returned to the relevant local authority where it was raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [56679/23]

*320. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons who have claimed the renters credit in each month since its introduction; and if he will make a statement on the evidence used to measure its efficacy in easing financial burdens on those renting. — Ivana Bacik. [56694/23]

*321. To ask the Minister for Finance what action his Department is taking to appoint a board for the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal to deal with appeals under the disabled drivers and passengers tax relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56696/23]

*322. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify the tax position for mortgage holders of a bank (details supplied) who will be receiving a payment from the bank in 2024 on the basis that these offset mortgages are ending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [56689/23]

*323. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide an update on consultations with representative organisations about the taxation treatment of GMS income for GP practices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [56764/23]

*324. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide clarification where in the Revenue Commissioners guidance it is stated that uploading health receipts is a prerequisite for availing of a tax reclaim for gluten free foods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [56774/23]

*325. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide clarification on whether a receipt must specifically state 'gluten-free' to claim for gluten-free foods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [56775/23]

*326. To ask the Minister for Finance to examine a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [56783/23]

*327. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the VRT refund scheme was originally set up; if it was to comply with an EU directive; how much it cost to set up the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [56862/23]

*328. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of carbon tax accrued for 2023; to provide a full and comprehensive breakdown of what these monies will be used for, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56879/23]

*329. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department will engage with the Revenue Commissioners in respect of a different approach now being adopted by the Revenue Commissioners regarding the VAT 58 refund claims by non-VAT registered farmers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56894/23]

*330. To ask the Minister for Finance if due consideration will be given in coherence with Food Vision 2030, to the review and optimisation of the tax treatment of investment by agtech companies in research and development for products and services which can support sustainability goals at farm level;; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56899/23]

*331. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will list the ongoing research commissioned under the remit of his Department through the North-South Ministerial Council, Shared Island Initiative

or through other all-island arrangements; if he will outline the research that has been completed; the date of publication of the research since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56913/23]

*332. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update in respect of the purchase of a school site in a project that involves the NTMA (details supplied); and the date on which the acquisition of lands is due to be finalised. — Catherine Murphy. [57140/23]

*333. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a schedule of the personal and or person-specific data sets his Department holds that have been provided and/or shared with other Departments and/or Ministers and/or State bodies and/or agencies and/or local authorities in the past 20 years to date; if he will clarify if the transfer of data and/or records was in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records were provided. — Catherine Murphy. [57210/23]

*334. To ask the Minister for Finance if VAT applies to social and affordable housing funded by his Department and delivered by councils and approved housing bodies; and if, in those cases where VAT does apply, he will outline whether such charges could be waived to allow the delivery of social and affordable homes at lower cost. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57224/23]

*335. To ask the Minister for Finance if, in line with Action 74 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to adopt a needs-based approach to the disabled drivers and passengers scheme; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57321/23]

*336. To ask the Minister for Finance if, given the ongoing housing crisis and the precarious nature of many renting arrangements, renters in non-registered tenancies can access the renter's credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [57329/23]

*337. To ask the Minister for Finance if renters in unregistered tenancies will remain ineligible for the rent tax credit; if he will acknowledge that those in precarious rental arrangements may risk losing their tenancy if they challenge their landlord; if he will recognise that those in this position often are on low incomes and would particularly benefit from the scheme, yet based on eligibility criteria remain locked out of the scheme; if he plans to address this, in order that those who need the credit most will be included in future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [57330/23]

*338. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [57387/23]

*339. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will enact the Illegal Israeli Settlements Divestment Bill 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [1001/24]

*340. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of mortgage borrowers with long term mortgage arrears at the end of each year since 2000; the efforts being made, through assisting people in mortgage arrears, to reduce this number; whether it is intended to introduce new measures to achieve this in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1004/24]

*341. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason for the change to the refund of VAT for unregistered farmers; if this change will be reversed immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [1026/24]

*342. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide details of the amount of money claimed by the agricultural sector in VAT 58 reclaims annually for the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [1051/24]

*343. To ask the Minister for Finance for a breakdown of the number of seizures of illicit fentanyl by the Revenue Commissioners for each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; the estimated street value or worth of those seizures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1060/24]

*344. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full cost in 2024 if the number of dogs in the Revenue Commissioners dog unit increased to 55. — Catherine Murphy. [1093/24]

*345. To ask the Minister for Finance for a breakdown of the number of seizures of ketamine by the Revenue Commissioners for each of the years 2018 to 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; the estimated street value or worth of those seizures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1097/24]

*346. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in each county which availed of mechanisms to warehouse tax debt; the types of businesses which availed of the measure by county, in tabular form; the size of businesses which availed of the measure by county; and if he will provide a list of businesses which availed of the measure, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [1106/24]

*347. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will detail his engagement with the restaurant sector in respect of the warehousing of tax debt in each year since 2021; and his plans to engage with the sector in 2024. — Ivana Bacik. [1107/24]

*348. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to amend the terms of reference of the repayment of warehoused tax debt by businesses due to Covid-19 with respect to the provision of a timeline for repayment, the payment of a lump sum, and engagement with the Revenue Commissioners on the matter, respectively. — Ivana Bacik. [1108/24]

*349. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department possesses forecasting on the anticipated effect on businesses of the May 2024 deadline for repayment of warehoused tax debt with respect to job losses, future loss of tax payments, business closures and other matters; and, if so, if he will supply that forecasting. — Ivana Bacik. [1109/24]

*350. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will make a statement on the anticipated effect on businesses of the May 2024 deadline for repayment of warehoused tax debt with respect to job losses, closure of businesses and any other relevant matter. — Ivana Bacik. [1110/24]

*351. To ask the Minister for Finance to investigate reports that performing loans with AIB are being transferred to debt collectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1155/24]

*352. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of decision 1324TACD2021, made by the Tax Appeal Commissioners, in which a finding was made that the Revenue Commissioners had

been applying the wrong test for normal residence in VRT cases; if so, when was he notified; what steps the Revenue Commissioners have taken to identify and notify any individuals who paid penalties and/or taxes that were not due as a result of the wrong test being applied, and when; what steps the Revenue Commissioners have taken to identify and notify any individuals wrongly accused of committing offences as a result of the wrong test being applied, and when; how many such individuals in total have been identified to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1210/24]

*353. To ask the Minister for Finance if there has been any change to the eligibility criteria for the primary medical certificate, or if he plans to introduce changes to the eligibility criteria. — Pauline Tully. [1216/24]

*354. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason non-green projects under the SCBI growth and sustainability loan scheme are not being funded in the initial tranche of loans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1220/24]

*355. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether it is appropriate for service providers (details supplied) to charge customers a surcharge for making payments by credit or debit card. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1233/24]

*356. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and monetary value of investments held by the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund in companies which produce, export or sell weapons or dual-use items for a military purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1303/24]

*357. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason LPT charge is being deducted at source in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1307/24]

*358. To ask the Minister for Finance if he met the CEO of a company (details supplied) during his recent visit to the west coast of the United States. — Catherine Murphy. [1355/24]

*359. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of residential units and number of persons subject to the 10% rate of stamp duty with respect to the acquisition of certain residential property where a person acquires at least ten such units during any 12-month period, in each of the years 2022 and 2023, respectively; and the total value of said stamp duty paid in each of the years 2022 and 2023, respectively. — Pearse Doherty. [1477/24]

*360. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses that have availed of the debt warehousing scheme, by county; and the amounts owing, per county. — Joe Flaherty. [1486/24]

*361. To ask the Minister for Finance if the help-to-buy scheme will be extended to previous home owners who can demonstrate a housing need which they cannot meet for reasons of breakdown of a relationship, insolvency and so on or whether there is any other scheme available to help with a purchase deposit for this cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1550/24]

*362. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the PRSI record for the self-employed for 2022 has not been passed on to the Department of Social Protection; the reason for this delay; if this has happened to other PRSI contributors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1574/24]

*363. To ask the Minister for Finance how the introduction of VAT refund orders under section 103 of the Value-Added Tax Consolidation Act 2010 interacts with the VAT Directive where a minimum rate of VAT is required in a specific sector or categories of goods and services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1585/24]

*364. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of electric vehicles licenced, by county, for 2023, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1613/24]

*365. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of vehicles licenced, by county for 2023, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1614/24]

*366. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to addressing issues arising in relation to VAT refunds for farmers; if he has engaged with representatives from the agriculture sector on finding a solution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [1621/24]

*367. To ask the Minister for Finance given the European Court of Justice ruling in 2022 to bar public transparency on beneficial ownership and the international consortium of investigative journalists findings from their “Cyprus Confidential” investigations showing clear evidence of money laundering and EU sanction evasions by Russian oligarchs in Cyprus, the initiatives envisaged at a European Union-level to counteract this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [1653/24]

*368. To ask the Minister for Finance if, following the recent amendment brought forward to the Finance (No. 2) Act 2023 to rectify the issues caused by changes to tax laws for the treatment of GP income, and where the changes still impact a number of GPs who are in, or hoping to be taken over by management companies to facilitate the business side of general practice, if he can advise if this matter is being addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [1739/24]

*369. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Government still supports the Budget 2024 announcement to introduce a tax on e-cigarettes in Budget 2025; if the plans to introduce the measure in Budget 2025 will still go ahead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [1786/24]

*370. To ask the Minister for Finance if the appeal hearings for the primary medical certificate have recommenced as planned at the end of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [1851/24]

*371. To ask the Minister for Finance how many farmers were refused VAT exemptions for purchase of fixed equipment between 1 November and 31 December 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1879/24]

*372. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider raising the maximum value of the help-to-buy scheme from €500 thousand to €550 thousand in order to allow for inflation costs and the rising cost of materials (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [1983/24]

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.

*373. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56329/23]

*374. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on his work to ensure that retired members of An Garda Síochána retain pension parity in line with increases awarded to serving members of An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56339/23]

*375. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to ensure that members of An Garda Síochána who retired after 1995 on full service receive the same rate of pension as those who retired prior to 1995; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56340/23]

*376. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform how the proceeds of the carbon tax are spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56346/23]

*377. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he is aware of the concerns expressed by an organisation (details supplied) of a threat to a discontinuation of a pay/pension parity between retired members and serving gardaí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [56393/23]

*378. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW has received a request from Cork County Council for funding to carry out flood prevention measures in Castlemartyr in east Cork; if he will support such plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [56396/23]

*379. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the attention of the OPW has been drawn to a possible bequest to the State of a property with a view to securing the property for cultural and heritage use (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [56534/23]

*380. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he supports the retention of the pay/pension parity link for gardaí and other public servants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [56766/23]

*381. 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 have guided visitor experiences, in tabular form; the cost to the Exchequer of providing the visitor experiences free of charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56817/23]

*382. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the exact reason for the delay in resolving the issue regarding post-1995 retired Garda members having to apply for jobseeker's benefit to access their pension entitlements, given it is affecting a large number of Garda members at this time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56834/23]

*383. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if any decision has been made or if any discussions have taken place with his Department that would see the current linkage between the salaries of serving members of An Garda Síochána and retired members being altered in any way; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brid Smith. [56855/23]

*384. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will list the ongoing research commissioned under the remit of his Department through the North-South Ministerial Council, Shared Island Initiative or through other all-island arrangements; if he will outline the research that has been completed; the date of publication of the research since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56919/23]

*385. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will engage with representatives from an organisation (details supplied) during talks on the Building Momentum Agreement for pension parity between existing and retired members of An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [56962/23]

*386. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to address concerns arising from the discontinuation of the pay/pension parity link that will severely impact serving members of An Garda Síochána; if he will consider maintaining this precedent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57163/23]

*387. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on the refurbishment of a Garda station (details supplied) what works will be undertaken; the timeline for their commencement and completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57194/23]

*388. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the progress update on the Greystones Coast Guard station; when the tender process will be completed; the timeline for construction and completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57195/23]

*389. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a schedule of the personal and or person-specific data sets his Department holds that have been provided and/or shared with other Departments and/or Ministers and/or State bodies and/or agencies and/or local authorities in the past 20 years to date; if he will clarify if the transfer of data and/or records was in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records were provided. — Catherine Murphy. [57216/23]

*390. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform what progress has been made on reviewing the criteria of qualification for the occupational supplementary pension in relation to allowing part-time work in addition to a pro-rata pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [57225/23]

*391. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if, in line with Action 75 of the Autism Committee’s Final Report, he has plans to undertake a review of public sector recruitment and employment practices to ensure that they are autism-friendly; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57264/23]

*392. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if, in line with Action 77 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, he has plans to ensure that all environments where public employment processes are undertaken (interview offices, examination rooms, waiting rooms, and so on) are autism-friendly; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57266/23]

*393. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the reason the widows and orphans/spouses and children's superannuation scheme is compulsory within the civil service, yet is optional in public sector organisations such as the HSE; his plans to make this optional within the civil service for staff without dependents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [57389/23]

*394. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will source and release a survey (details supplied) for use on a project. — Cathal Crowe. [57399/23]

*395. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to elaborate on his plans to discontinue the long-standing and well-established pay/pension parity link which retired members of An Garda Síochána share with their serving colleagues in An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [1041/24]

*396. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the date on which the OPW updated their vehicle details in 2021, 2022 and 2023 on the National Fleet Database.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [1072/24]

*397. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if each heritage site under the OPW and has at least one floor for public viewings within that site has a lift for public use to get to each floor of that site. — Catherine Murphy. [1079/24]

*398. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if it is intended to retain the link between current salary increases for serving members of An Garda Síochána and retired members; whether breaking this link is on the agenda for the present round of public service pay talks; if so, if it is intended to have representatives of retired members participating in these discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1188/24]

*399. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if a person (details supplied) is entitled to any refund for previous years in respect of their pension paid as a former civil servant as part of the Building Momentum Agreement and any increases arising therefrom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1310/24]

*400. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 157 of 14 November 2023, if he has completed his investigation into this matter and if he can now provide a more substantive response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [1488/24]

*401. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department will sanction an increase for GP's who are in receipt of district medical

officer salaries in view of the immense service that they provide in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [1579/24]

*402. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the current status of Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill 2021; and when this Bill will move to the next stage. — Darren O'Rourke. [1632/24]

*403. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform given the recent announcement that exhumations are to take place in Mountjoy Prison to recover the remains of executed prisoners buried on site, if his Department will commence a similar scheme of exhumations to take place at Kilmainham Gaol. — Patrick Costello. [1687/24]

*404. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on proposed developments at the Oldbridge site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1758/24]

*405. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if a start date has been agreed for the commencement of remedial works on Cairn T, at the Loughcrew heritage site near Oldcastle, County Meath; the plan and schedule for the re-opening of Cairn T to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [1778/24]

*406. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he remains satisfied that issues affecting the operation and running of the National Lottery are resolved to the satisfaction of his Department with particular reference to the extent to which players of the lottery have a reasonable chance of winning in line with the mission statement; the extent to which unclaimed prizes are returned to the national lottery, its operators; if he continues to be satisfied that those who play the National Lottery are adequately protected to the highest possible standards for the operation of such lotteries. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1815/24]

*407. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the planning permission for the flood defences for Midleton will be submitted; and what interim measures will be put in place to protect citizens and their property in the East Cork area. — Peadar Tóibín. [2005/24]

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

*408. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports available for small businesses that are struggling with increased costs since the return to 13.5% VAT rate and the upcoming repayment of debt warehouse tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1986/24]

*409. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason the Irish trade office in Taiwan was previously closed; if there are plans to reopen such a trade office in Taiwan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56347/23]

*410. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the level of imports and exports between Ireland and Taiwan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56383/23]

*411. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his proposals to develop the trading relationship between Ireland and Taiwan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56384/23]

*412. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if he is considering designing such a scheme as suggested in the correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [56688/23]

*413. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of breaches of the minimum wage legislation in each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; if he is satisfied at the enforcement of the legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [56709/23]

*414. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of IDA lands north of the Kilbarry Enterprise Centre in Cork, which were re-zoned for residential development in the most recent Cork City Development plan; whether the IDA agreed to transfer these lands to the Land Development Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56715/23]

*415. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the IDA and other State supports that a company (details supplied) has received since its establishment in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [56765/23]

*416. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 171 of 14 November 2023, if the referenced ‘small number of full time workers employed on site’ (details supplied) is greater or less than the eight full time workers employed on site’ as referenced in the previous Parliamentary Question No. 244 of 20 September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56796/23]

*417. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 171 of 14 November 2023, if there has been any update on the recipes that have been submitted by the company (details supplied) for approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56797/23]

*418. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 244 of 20 September 2023, if there have been any further engagements by his Department or associated State agencies with the owners or management of a factory (details supplied); when it is now expected that the factory will move to trial production stage as referenced in the previous response; the current number of employees at the factory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56798/23]

*419. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will list the ongoing research commissioned under the remit of his Department through the North-South Ministerial Council, Shared Island Initiative or through other all-island arrangements; if he will outline the research that has been completed; the date of publication of the research since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56911/23]

*420. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will detail the most recent annual data (including 2023) on the level of IDA supported jobs, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56969/23]

*421. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will detail the most recent annual data (including 2023) on the level of Enterprise Ireland supported jobs, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56970/23]

*422. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will detail the most recent annual data (including 2023) on the level of Local Enterprise Office client jobs, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56971/23]

*423. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the progression on the Employment Permits Bill 2022 considering the legislation passed Committee stage in November 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57044/23]

*424. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on general employment permits; if he will advise on consideration his Department have given to sectoral quotas and exemptions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57045/23]

*425. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a schedule of the personal and or person-specific data sets his Department holds that have been provided and/or shared with other Departments and/or Ministers and/or State bodies and/or agencies and/or local authorities in the past 20 years to date; if he will clarify if the transfer of data and/or records was in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records were provided. — Catherine Murphy. [57208/23]

*426. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if, in line with Action 76 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, he has plans to provide autism training to all public sector interviewers to address any biases against autistic people and ensure equality of opportunity for employment; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57265/23]

*427. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if, in line with Action 78 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, he has plans to provide the option of remote job interviews by video call and other reasonable accommodations to prospective employees in the public sector; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57267/23]

*428. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if, in line with Action 79 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, he has plans to develop a long-term plan for the State to provide a high-quality public employment service directly to autistic people and disabled people to ensure equal availability of employment services to disabled people across the State; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57268/23]

*429. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if, in line with Action 86 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, he has plans to ensure that all Departments and State agencies meet their targets to employ autistic people and disabled people; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57275/23]

*430. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what recourse an employee has when the regulations on the right to sit in SI. No. 358/1995 are not being adhered to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57322/23]

*431. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the latest minimum income requirement from January 2024 for a horticulture work permit renewal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [57377/23]

*432. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated full-year cost to recruit one additional WTE overseas managers and one extra WTE senior market advisor for Enterprise Ireland; and the civil service grades these posts are normally filled by. — Catherine Murphy. [1085/24]

*433. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if Enterprise Ireland is planning a trade mission to the west coast of the US in Q1 2024. — Paul Donnelly. [1131/24]

*434. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of WTE vacancies by job title at Health and Safety Authority as of 4 January 2024; the estimated full year cost of filling each of those vacancies; and when he expects these vacancies be filled, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [1132/24]

*435. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the new minimum salary requirements for general employment permits announced by his Department will also apply to existing permit holders when they apply to renew their permits to work in this country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [1213/24]

*436. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when details of the temporary supports package for small businesses will be announced to help with the increase to the minimum wage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1217/24]

*437. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment whether the increase in the minimum salary requirement for new general employment permits to €39,000 will apply to existing permit holders when they apply for permit renewal after 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1218/24]

*438. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he or the Minister of State with responsibility for Business, Employment and Retail will meet with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to changes to the work permit scheme for non-EEA health care assistants; the steps he is taking to address the concerns raised in correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [1238/24]

*439. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he or any of officials at the grade of administrative officer and above met the CEO of a company (details supplied) in 2023. — Paul Donnelly. [1295/24]

*440. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the next EU Council of Trade Ministers meeting is scheduled to take place. — Catherine Murphy. [1358/24]

*441. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide an update on the Working Time (Reproductive Health Related Leave) Bill 2021 in relation to fertility treatment and miscarriage leave. — Sorca Clarke. [1462/24]

*442. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to a Parliamentary Question (details supplied), to issue a letter on the relevant Department headed notepaper to a person in County Mayo, confirming payment of a scheme as this person requires this letter urgently for the bank. — Michael Ring. [1505/24]

*443. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide an update on the work of the AI Advisory Council; to outline the scope of the council's mandate; the membership of the council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1735/24]

*444. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount in unpaid wages that has been returned to workers following workplace investigations by the Workplace Relations Commission by sector, and value of wages, in 2023, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [1787/24]

*445. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of inspections carried out by the Workplace Relations Commission in 2023, by NACE sector; the number of breaches detected; the type of breaches detected; and the counties in which the breaches were detected, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [1788/24]

*446. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of cases settled in favour of workers in 2023; and the total amount of compensation awarded by the WRC to these workers. — Louise O'Reilly. [1789/24]

*447. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has investigated whether dual use items being traded with Israel are currently being used against civilians and civilian infrastructure in the Israel-Hamas war; and what actions his Department will be taking under the Control of Exports Act 2023 to end this trade if these items are being used to target civilians and civilian infrastructure. — Louise O'Reilly. [1793/24]

*448. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what powers his Department has to enact trade sanctions against Israel as a mechanism to stop the deliberate targeting of civilians and civilian infrastructure in the Israel-Hamas war; what powers rest at EU level; if he will give a breakdown of the powers that he has and the powers the EU has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [1794/24]

*449. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of work permits issued by his Department in 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1807/24]

*450. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment in relation to work permits for the homecare sector, the number of work permit applications received since the scheme opened in January 2023; the number of work permits issued; the number of applications returned at initial applications pre-check stage; the number of other applications rejected and the number of applications currently in processing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [1833/24]

*451. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of IDA supported jobs in each county at the end of 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [1868/24]

*452. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of Enterprise Ireland supported jobs in each county at the end of 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [1869/24]

*453. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of Local Enterprise Office supported jobs in each county at the end of 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [1870/24]

*454. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the increased cost of business scheme announced as part of Budget 2024 will be made available to businesses along with the criteria for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1932/24]

*455. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the provision of State supports for businesses damaged and affected due to the riots in Dublin on 23 November 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [1950/24]

*456. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to detail the calendar of events proposed for the duration of Ireland’s chairmanship of the D9+ Group and the plans to involve Ireland’s telecommunications, data and data centre sector in the running of events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [1997/24]

*457. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the key supports his Department is providing for the SME sector. — Jim O’Callaghan. [2096/24]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*458. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the school transport review publication date; her views on the expansion of the criteria for access to transport in order to allay the significant transport costs borne by parents (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [56282/23]

*459. To ask the Minister for Education the number of teachers who are waiting for payment for the July home provision scheme; the reason there is such a delay in processing payments; the steps that will be taken to address this problem to ensure no such delays will take place in 2024; her views on whether the delays in processing payments is leading to teachers withdrawing from the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [56285/23]

*460. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding his Department’s view on funding for the awarding of incremental credit to post primary school teachers for relevant work experience gained in private schools outside of the EU; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [56286/23]

*461. To ask the Minister for Education her guidelines for primary school teachers in respect of homework; if there are plans to re-examine this policy or make any changes in the coming years; whether investigations have been carried out as to whether this workload should be reduced and the benefit this would have for children in the area of creativity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56299/23]

*462. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 14 of 17 October 2023, to provide an update on the review of the guidelines for the use of school buildings

outside of school hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [56302/23]

*463. To ask the Minister for Education if 70 years-of-age is the compulsory retirement age if a person entered secondary school teaching before 2004; there is no compulsory retirement age, in cases in which a person entered between 2004 and 2013; and if is 70 years-of-age again if a person entered after 2013. — Alan Dillon. [56313/23]

*464. To ask the Minister for Education the reason there is a compulsory retirement age for teachers who entered after 2013 but not for those who entered between 2004 and 2013; and the reason there is a compulsory retirement age even if a teacher is medically fit to teach. — Alan Dillon. [56314/23]

*465. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a school transport service ceased (details supplied); how her Department plans to resolve the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56321/23]

*466. To ask the Minister for Education when payments for teachers and SNA's who facilitated the Home-Based Summer Programme in 2023 will be issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56327/23]

*467. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the unfilled SENO role in a school (details supplied); the actions her Department is taking to ensure this role is urgently filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [56330/23]

*468. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for when approval for construction for a school (details supplied) will be granted for a three-room extension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [56333/23]

*469. To ask the Minister for Education to outline future plans for the provision of additional primary school facilities within schools (details supplied) to alleviate the waiting lists for children looking to be accepted into third and fourth classes, such as prefabs and additional teaching staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56338/23]

*470. To ask the Minister for Education the length of time the home school liaison officer post for south east Dublin has been vacant; when is it likely to be filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56374/23]

*471. To ask the Minister for Education the number of home school liaison officers approved for the Dublin region; of the number of approved posts, how many remain vacant; the length of time they have been vacant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56375/23]

*472. To ask the Minister for Education the proposals to provide an ASD/early intervention unit at primary schools in Monaghan town; whether such units will be available in the town by the beginning of the next school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56386/23]

*473. To ask the Minister for Education the reason enrolment for special education classes in some instances does not open until February of each year, while other classes open enrolment a year in advance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56387/23]

*474. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 218 of 10 October 2023 and 464 of 7 November 2023, when the review of the Stage 2A report will be completed in respect of the application by a school (details supplied) regarding the proposed permanent extension; if she will expedite this review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56388/23]

*475. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the serious health and safety concerns, the issues of leaks and the associated structural and electrical hazards, arising from the current state of the building at a school (details supplied); if she will ensure that the necessary building works are approved and accelerated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56389/23]

*476. To ask the Minister for Education if a matter will be examined (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56391/23]

*477. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision is anticipated regarding whether a school (details supplied) is likely to continue to as a co-educational school, with particular reference to future planning required by parents for September 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56430/23]

*478. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on proposed works to reopen a premises (details supplied); the timeline for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [56447/23]

*479. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm that she received correspondence from a person (details supplied); the actions she has taken arising from this disclosure; the financial implications of not taking any action on this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56469/23]

*480. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application for an ASD class (details supplied); and if it will be put in place for the opening of the 2024 school year. — Holly Cairns. [56486/23]

*481. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of a lack of appropriate paid leave for male primary school teachers for antenatal medical appointments; whether she agrees that it is correct for expecting fathers to get the time to attend antenatal medical appointments; and if she will ensure this issue is corrected by her Department. — Paul Murphy. [56504/23]

*482. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary and second level schools that are dependent on fossil fuels for their heating requirements; and his Department's plans to make the Irish school system fossil fuel free. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [56531/23]

*483. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ASD and special school spaces at primary school level and at secondary school level, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [56532/23]

*484. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ASD and special school spaces by primary school level and by secondary school level in Dublin, by post code, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [56533/23]

*485. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider a proposal (details supplied) from a post-primary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56536/23]

*486. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide funding for a school initiative on waste disposal (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56537/23]

*487. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to increase the practical work experience element of education in the early childhood sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56542/23]

*488. To ask the Minister for Education what actions have been taken to prioritise the capital construction project at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [56543/23]

*489. To ask the Minister for Education the status of plans for a new school building (details supplied); if she will appreciate the particular need in that regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [56549/23]

*490. To ask the Minister for Education what measures she is putting in place to address the acute shortage of secondary school places in Athenry town; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [56567/23]

*491. To ask the Minister for Education if she will introduce a scheme to provide grant assistance for the replacement of old desks in existing classes, for children with an autism diagnosis, with modern height-adjustable desks, given that it is not realistic to obtain a timely report from an occupational therapist from the HSE for each individual child in these classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [56576/23]

*492. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine a case (details supplied) whereby a school is looking to upgrade the furniture in an autism class, but cannot access an available grant as they are not a newly opened class; what grants are available for long-standing autism classes looking to upgrade their furniture; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [56577/23]

*493. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the process for the establishment of an ASD unit, at both primary and post primary; the number of students/demand that needs to be present prior to the establishment of a unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [56585/23]

*494. To ask the Minister for Education whether there is a requirement for all new schools builds, extensions and refurbishment to provide an ASD or other specialised unit as part of the build; what steps can be taken in the event that no ASD unit was provided following such a refurbishment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [56586/23]

*495. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the provision of SNAs for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [56587/23]

*496. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the possibility of a new special school for the south Wicklow area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [56588/23]

*497. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on a grant for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56592/23]

*498. To ask the Minister for Education if she will take the necessary steps to develop and extend the pilot Programme of Counselling Supports for Primary Schools into all primary schools and post primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56630/23]

*499. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give due consideration to delivering free schoolbooks to second level students, beginning with a pilot programme in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56642/23]

*500. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ring fence dedicated funding to enable children suffering from economic disadvantage to participate in in-school activities such as drama, music, educational and cultural school trips; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56644/23]

*501. To ask the Minister for Education if she will set aside funding for the purposes of expanding mental health and wellbeing supports for secondary school students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56650/23]

*502. To ask the Minister for Education to take the necessary steps to phase out the system of voluntary contributions by increasing capitation grants to schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56660/23]

*503. To ask the Minister for Education if she will expand the programme of counselling and wellbeing/mental health supports to post-primary schools targeting pupils at key transition stages in education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56661/23]

*504. To ask the Minister for Education the amount that will issue to a family (details supplied) in relation to the special transport interim grant; and when the grant will issue. — Paul Murphy. [56690/23]

*505. To ask the Minister for Education when school transport for children with special educational needs will be reinstated for a student (details supplied) currently attending a school who has had no transport supports for the past seven weeks and who is not attending school as a direct result of having no transport supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [56704/23]

*506. To ask the Minister for Education to examine a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [56705/23]

*507. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider adding some additional terms and conditions to the supplementary panel for primary school teachers in order that fully qualified teachers, who have garnered teaching experience overseas, can also be eligible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56738/23]

*508. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that resources are made available to a school (details supplied) to carry out all necessary repairs as a matter of urgency. — Chris Andrews. [56750/23]

*509. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on a project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [56792/23]

*510. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the progress of a permanent building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56814/23]

*511. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the plan to build a permanent extension at a school (details supplied) in light of the initial design difficulties that have resulted in significant delays. — Joe O’Brien. [56816/23]

*512. To ask the Minister for Education further Parliamentary Question No. 100 of 30 November 2023, for an outline of and update on the smaller student accommodation projects which are at various stages of planning and delivery throughout Dublin mid-west. — Emer Higgins. [56825/23]

*513. To ask the Minister for Education the number of times an organisation (details supplied) has requested a meeting with her; and the number of meetings that have actually taken place. — Sorca Clarke. [56831/23]

*514. To ask the Minister for Education if matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56838/23]

*515. To ask the Minister for Education whether the extra resources in special education will be used to extend the pilot whereby a team of therapists’ team with clusters of schools and pre-schools to offer a more integrated approach than is possible with the traditional referral to the HSE. — Richard Bruton. [56861/23]

*516. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will provide funding for additional accommodation at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56878/23]

*517. To ask the Minister for Education if she will list the ongoing research commissioned under the remit of her Department through the North-South Ministerial Council, Shared Island Initiative or through other all-island arrangements; if she will outline the research that has been completed; the date of publication of the research since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56910/23]

*518. To ask the Minister for Education the stage at which a new building project for a school (details supplied) is at; when the project will move to the next stage; if funding is available for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56947/23]

*519. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ask her Department’s rental section to cover the cost of rent for a school (details supplied) until such time as their new school build is completed and to take financial pressure of the school who are forced to use very limited resources for rent in order to provide additional much needed school space; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56948/23]

*520. To ask the Minister for Education the reason school curricula are not audibly accessible to children who struggle with reading; and if plans are in place to facilitate this across the board; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56950/23]

*521. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the new building works for a school (details supplied); if she will provide assurances that works will proceed as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56975/23]

*522. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56998/23]

*523. To ask the Minister for Education the funding available to parents who home school their children in cases in which there is a knowledge gap and external assistance may be needed to cover a specific subject required by the curriculum to an appropriate standard as in the case of a student (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [57002/23]

*524. To ask the Minister for Education for a timeline for the roll-out of the school solar panel scheme, by county; the number of schools to receive panels in each instance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57057/23]

*525. To ask the Minister for Education the process by which schools will receive solar panels under the school solar panel scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57058/23]

*526. To ask the Minister for Education the number and wattage of solar panels being provided to each school under the school solar panel scheme; whether the size/energy usage of the school is being taken into account in the scheme; the cost per school; if schools will automatically be connected to the grid for feed-in purposes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57059/23]

*527. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [57079/23]

*528. To ask the Minister for Education to review correspondence (detail supplied); and if she can provide an update on this application. — Niamh Smyth. [57119/23]

*529. To ask the Minister for Education what mechanism can be used to ensure that pupils such as a pupil (details supplied) moving from a junior national school to a senior national school can be assured of maintaining the same level of SNA support after the move. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [57124/23]

*530. To ask the Minister for Education what determines a school's educational profile; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [57132/23]

*531. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a response to correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [57161/23]

*532. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the development of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [57170/23]

*533. To ask the Minister for Education whether a person currently employed as a nurse by the HSE is entitled to transfer years of service to the Department of Education if they take up a job as an SNA; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [57173/23]

*534. To ask the Minister for Education if she aware of the health and safety issues in relation to the standard of a school building (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [57175/23]

*535. To ask the Minister for Education what actions she has taken since receiving evidence of the health and safety issues at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [57176/23]

*536. To ask the Minister for Education if she will expedite the provision of a much-needed new school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [57177/23]

*537. To ask the Minister for Education to outline capital investments in Clondalkin and Lucan during 2023, by school. — Emer Higgins. [57201/23]

*538. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary and post-primary schools, by name and locality in an area (details supplied), that have been approved for delivery and construction; the stage of the planning process each is currently at, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [57202/23]

*539. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a schedule of the personal and or person-specific data sets her Department holds that have been provided and/or shared with other Departments and/or Ministers and/or State bodies and/or agencies and/or local authorities in the past 20 years to date; if she will clarify if the transfer of data and/or records was in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records were provided. — Catherine Murphy. [57207/23]

*540. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on a Teaching Council application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57226/23]

*541. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she can expedite the provision of the three-school project at Hazelhatch and Celbridge, County Kildare, known as Project Liffey; if she will ensure the ongoing progress of this vital project, which is long-awaited, given the demographic pressures in the area and the resultant urgent need to expedite the proposals in the shortest possible time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57231/23]

*542. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will review correspondence (details supplied); when her Department will contact the principal of this school to offer them assistance and advice on this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [57235/23]

*543. To ask the Minister for Education if she will prioritise the construction of a school (details supplied) within its bundle, in light of the severe pressures on school places in the Greystones area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57236/23]

*544. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the construction of an extension (details supplied); to outline the process that will apply for its construction; to provide timelines for its construction; if she will expedite this process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57237/23]

*545. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the construction of an extension (details supplied); to outline the process that will apply for its construction; to provide timelines for its construction; if she will expedite this process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57238/23]

*546. To ask the Minister for Education if she has examined the need for an additional secondary school in the Greystones, Kilcoole and Newtownmountkennedy area, in light of the significant population increase in recent years and the current oversubscription for places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57239/23]

*547. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on salary and pensions for caretakers in school settings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [57240/23]

*548. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools, by county, that applied for the STEM grant; the number of applications received by the closing date and those applications that were received after the deadline; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [57243/23]

*549. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools that were approved the STEM grant, by county; to provide details of all the successful applicants in a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [57244/23]

*550. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 30 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she currently provides, or has plans to provide, funding and guidelines to all schools building new premises to ensure that they are built in line with the principles of universal design; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57276/23]

*551. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 31 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she will provide funding and guidelines to all schools to undertake an audit of their buildings with the aim of making them autism-friendly; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57277/23]

*552. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 32 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she will outline the plans she has to reduce class sizes to allow teachers the opportunity to better observe the development of pupils and to reduce distraction and distress for autistic pupils in overcrowded classrooms; and the estimated first- and full-year cost respectively of reducing the average class size by one, two and three pupils. — Pauline Tully. [57278/23]

*553. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 33 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she will engage with the National Council for Special Education to develop a long-term plan to synthesise mainstream and special educational provision in line with the UNCRPD. — Pauline Tully. [57279/23]

*554. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 34 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she plans to ensure that children in special classes, autism classes and special

schools can participate in mainstream educational classes to end the practice of segregation based on neurotype. — Pauline Tully. [57280/23]

*555. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 35 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to update continuing professional development to ensure that education professionals, including teachers and SNAs, receive suitable autism training; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57281/23]

*556. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 36 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she will engage with the National Council for Special Education to establish the number of pupils on reduced school hours and implement measures to reduce the use of such measures. — Pauline Tully. [57282/23]

*557. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 37 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she will engage with the HSE and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to ensure that children in special schools can access clinical supports in schools until such time as CDNTs are fully staffed and access to services can be reviewed; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57283/23]

*558. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 38 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to increase the pay offered to SNAs and teachers for participating in a school-based summer programme to incentivise participation; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57284/23]

*559. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 39 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she will engage with children's disability service providers to foster and encourage the participation of clinicians such as therapists and psychologists in the summer programme at an attractive rate of pay; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57285/23]

*560. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 40 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she will work with the Department of Health to amend the Disability Act 2005 in tandem with the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs (EPSEN) Act 2004 and include a right to services as well as a right to Assessment of Need. — Pauline Tully. [57286/23]

*561. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 41 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to review established practices on transitioning to new schools throughout the education system and provide more guidance and supports for schools in assisting pupils to transition between schools. — Pauline Tully. [57287/23]

*562. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 42 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to establish a national transitions service to assist autistic children and adults as they transition into primary education, between schools, to secondary education, to university, to employment and all other areas of life; the estimated first- and full-year cost of establishing such a service; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57288/23]

*563. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 43 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to establish a clear pathway to accessing alternative and augmentative

communication and assistive technology and ensure that autistic children and adults can access and retain AAC devices and supports throughout their lives; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57289/23]

*564. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 44 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to increase the funding allocated to alternative and augmentative communication and assistive technology to ensure that there are sufficient devices available to those who need them as well as training for the families of AAC users; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57290/23]

*565. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 45 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to review her Department's policy in relation to the role and the priorities of a centre (details supplied). — Pauline Tully. [57291/23]

*566. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 46 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she will liaise with the Northern Ireland Department of Education to negotiate a mutual increase in funding to a centre (details supplied) to expand its services and apply its best practice model nationally; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57292/23]

*567. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 47 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she will adopt a rights-based approach to the summer programme to ensure that it is regarded as an essential service for autistic children and their families; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57293/23]

*568. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 48 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she will establish an agency or a dedicated section within her Department to manage the summer programme and ensure that it is made available in all schools, with the participation of trained external staff where internal staff are unavailable; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57294/23]

*569. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 49 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she will develop a clear policy to ensure that there is a requirement that interventions provided within the context of special education are evidence- and rights-based. — Pauline Tully. [57295/23]

*570. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 50 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she will liaise with a centre (details supplied) to provide continuous professional development training for SNAs and encourage participation by regarding them as additional hours worked under the Croke Park agreement; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57296/23]

*571. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 51 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she will include a mandatory module on autism training as continuing professional development for teachers; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57297/23]

*572. To ask the Minister for Education, in line with Action 52 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she will ensure that all schools that are in receipt of public funding, whether public or private, foster more inclusive practices around autism, including the opening of special classes. — Pauline Tully. [57298/23]

*573. To ask the Minister for Education if, in line with Action 53 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she will design a template or guidelines for schools clearly explaining the steps that should be taken if behavioural challenges emerge in an educational setting and ensure that protocols around restraint and penalisation are stated unambiguously, with a view towards eliminating these practices. — Pauline Tully. [57299/23]

*574. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the case of a child (details supplied) who was approved for school transport in July 2023. — Denise Mitchell. [57323/23]

*575. To ask the Minister for Education the criteria for the STEM awards; if there is an appeal process; to detail the reason that no DEIS schools in Galway city received the awards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [57327/23]

*576. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of introducing free school books to fifth and sixth year students, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [57350/23]

*577. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of where the funding allocated for SEN in Budget 2024 is being spent, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [57352/23]

*578. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to ensure that data will be collected on the educational outcomes for people of the deaf and of hearing community. — Sorca Clarke. [57354/23]

*579. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider publishing centralised data every year on the number of children with SEN without an appropriate school place. — Sorca Clarke. [57356/23]

*580. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of increasing the number of educational psychologists by 40%. — Sorca Clarke. [57357/23]

*581. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of employing a full-time guidance counsellor in every secondary school and an additional position for schools over 500 pupils. — Sorca Clarke. [57359/23]

*582. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 212 of 23 November 2023 (details supplied), if she will reply to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [57373/23]

*583. To ask the Minister for Education the criteria used to allocate funding under the STEM grants for schools; if funding will be allocated again in 2024; if a school application (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [57375/23]

*584. To ask the Minister for Education what criteria was used to allocate funding under the STEM grants for schools; if funding will be allocated again in 2024; if a school application (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [57382/23]

*585. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an ASD class in a secondary school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [57383/23]

*586. To ask the Minister for Education if she will increase funding for STEM grants for schools, given the number of schools (details supplied) that applied versus those that were successful in receiving grants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [57400/23]

*587. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the provision of the new build school for a school (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [1014/24]

*588. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [1022/24]

*589. To ask the Minister for Education if there will be a further round of funding allocations for the unsuccessful STEM learning grant applicants, particularly for DEIS schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [1025/24]

*590. To ask the Minister for Education when she can confirm that provision for a new school campus (details supplied) on a new greenfield site will be included in the school capital buildings programme, with a clear timeline for delivery. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [1038/24]

*591. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 91 of 30 November 2023, if her Department has published its new set of enrolment projections for primary and post-primary schools; if not, when she expects these projections to be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1040/24]

*592. To ask the Minister for Education to explain the rationale/process in awarding the recent round of STEM grant funding; the total funding allocated; if a lottery system was used, resulting in a significant number of applications not being examined; her views on whether this is an appropriate process, given the importance of funding to schools applying; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [1042/24]

*593. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) will be approved incremental credits in respect of relevant non-teaching experience; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [1049/24]

*594. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary schools in Ireland that have an enrolment figure of 100, 200, 300, 400 and 500 students or more, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [1091/24]

*595. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a breakdown of the BER ratings of publicly funded primary and secondary schools in Ireland respectively; when the last audit of the energy efficiency of school buildings was taken; how much funding has been allocated in each year since 2016 for specific retrofitting of existing schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [1114/24]

*596. To ask the Minister for Education the reason temporary SNAs are not paid for Easter, Christmas or summer holidays, given that they are doing the same work as other SNAs; and whether she will rectify same. — Paul Murphy. [1118/24]

*597. To ask the Minister for Education to explain in detail how the allocation of STEM funding for schools was conducted and decided; and if a school's application (details supplied) was considered. — Sorca Clarke. [1148/24]

*598. To ask the Minister for Education when the ICT grant will be paid to primary schools for 2023/2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [1149/24]

*599. To ask the Minister for Education the reason funding for the ICT grant was not paid to schools for the school year 2022/2023 despite it being listed as a grant that was due to schools. — Sorca Clarke. [1150/24]

*600. To ask the Minister for Education if she will meet with a delegation of parents from Swords, in regard to the provision of a bus to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1158/24]

*601. To ask the Minister for Education how much funding was provided to schools in County Meath by her Department under the emergency works scheme and the additional accommodation scheme for the period of 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [1163/24]

*602. To ask the Minister for Education if resurfacing and or remarking works on school playground or school car parks qualify under either the minor works scheme or summer works scheme. — Darren O'Rourke. [1164/24]

*603. To ask the Minister for Education the number of home school liaison support workers in County Meath in 2023; and the number in 2019, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [1165/24]

*604. To ask the Minister for Education if a response will issue to concerns raised on the application of the STEM grants nationwide (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1180/24]

*605. To ask the Minister for Education in view of the large number of applications from second level schools for STEM grants, if she plans to allocate further funding to STEM grants early in 2024 and grant funding to other applicant schools that made applications of a high standard that were not given any grant under round one of the grants announced on 20 December 2023, particularly having regard to the importance of STEM subjects in education from both an educational point of view and for the long term benefit of the economy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1182/24]

*606. To ask the Minister for Education if school bus transport will be provided for a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1190/24]

*607. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the approved project for additional accommodation at a school (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [1237/24]

*608. To ask the Minister for Education whether in view of the large number of applications from primary schools for STEM grants she intends allocating further money to this early in 2024 and granting funding to other applicant schools that made applications of a high standard that were not given any grant under round one of the grants announced on 20 December 2023, particularly having regard to the importance of STEM subjects in education from both an

educational point of view and for the long-term benefit of the economy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1277/24]

*609. To ask the Minister for Education if there will be a further opportunity in 2024 for post-primary schools to apply for STEM grant funding from her Department, particularly schools that were not included in the list of successful applicants in December 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [1301/24]

*610. To ask the Minister for Education if she has plans to read and accept further applications for STEM funding in 2024; and if an application by a school (details supplied) was considered. — Sorca Clarke. [1305/24]

*611. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to introduce the Brain Calm Programme to the curriculum in primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [1319/24]

*612. To ask the Minister for Education if STEM grants are awarded on a lottery basis; and the reason schools are required to submit a comprehensive, time-consuming application, that is not even considered when the grants are being allocated. — Robert Troy. [1320/24]

*613. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a competition was held for the funding of STEM grants to primary schools, given this is a core curricular area and a key priority for Government; the legislation this competition was run under; what oversight measures were in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1321/24]

*614. To ask the Minister for Education if she believes the lottery system for the provision of STEM grants to primary schools was the fairest way to divide available resources; the reason a lottery was held when the number of applications exceeded expectations; if the possibility of a lottery system was explained to schools prior to the application deadline; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1322/24]

*615. To ask the Minister for Education what criteria, if any, applied to the initial reading of applications for STEM funding for primary schools; if none, the purpose of reading the applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1323/24]

*616. To ask the Minister for Education how it is envisaged that a school which did not receive funding for STEM applications will engage in STEM activities to the same level as neighbouring schools that received funding under the lottery process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1324/24]

*617. To ask the Minister for Education if it is the case that STEM grants made available to primary schools in 2024 will be lower than those awarded in December 2023; if so, how much lower; what funding is expected to be made available to the remaining unsuccessful schools, which number approximately 2,000; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1325/24]

*618. To ask the Minister for Education when a review being undertaken by her Department in respect of a Stage 2B submission will be finalised and the school (details supplied) contacted about the outcome of this review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1329/24]

*619. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider developing new school playground guidelines and undertake an analysis of spaces and funds for schools to create different outdoor areas to address the different needs of children, based on the playground initiative introduced by a school (details supplied). — Sorca Clarke. [1332/24]

*620. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider funding playground initiatives similar to the one introduced by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [1333/24]

*621. To ask the Minister for Education the proportion of DEIS schools primary and post-primary that had successful applications in the recent STEM grant round; if a quota for DEIS schools has been considered to ensure that they bridge the gap in STEM take-up between DEIS and non-DEIS schools; and when the next call under this grant can be made in order that the many quality applications which were not successful on this occasion do not lose heart. — Richard Bruton. [1339/24]

*622. To ask the Minister for Education to outline her Department's responsibility for a building (details supplied) which was subject of a fire on 3 January 2024; the progress made to date; the status of plans to refurbish the building for other purposes; the estimated timeline to bring the property back into use; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [1341/24]

*623. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost in 2024 to recruit three extra WTE Behaviour Practitioners for National Council for Special Education. — Catherine Murphy. [1352/24]

*624. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the number of schools in County Wicklow that have initiated applications for solar panel funding under the free national roll-out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [1368/24]

*625. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 205 of 10 October 2023, if she will respond to the issues raised as regards an improved pension (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [1377/24]

*626. To ask the Minister for Education the details of efforts that have been put in place by her Department to increase the number of bus drivers available in order that the issues experienced with the school transport scheme will not be repeated for the 2024-2025 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1380/24]

*627. To ask the Minister for Education the details of training programmes, including the cost of such programmes, being made available for those wishing to become qualified school bus drivers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1382/24]

*628. To ask the Minister for Education if the oversubscription of schools, in particular second-level schools, resulting in children attending a school which is not geographically the closest to their home will be taken into consideration by her Department when deciding a student's eligibility for the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1384/24]

*629. To ask the Minister for Education what measures have been put in place to deal with the expected increase in applications and demand for the school transport scheme, in view of the

announcement that the scheme will be free for those eligible for the 2024-2025 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1385/24]

*630. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the required number of eligible students needed on a school bus route for a larger bus to be placed on the route under the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1386/24]

*631. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a requirement for eligible students to live within a certain distance of an already established school bus route for them to receive a place on the bus; her Department's policy for altering established bus routes to accommodate eligible students under the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1387/24]

*632. To ask the Minister for Education if school bus usage is recorded; if a minimum attendance is required for a student to continue to be eligible for their school bus place under the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1388/24]

*633. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the required number of eligible students needed for a new school bus route to be considered under the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1389/24]

*634. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will consider some flexibility and work with families living in rural areas who are eligible for the school transport scheme to be able to avail of school bus services (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1390/24]

*635. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a list of the different school ethos's recognised by her Department in relation to the school transport scheme for secondary schools and second-level schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1391/24]

*636. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the Youth Encounter Project operated by the Tipperary ETB has to be relocated from Ferryhouse where it has been located for years; if the needs of a school (details supplied) have been considered when considering the relocation; if she is aware of the concerns of the school in relation to the proposed relocation of the Youth Encounter Project; if this proposed relocation can be reconsidered given the concerns of the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [1420/24]

*637. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on a new school project (details supplied); the timeframe for when this project will move to stage 2B; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [1428/24]

*638. To ask the Minister for Education when her Department expects the refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) will be completed; and the estimated cost for these works. — Sorca Clarke. [1464/24]

*639. To ask the Minister for Education the number of spaces by ASD units in primary schools in Sligo, by school, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [1465/24]

*640. To ask the Minister for Education the number of teachers on the substitute supply panel in Cavan at present; and the number in 2020, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [1466/24]

*641. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ICT grants awarded to post primary schools in County Kerry. — Sorca Clarke. [1467/24]

*642. To ask the Minister for Education when the construction works at a school (details supplied) will be completed. — Sorca Clarke. [1468/24]

*643. To ask the Minister for Education what supports are in place for neurodivergent students who will sit their Leaving Certificate oral examinations over the Easter holiday period; if she is aware that neurodivergent students special needs assistants will be on unpaid leave during this period (details supplied); and if she will ensure that SNAs who provide essential support to neurodivergent students sitting their leaving certificate oral examinations will be renumerated. — Louise O'Reilly. [1471/24]

*644. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for school transport which was made in July 2023. — Paul McAuliffe. [1474/24]

*645. To ask the Minister for Education if a proposed variation to a building project will be approved (details supplied). — Niall Collins. [1478/24]

*646. To ask the Minister for Education what supports have been put in place for students who require the support of an SNA during oral examinations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [1480/24]

*647. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to ensure that students with special educational needs (SEN) receive the necessary accommodations for the oral examinations due to take place this Easter; her plans to ensure that students with SEN have equity of access to and participation in assessment and examination activities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [1481/24]

*648. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the school bus transport application for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [1482/24]

*649. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on a school place for a child (details supplied); the family's options when their school place has not been provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [1483/24]

*650. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she has and or will take to ensure that young pupils at a school in Naas, County Kildare, can continue their primary education at a location; if her attention has been drawn to a petition on the matter (details supplied); and if she will engage with stakeholders and patrons on this matter. — Catherine Murphy. [1504/24]

*651. To ask the Minister for Education if an exemption will be provided to a person (details supplied) who is unable to secure a special school placement suited to their needs; if correspondence on the person's behalf will be considered and a comprehensive response provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1508/24]

*652. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the review of the second tender report for a school (details supplied); when the school can expect to be contacted on this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1535/24]

*653. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the capital project to construct a 32-room new school building for a school (details supplied) for which funding was secured in 2015; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [1561/24]

*654. To ask the Minister for Education to list all of the schools awarded STEM grants in 2023, by county and school type, that is rural, urban and DEIS; the reason she feels a lottery system to allocate the funding was appropriate, given the time and effort required to submit applications; the reason her Department did not select roll numbers at random to avoid schools wasting time with an application process when the applications were not selected on merit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [1565/24]

*655. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 614 of 21 March 2023, the status of the work referred to relating to school caretakers; and when this work will be progressed and completed. — Sorca Clarke. [1568/24]

*656. To ask the Minister for Education what plans are in place to ensure school caretakers will be afforded the opportunity to avail of a similar deal as school secretaries. — Sorca Clarke. [1569/24]

*657. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on any recent engagements her Department has had with a union (details supplied) with regard to school caretakers. — Sorca Clarke. [1570/24]

*658. To ask the Minister for Education when a local school place in Naas will be provided to a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1582/24]

*659. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a list of second level education institutions aided by her Department, that did not provide applied mathematics for the Leaving Certificate in 2006, 2011, 2016 and 2022, in tabular form. — Patrick Costello. [1588/24]

*660. To ask the Minister for Education when a survivor (details supplied) will receive housing supports and the owed services as promised; if she can provide an update on this particular case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [1590/24]

*661. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a project for a school (details supplied); if she can confirm receipt of a second tender report in October 2023; if the report has been reviewed; the timeline for the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1592/24]

*662. To ask the Minister for Education if the position of administration school principal will be retained at a school (details supplied) in Kilkenny until such time as the building works are completed.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [1601/24]

*663. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update regarding the temporary accommodation committed to for a school (details supplied) in Blessington; the estimated

timeline for the completion of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [1607/24]

*664. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the permanent school building for a school (details supplied); the timeline for the start date for construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [1608/24]

*665. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to provide supports for STEM projects to DEIS schools that were not successful in applying for the €4.7 million STEM grants announced by her Department in December 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1610/24]

*666. To ask the Minister for Education if all applications made by schools for funding under the STEM grant awards announced in December 2023 were fully read and objectively assessed by her Department; the reason her Department used a lottery system to allocate funding under this scheme; if she will accept that the scheme is underfunded based on the level of applications; if she plans to revisit the scheme and to make additional resources available to it based on clear demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [1624/24]

*667. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an up-to-date map, in pdf form, of the school catchment areas for Dublin Bay north; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [1644/24]

*668. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of the additional ASD classroom project for a school in County Tipperary (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [1654/24]

*669. To ask the Minister for Education the reason an education company (details supplied) has not yet received payment from her Department for a summer programme scheme which it supplied in Summer 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [1656/24]

*670. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 321 of 27 June 2023, to provide an update on her Department’s engagement with Dublin City Council and Glenveigh in relation to a new school and land swap for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [1657/24]

*671. To ask the Minister for Education the full cost of issuing physical payslips to teachers and other staff by her Department in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [1658/24]

*672. To ask the Minister for Education if she can advise regarding a payment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1661/24]

*673. To ask the Minister for Education to advise when a decision will be made on an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [1669/24]

*674. To ask the Minister for Education if she has plans to fund applications received for ICT support where said applications met the criteria outlined by her Department, given these schools lost out on the lottery basis on which schools were awarded, which was not outlined at the time

of applications; if she is aware of the frustration caused by the way in which this funding was allocated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [1670/24]

*675. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) can be included in the DEIS scheme owing to the extra demand on school resources arising from accommodating Temporary Protection Directive holders. — Pa Daly. [1702/24]

*676. To ask the Minister for Education if she accepts that the STEM funding for schools was not allocated according to published specific criteria, and that the use of a lottery system was disrespectful to schools that made a serious application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [1736/24]

*677. To ask the Minister for Education if she has considered providing better pay and conditions for bus escort employees of special education schools to include remuneration during school holidays, as they provide a vital service, otherwise this service will be lost due to their present conditions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1737/24]

*678. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) can be included in the DEIS scheme owing to the extra demand on school resources arising from accommodating Temporary Protection Directive holders. — Pa Daly. [1768/24]

*679. To ask the Minister for Education if there have been changes to the Irish curriculum for senior cycle students of Irish (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [1803/24]

*680. To ask the Minister for Education the reason STEM grants were allocated on a lottery basis; the reason no preference was given towards DEIS schools over fee paying schools; the reason the grant application process was not advertised in advance nor noted that schools would be competing or operating under a lottery system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [1877/24]

*681. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that may be forthcoming to alter the process for allocations for the STEM learning grant for schools that was recently allotted, given that almost 2,200 school were unsuccessful; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1881/24]

*682. To ask the Minister for Education if she will rescind the ban on school bus drivers driving school buses when they reach 70 years of age; her views on whether fitness to drive a school bus should be individually assessed for men and women between the age of 70 and 75 years. — Peadar Tóibín. [1924/24]

*683. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 194 of 7 December 2023, when arrears in pay will be made to secretaries who are now retired, given payment has not issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [1929/24]

*684. To ask the Minister for Education when a new bus route will be approved for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [1933/24]

*685. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the expenditure on new school buildings and refurbishment of existing buildings since 27 June 2020, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [1949/24]

*686. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an gcoinneofar an t-athrú atá déanta ar an méid sraitheanna pictiúr i scrúdú Gaeilge na hArdteistiméireachta 2024 (10 seachas 20) sa chéad Ardteistiméireacht eile in 2025; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Mairéad Farrell. [1985/24]

*687. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a breakdown of all fee-paying schools; the number of registered pupils per school, the fees associated with attending each school, if known; their associated religious denomination/ethos for example, catholic, protestant, muslim, non-denominational and so on; the level of State funding they received in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [1998/24]

*688. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a proposal to establish a special school in County Monaghan; the current status of any such proposal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [2002/24]

*689. To ask the Minister for Education the primary and secondary schools in County Monaghan have special class/es and the number of children facilitated at each; the primary and secondary schools where it is proposed to establish new special classes and the number of children that will be facilitated at each, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [2003/24]

*690. To ask the Minister for Education if she can address the issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [2008/24]

*691. To ask the Minister for Education to detail what measures are or will be put in place to provide for secondary school places for schools (details supplied). — Patricia Ryan. [2076/24]

*692. To ask the Minister for Education the proposals, if any, there are to award funding to more primary schools under the STEM grant scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [2094/24]

*693. To ask the Minister for Education the reason an additional specific new-build autism classroom will not be developed at a school (details supplied) for four to five years; the reason her Department will not permit the addition of high standard prefabricated or modular alternatives to allow the school to meet local demand; if she will review this urgent situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2098/24]

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

*694. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if an application will be approved (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56325/23]

*695. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will ensure that the two funding schemes to support local radio stations will be in place in early 2023 to ensure local radio stations can prepare to implement the local democracy reporting scheme and

the court reporting scheme in a timely fashion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56557/23]

*696. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total number of persons employed by Fáilte Ireland in each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56580/23]

*697. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total amount of funding allocated by her Department to each of the tourism-related bodies that received State support in each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56582/23]

*698. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of funding TG4 received from the Exchequer in 2022 and 2023. — Imelda Munster. [56601/23]

*699. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of funding TG4 is due to receive from the Exchequer in 2024. — Imelda Munster. [56602/23]

*700. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a grant application by a club (details supplied) will be successful; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56840/23]

*701. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will list the ongoing research commissioned under the remit of her Department through the North-South Ministerial Council, Shared Island Initiative or through other all-island arrangements; if she will outline the research that has been completed; the date of publication of the research since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56923/23]

*702. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the two locations for the National Famine Commemoration Day have been set that is, the Leinster location and twinning location in May 2024; if so, the exact date of these occasions; if, in future, it is possible to give a year's notice to allow the Irish people home and abroad, the community and schools and ambassadors from many countries, time to plan for such an important day in the national calendar; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [56981/23]

*703. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an dtabharfaidh sí sonraí maidir leis na tionscnaimh atá glactha ag an Roinn agus maidir leis na tionscnaimh ar thacaigh an Roinn leo chun tacú leis an Straitéis 20 Bliain don Ghaeilge. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56991/23]

*704. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the position regarding the feasibility study on the infrastructure required to be able to travel and tour Ireland's experience regions by sustainable modes of transport, as outlined in Action 12 of the Actions to Promote Sustainable Tourism Practices 2021-2023 from the Sustainable Tourism Working Group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [57050/23]

*705. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on a sports capital application for (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57100/23]

*706. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on a sports capital application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57101/23]

*707. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a schedule of the personal and or person-specific data sets her Department holds that have been provided and/or shared with other Departments and/or Ministers and/or State bodies and/or agencies and/or local authorities in the past 20 years to date; if she will clarify if the transfer of data and/or records was in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records were provided. — Catherine Murphy. [57220/23]

*708. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of an application by an organisation (details supplied) for funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1045/24]

*709. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if each of the night time economy advisors are fully accountable to her Department. — Catherine Murphy. [1078/24]

*710. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 336 of 23 May 2023, and following the ongoing interest in providing a full-time, permanent pool in the Ardee area, if she will outline when the pop-up pool might be available to Ardee in 2024; if any discussions have taken place between her Department and Louth County Council in respect of the provision of a new pool for the Ardee/mid Louth area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1117/24]

*711. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the estimated cost in 2024 if the number of Global Internship Programme for Tourism Ireland was doubled. — Paul Donnelly. [1133/24]

*712. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of full-time media managers working for Tourism Ireland in the office in Australia in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [1134/24]

*713. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of full-time social media editors working in Tourism Ireland in the office in Spain in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [1135/24]

*714. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the present status of an application under the large scale sports infrastructure fund (details supplied); whether a further announcement will be made in relation to this application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1225/24]

*715. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media whether it is intended to seek further applications this year under the large scale sports infrastructure fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1226/24]

*716. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the present status of an application under the large scale sports infrastructure fund (details supplied); whether a further announcement will be made in relation to this application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1227/24]

*717. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will examine a funding line for the construction and enhancement of swimming pools in local authority areas. — Sean Sherlock. [1254/24]

*718. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the up-to-date position regarding the construction of a new state of the art national velodrome and badminton centre; and when her Department expects this project move to the next stage of works. — Paul Donnelly. [1294/24]

*719. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide an update on the work of the Irish Language Services Advisory Committee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1435/24]

*720. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the progress her Department is making to achieve the overall objective of the Official Languages (Amendment) Act 2021 to increase the number of recruits to the public service who are Irish speakers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1459/24]

*721. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will ensure a club (details supplied) is awarded a suitable sports capital grant. — Robert Troy. [1584/24]

*722. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the percentage and number of bed spaces currently not available for use out of the total number due to same being used to accommodate those seeking asylum and those fleeing the war in Ukraine; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1602/24]

*723. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on the recently announced Failte Ireland business support scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [1616/24]

*724. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if Failte Ireland plans to provide a new food and drink strategy for 2024-2028 period. — Darren O'Rourke. [1635/24]

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

*725. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to address concerns regarding extensive changes made to a building (details supplied) in preparation for use as an international protection accommodation centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56292/23]

*726. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage a list of affordable housing fund approvals by his Department broken down by local authority and detailing the number of units in each scheme, the location of each scheme, the amount of AHF per unit in each scheme and confirmation of those schemes completed where the AHF has been drawn down, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2231/24]

*727. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of applications for the social housing tenant-in-situ scheme to date in 2023; the number of

applications rejected; the number being processed; the number sale agreed; and the number where sales have concluded, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56291/23]

*728. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the income thresholds for housing adaptation grants for older people and people with a disability will be increased; and if so, when these will apply. — Paul Murphy. [56312/23]

*729. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the agreed additional benefits, pay and improvements to the working conditions of retained firefighters will be implemented in 2023, following the accepted pay deal; if not, the date set for the final settlement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [56349/23]

*730. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the extra staffing levels promised for the retained fire fighters will be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [56350/23]

*731. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an assessment will be carried out of a recorded archaeological monument (details supplied) in County Cork to assess if the structure is suitable for a future planned works programme owing to a decline in the structure; if the local authority can apply for funding under the Community Monuments Fund for repair works under future tranches of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [56371/23]

*732. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will support plans by Cork County Council to put in place flood mitigation measures in Castlemartyr in east Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [56395/23]

*733. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it has been drawn to his attention that two local authority tenants (details supplied) applied to purchase their home under the tenant (incremental) purchase scheme 2016 and that the local authority would not allow a discount on the price of the house for the 'material improvements' carried out; if he will consider modifying the scheme, if necessary, in order that the local authority can be allowed to apply the discount for the 'material improvements' carried out on the house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [56425/23]

*734. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify the situation regarding eligibility for the first-home scheme in circumstances where a letter of loan approval has issued from the bank to the applicant but where due to escalating costs and being several months since the loan offer issued, the loan offer and savings and the help-to-buy scheme are no longer sufficient to meet the contractual costs; and if in such circumstances, eligibility for the first-home scheme can be considered. — Michael Creed. [56432/23]

*735. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it has been drawn to his attention that council tenants (details supplied) applied to purchase their home under the tenant (incremental) purchase scheme 2016 and that the local authority would not allow a discount on the price of the house for the 'material improvements' carried out if he will consider modifying the scheme, if necessary, in order that the council can allow apply the discount for the 'material improvements' carried out on the house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [56460/23]

*736. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 287 of 13 December 2022, if he will report on his further engagement with Dublin City Council in respect to converting Baggot Street Hospital into accommodation for international protection applicants; if the council supplied him with a quote for refurbishing the building, following its initial site inspection; if his Department intends to commit funding to such works, generally; and if he will report on his engagement with other Departments in respect of bringing it back into use. — Ivana Bacik. [56462/23]

*737. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has plans to issue guidance to local authorities on the issue of removing civic honours previously bestowed under section 74 of the Local Government Act 2001, or if his Department has plans to legislate to expressly grant the right to remove a civic honour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [56468/23]

*738. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many landlords have applied to Fingal County Council for the tenant-in-situ scheme since the scheme commenced; how many have subsequently withdrawn their applications; the reasons given for the withdrawals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [56474/23]

*739. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a report (details supplied) will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56497/23]

*740. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review a policy (details supplied) which is seen as a barrier to housing developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56498/23]

*741. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the review of the housing adaptation grants, housing aid for older people grants and mobility aids grants will be complete; if the income thresholds will be increased; if the level of funding for works will be increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56506/23]

*742. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to extend the croí cónaithe scheme to include properties where a portion of the property has been in use for commercial purposes, such as an office or a shop, but where an entire area or floor has been vacant for a period of two years and could be habitable; and his views on the need to convert habitable spaces above commercial sites into residential accommodation. — Ivana Bacik. [56530/23]

*743. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the need to transition financial reliefs for housing programmes to a voucher system, rather than a grant system, to ensure inclusion of applicants who have insufficient means to front the cost of works. — Ivana Bacik. [56535/23]

*744. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will amend the enhanced defective concrete block grant scheme to allow for the testing of concrete foundations, following the findings of scientific studies undertaken on behalf of the National Standards Authority of Ireland. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [56556/23]

*745. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the FHS property price ceilings are being reviewed; if they have changes since their inception; if they are likely to change in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [56589/23]

*746. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new homes delivered in 2023; and the breakdown in terms of cost rental, social, affordable, build to rent apartments and private homes. — Emer Higgins. [56605/23]

*747. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details of the amount of funding allocated to local authorities for the integration of IPAS and BOTP; what the funding was spent on, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [56607/23]

*748. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans to remedy the adverse effects made to households by vegetation from public and private lands, including the obstruction of natural light; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [56639/23]

*749. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ring fence dedicated funding for the creation of a homeless prevention budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56649/23]

*750. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total national budget for rightsizing schemes for private homeowners, how many homes were purchased under this initiative in each year since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [56680/23]

*751. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the need for an ombudsman for homeless persons. — Ivana Bacik. [56686/23]

*752. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current typical time for An Bord Pleanála to complete a Compulsory Purchase Order required by a local authority for an active travel scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56716/23]

*753. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement he has had with Irish Water, the Environmental Protection Agency and activist groups, respectively in respect of the level of sewage that was pumped into Dublin Bay in 2023; and the steps that can be taken to address this and to ensure adequate water quality for swimmers. — Ivana Bacik. [56717/23]

*754. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on his Department's work to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment in respect of the capital investment plan for wastewater infrastructure; and if he is satisfied with the adequacy of funding. — Ivana Bacik. [56718/23]

*755. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [56776/23]

*756. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will publish the framework for the new multi-annual rural water programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56790/23]

*757. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details on the vacant tax levy for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [56794/23]

*758. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost to install solar PV on 10% of social housing stock. — Darren O'Rourke. [56848/23]

*759. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost to install solar PV on 15% of social housing stock. — Darren O'Rourke. [56849/23]

*760. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost to install solar PV on 25% of social housing stock. — Darren O'Rourke. [56850/23]

*761. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost to install solar PV on 20% of social housing stock. — Darren O'Rourke. [56851/23]

*762. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost to install solar PV on 30% of social housing stock. — Darren O'Rourke. [56852/23]

*763. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost to install solar PV on 50% of social housing stock. — Darren O'Rourke. [56853/23]

*764. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost to install solar PV on 40% of social housing stock. — Darren O'Rourke. [56854/23]

*765. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Tuam LEA in County Galway will be considered an RPZ, given increasing rents in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [56881/23]

*766. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will list the ongoing research commissioned under the remit of his Department through the North-South Ministerial Council, Shared Island Initiative or through other all-island arrangements; if he will outline the research that has been completed; the date of publication of the research since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56917/23]

*767. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports that can be offered to a person and their child (details supplied) facing eviction who is currently ineligible to go on the social housing waiting list. — Chris Andrews. [56956/23]

*768. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of any properties in the north Fingal area that have been bought in the past six months by approved housing bodies (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [56964/23]

*769. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what action will be taken with respect to the sale of homes with fire safety defects by vulture funds to buyers

unaware of these defects (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [56973/23]

*770. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications and the amount of funding applied for by each local authority the disabled persons grant scheme for improvements and remedials for their homes; and the amount received from his Department for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [57046/23]

*771. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many properties have been purchased under the tenant-in-situ scheme for the purposes of social housing since January 2022, broken down by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [57077/23]

*772. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total cost of all the properties that have been purchased under the tenant-in-situ scheme for the purposes of social housing since January 2022, broken down by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [57078/23]

*773. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on grants for biocycle; the details of the eligibility criteria for these grants; when they will open to applicants and how to apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57096/23]

*774. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the house building allocation targets for counties Kildare, Fingal, Wicklow, Meath and Louth, respectively as per the housing supply target methodology for the duration of the current development plans. — Charles Flanagan. [57121/23]

*775. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the use of decoy crows for the purpose of protecting crops and animal feed by farmers has not been approved by him pursuant to his powers to approve that purpose under Section 35(4) of the Wildlife Acts, as amended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [57134/23]

*776. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to allow applications under the croí cónaithe vacant property grant for the refurbishment of agricultural buildings to bring them into residential use. — Pauline Tully. [57154/23]

*777. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a schedule of the personal and or person-specific data sets his Department holds that have been provided and/or shared with other Departments and/or Ministers and/or State bodies and/or agencies and/or local authorities in the past 20 years to date; if he will clarify if the transfer of data and/or records was in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records were provided. — Catherine Murphy. [57214/23]

*778. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to set out the details of the Cabinet agreement of 20 December 2023 on the recapitalisation of the Land Development Agency, including the total proposed increase in their capitalisation and a breakdown of the sources of funding for the additional capitalisation agreed, including ISIF, share sales (details supplied), Exchequer funding and private borrowing. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57222/23]

*779. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 392 and 393 of 12 December 2023, if he will confirm that Dublin City Council has provided the additional information sought in relation to a funding application for temporary improvement works previously carried out in response to the hepatitis A outbreak to his Department on 5 December 2023; if he will confirm that funding will now be furnished to Dublin City Council in respect of this work; when a decision will be made in respect of funding for the additional temporary work that is to be carried out in response to the outbreak of hepatitis A; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [57230/23]

*780. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated full-year cost of increasing the local government fund by 10%, 15% and 20%, respectively. — Denise Mitchell. [57324/23]

*781. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in line with Action 98 of the Autism Committee's Final Report (details supplied) if he has plans to review the application processes for social housing and other housing supports to ensure that they are accessible to autistic people and disabled people; and the estimated cost of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57337/23]

*782. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in line with Action 99 of the Autism Committee's Final Report (details supplied), if he has plans to ensure that autism is regarded as a sensory disability by all local authorities for the purposes of accessing prioritised social housing provision. — Pauline Tully. [57338/23]

*783. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in line with Action 100 of the Autism Committee's Final Report (details supplied), if he has plans to provide adequate grants to allow for sensory rooms to be added to homes and the sensory proofing of homes for autistic people; and the estimated first and full year cost respectively of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57339/23]

*784. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in line with Action 101 of the Autism Committee's Final Report (details supplied) if he has plans to ensure that local authorities engage with schools to assist in developing suitable sensory provision for autistic children; and the estimated first and full year cost respectively of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57340/23]

*785. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in line with Action 102 of the Autism Committee's Final Report (details supplied) if he has plans to provide designated funding to local authorities to add sensory areas and communication boards to all playgrounds; and the estimated first and full year cost respectively of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57341/23]

*786. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in line with Action 103 of the Autism Committee's Final Report (details supplied) if he has plans to provide autism training to staff in local authorities and ensure that autism is accepted as a condition which qualifies for housing support; and the estimated cost of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57342/23]

*787. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in line with Action 104 of the Autism Committee's Final Report (details supplied) if he has plans to incentivise participation in continuing professional development courses in universal design and accessibility

for architects and planners; and the estimated cost of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57343/23]

*788. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in line with Action 105 of the Autism Committee's Final Report (details supplied) if he has plans to liaise with professional bodies within architecture and planning to promote education in universal design and the implementation of Universal Design practices. — Pauline Tully. [57344/23]

*789. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in line with Action 106 of the Autism Committee's Final Report (details supplied) if he has plans to engage with the Office of Public Works (OPW) to implement guidelines on making facilities and sites under their auspices more autism-friendly; and the estimated cost of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57345/23]

*790. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in line with Action 107 of the Autism Committee's Final Report (details supplied) if he has plans to provide autism training to tour guides and other public-facing OPW staff at heritage sites and cultural institutions; and the estimated cost of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57346/23]

*791. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in line with Action 108 of the Autism Committee's Final Report (details supplied) if he has plans to provide more opportunities for career development in public sector planning to retain planners; and the estimated cost of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57347/23]

*792. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in line with Action 109 of the Autism Committee's Final Report (details supplied) if he has plans to recruit a designated Disability Officer in every local authority to advise autistic people and their families on accessing supports and assist them to complete the application process, where needed; and the estimated first and full year cost respectively of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57348/23]

*793. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the housing adaptation grant for older people and people with disabilities can be used for creating a sensory room and other structural adaptations in local authority homes (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [57379/23]

*794. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of land purchased by the National Park and Wildlife Service for conservation purposes since 2020 to date. — Neasa Hourigan. [1052/24]

*795. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to put a timeline on the phasing out of, and eventual ban of, the sale of invasive species, such as cherry laurel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1053/24]

*796. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons who have exited homelessness accommodation and were funded by his Department in each month from January 2019 to December 2023; the number who were minors; the number who were single persons; and the number of exits by families with children. — Ivana Bacik. [1054/24]

*797. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of single house private wastewater systems in the country; the expenditure by his Department, through

local authorities, for remediation grants to these wastewater systems in each of the past five years; the expected expenditure in 2024; whether it is intended to extend this scheme further in 2024 to make the grant available to all who have defective systems, thus causing pollution, and not confine it to those on the local authority inspection plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1063/24]

*798. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of change of use planning applications for short-term lets received by each local authority since the beginning of 2019; the number of these that were granted permission, broken down by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [1066/24]

*799. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount spent on HAP, RAS and leasing programmes in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [1068/24]

*800. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage about the workforce plan for An Bord Pleanála; the full year cost to employ one FTE per staffing level; the number of staff with environmental planning expertise employed in An Bord Pleanála and the full year cost to employ per FTE; the number of staff with biodiversity expertise employed in An Bord Pleanála and the full year cost to employ per FTE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [1123/24]

*801. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the workforce plan for MARA; the full year cost to employ one FTE per staffing level; the number of staff with environmental planning expertise employed in MARA the full year cost to employ per FTE; the number of staff with biodiversity expertise employed in MARA and the full year cost to employ per FTE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [1124/24]

*802. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify whether further submissions can be made regarding residential zoned land tax once the new draft map is released in February (details supplied); and if local elected representatives will be involved in the zoning of land. — Cathal Crowe. [1125/24]

*803. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the promised referendum on the public ownership of water services will be held (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [1156/24]

*804. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage due to the delays with the proposed eastern and midlands water supply project which was due to go for planning in 2019, if he will call for a review of this project as part of the Government review of major state infrastructure projects as the project is unnecessary and damaging to the environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [1157/24]

*805. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that Donegal County Council recently tendered for the repair of a tranche of social houses damaged by defective concrete blocks and insisted on full adherence to the current building regulations, or any subsequent revision of the regulations, while grants issued to private homeowners accessing the enhanced defective blocks scheme are calculated based on 2007 regulations; and if he believes it is appropriate to ask those private homeowners to build homes to 17 year old building standards; the reason social and private houses damaged by defective concrete blocks in

County Donegal are being repaired and rebuilt under different building regulations. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [1175/24]

*806. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to use modular housing to tackle the housing crisis, or to change the planning rules around this type of housing. — Martin Browne. [1214/24]

*807. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what action his Department is taking in conjunction with local authorities in the research and development of a national policy framework to increase the number of allotments and community gardens, given that Ireland has one of the lowest number in the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1228/24]

*808. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what action his Department is taking in conjunction with local authorities to ensure that land is secured in urban areas for the development of allotments and community gardens, given many community gardens nationally have temporary licences which can have implications for funding purposes for projects and garden infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1229/24]

*809. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what action his Department is taking in conjunction with local authorities to ensure the provision, support and protection of allotments and community gardens, given Ireland has the lowest numbers of allotments and community gardens in the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1230/24]

*810. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what action his Department is taking in conjunction with local authorities to promote the availability and use of allotments and community gardens for future environmental and biodiversity initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1231/24]

*811. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to consider using the Old Cork Prison site for affordable and social housing as well as a community hub that supports the arts and community groups while respecting the history of the area and creating a tourist attraction in the area. — Sean Sherlock. [1273/24]

*812. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what types of evaluations were carried out before authorising the purchase of Dowth Hall. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1312/24]

*813. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what steps are proposed or already being taken to end farming practices and other exploitation at Dowth Hall, in line with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) designation for national parks which obliges NPWS to take steps “to prevent or eliminate as soon as possible exploitation or occupation in the whole area and to enforce effectively the respect of ecological, geomorphological or aesthetic features which have led to its establishment”. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1313/24]

*814. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1317/24]

*815. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 48 of 6 July 2023, whether the statistical data referred to in relation to the tenant-in-situ scheme has been published yet; if not, when it will be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1340/24]

*816. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason there is no appeals process in relation to a request for an increase to a payment (details supplied) for persons who are on long-term; the reason there has been no increase of this payment to reflect the increase in rents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [1347/24]

*817. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when his Department will provide clarification to local authorities on how to proceed with applications under the enhanced defective concrete block grant scheme from homeowners who requested a change of circumstance, considering the ongoing review of IS 465 by the NSAI and the uncertainty and lack of confidence with IS 465. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [1349/24]

*818. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm which entities including public bodies under his remit are included in and required to implement the Wildlife Amendment Act 2023; if those not currently included will be added; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1394/24]

*819. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm which entities including public bodies and Government Departments in and required to implement the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan; if those not currently included will be added; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1395/24]

*820. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that a community centre is included in the plans for the redevelopment of the Oliver Bond complex in Dublin 8, given his Department's funding for the project. — Patrick Costello. [1418/24]

*821. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 79 of 1 December 2022, if an inter-departmental group has been formed to evaluate Ireland's possible participation in the Antarctic Treaty System; if so, the number of meetings that the group has held since its formation; the dates of these meetings; if the group has presented its report to him; if so, the findings of this report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1437/24]

*822. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he received the final submission on additional costs associated with a project (details supplied); and if he will publish the submission in full, unredacted; and the date on which a decision on funding will be made. — Sean Sherlock. [1473/24]

*823. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social, affordable and private units built over the past five years, by local authority area under headings (details supplied), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1476/24]

*824. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority housing units that have been built by each local authority in the past five years; the number of local authority housing units bought by each local authority in the past five years; the number of local authority housing units leased by each local authority in each of the past

five years; and the number of local authority housing units provided under any other supply mechanism in the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [1538/24]

*825. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing units that are being bought by foreign private rental firms in Ireland each year. — Peadar Tóibín. [1539/24]

*826. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the report carried out on the housing adaptation grants for older people and people with a disability; when the report will be published and available to review. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1553/24]

*827. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of any undue delays of occupation in newly built social housing units at a location (details supplied); if any delays are an isolated case, and whether any action will be taken to expedite the process in general; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1563/24]

*828. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the timeline for delivery of 67 units on Gerald Griffin Street/Burke's Avenue in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [1573/24]

*829. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the recent revelation that an estate built-to-sell originally has been bought by a company which is now charging rents of €3,000 per month (details supplied) excluding first-time buyers completely from the market; and what action he will take in this regard, if any, to prevent this from happening. — John Lahart. [1663/24]

*830. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his Department's plans for the vacant HSE-owned former St Finan's Psychiatric Hospital in Killarney, Kerry; if it will be used for the development of affordable homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [1671/24]

*831. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to further expand the croí cónaithe vacant dwelling scheme in 2024 to include more eligible properties that would add to housing supply, including the possible reduction of vacancy criteria from two years to one year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1695/24]

*832. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether bonuses in the form of share investment are included as reckonable income in social housing assessments. — Thomas Gould. [1704/24]

*833. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the criteria under which a bonus can be included as reckonable income in social housing assessments. — Thomas Gould. [1705/24]

*834. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will issue guidance to returning officers stating that election candidates do not need to list their full home address on the ballot paper; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1719/24]

*835. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the new fire station in Dunleer, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1760/24]

*836. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a NPWS farm plan scheme annual payment for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1773/24]

*837. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of all affordable housing schemes that have drawn down their affordable housing fund, by the name of the scheme, the local authority responsible for the scheme and the amount of AHF per unit in each scheme, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1781/24]

*838. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on an issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [1842/24]

*839. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the use of modular housing in tackling shortage of supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [1843/24]

*840. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the recent increase in homelessness, with particular reference to child homelessness; the measures he will take to combat same in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [1844/24]

*841. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when housing schemes will be funded (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [1845/24]

*842. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what measures he is taking to improve the standard of homeless hostel accommodation for rough sleepers, in light of the all-too-common opinion that people 'are safer on the streets' than in some homeless hostels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1860/24]

*843. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to ensure that the bulk purchase of homes that were supposed to be available to individual buyers (details supplied) will not happen again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1884/24]

*844. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will introduce legislation to prevent investment funds from bulk purchasing homes in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1885/24]

*845. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that banks will not issue mortgages in the case of a tenant purchase, due to the operation of the clawback clause on the tenant purchase discount, and as result this locks out families whose income does not fit the conditions of a local authority loan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [1900/24]

*846. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of developments funded through the capital advanced leasing facility (CALF) between 2020 and 2022 inclusive, broken down by year and county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [1980/24]

*847. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social housing units by local authority and the total numbers of each nationalities tenanted these properties, in tabular form. — Joe Flaherty. [2006/24]

*848. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2045/24]

*849. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the criteria that must be satisfied in order for a local authority to purchase a property under a scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2046/24]

*850. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what provisions/funding have been allocated for the St. Brigid 1500 celebrations in County Kildare, for February 2024; and if he can give details of same. — Patricia Ryan. [2067/24]

*851. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address and clarify a situation of multiple and repeated failures with regard to the air and water home heating/hot water systems (details supplied). — Patricia Ryan. [2077/24]

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

*852. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many applications for aid have been received by the State for aid in east Cork since the flooding on 18 October 2023; and how much money has been paid out to date in aid to the residents of east Cork since the flooding. — Peadar Tóibín. [2004/24]

*853. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a claim was cancelled after ten years, when the child (details supplied) in question still has the same diagnoses as they did ten years ago; if she will reinstate this claim immediately; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [56284/23]

*854. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be reached on an application for the one-parent family payment for a person (details supplied) in County Mayo, in view of the inordinate amount of time it is taking to be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56287/23]

*855. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) has sufficient contributions to qualify for a non-means tested illness benefit. — John McGuinness. [56311/23]

*856. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports that are available for a self-employed person who has to stop working for a period of time due to a diagnosed illness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56326/23]

*857. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an appeal will be finalised for a person (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56345/23]

*858. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a review (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56413/23]

*859. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to clarify the position regarding the hot school meals programme for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [56431/23]

*860. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an appeal by a person (details supplied) will be supported. — Seán Canney. [56435/23]

*861. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide a breakdown of the monies provided to people in receipt of temporary protection, in total and per month, since February 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56477/23]

*862. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the options available to a person (details supplied) in a situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [56480/23]

*863. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the review of an application (details supplied); what documents are being requested and are outstanding for this application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56502/23]

*864. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [56598/23]

*865. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 544 of 14 July 2022, the number of persons currently in receipt of a disability-related social protection payment, by the type of payment, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [56599/23]

*866. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of plans to extend child benefit for those continuing in secondary education but who have turned 18 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56614/23]

*867. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending the household benefits scheme and additional needs payment scheme to heart failure patients, in light of the significant financial pressure faced by sufferers and the anxiety caused by a condition that results in the death of over one in three sufferers within five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56634/23]

*868. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to consider expanding the child benefit scheme to children over the age of 18 years in education experiencing economic disadvantage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56643/23]

*869. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending the fuel allowance to recipients of the working family payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56646/23]

*870. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending the job seekers transition payment to one-parent families in work, training or education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56647/23]

*871. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider introducing a cost of disability payment in addition to those in receipt of a disability related payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56654/23]

*872. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider expanding the child benefit scheme to children over the age of 18 years in school who are in receipt of the back-to-school clothing and footwear allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56659/23]

*873. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the carer's benefit payment is not considered a qualifying payment for the household benefits package (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [56662/23]

*874. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people on disability allowance and invalidity pension who to date in 2023 have lost their entitlement to these payments entirely or have had them reduced following a change in circumstance where they now reside with a partner initiating a review of their income, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [56668/23]

*875. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amounts of money paid as children's allowance to Ukrainian refugees living in Ireland in 2022 and 2023 to date. — Marian Harkin. [56681/23]

*876. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if children's allowance being paid for the children of Ukrainian refugees is continued when those children leave the State and the number of checks that have been carried out to assess that those children are resident in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [56682/23]

*877. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount of money paid as children's allowance to persons who live outside the State in each of the years 2005 to 2023, by country of destination, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [56683/23]

*878. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount of money paid under the heading adult dependant allowance in each of the years 2015 to 2023, inclusive to those who reside outside the State, by the country of destination of these payments, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [56684/23]

*879. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a referral for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal to EmployAbility Northwest will be expedited; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [56711/23]

*880. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the target times that apply to the processing of jobseeker payments; and if she will report on the achievement of these targets in each month of 2023. — Ivana Bacik. [56728/23]

*881. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a schedule of the data sets she provides to the forward planning unit of the Department of Education on an annual basis;

and if she will clarify if the data she provides is aggregated or whether it is individual records. — Catherine Murphy. [56730/23]

*882. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the circumstances of the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined to ascertain if more persons are affected, with a view to ensuring that persons in these circumstances receive the Christmas bonus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [56751/23]

*883. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider launching an awareness campaign for the household benefit package targeted towards persons over 70 years-of-age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [56760/23]

*884. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Cork has an entitlement to the State pension (non-contributory). — Michael Creed. [56772/23]

*885. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in light of the new pension deferral scheme, workers who defer their pension will be eligible for certain benefits, for example, illness benefit, if they are over the age of 66 years but are not claiming their pension and still working full time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [56782/23]

*886. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how jobs funded through the WorkAbility: Inclusive Pathways to Employment Programme would be advertised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56791/23]

*887. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No.148 of 13 December 2023, if there is an appeal process through which a school (details supplied) can seek to be included in the hot school meals programme; and if so, if the process will be outlined. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56810/23]

*888. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what plans are being considered to allow unmarried partners qualify for the widow’s pension upon the death of their partner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [56815/23]

*889. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware that apart from some long service incremental increases for long-serving staff in 2017, staff in the Citizens Information Service have not received a wage increase since 2008 (details supplied); her plans to implement this recommended wage increase; the date for the implementation of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [56847/23]

*890. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the expected timelines for pay parity claims for Tús supervisors; if he will respond to concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [56875/23]

*891. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on an application (details supplied) for the State pension (non-contributory). — Michael Creed. [56884/23]

*892. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether retrospective applications can be granted for a carer’s allowance (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [56905/23]

*893. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will list the ongoing research commissioned under the remit of her Department through the North-South Ministerial Council,

Shared Island Initiative or through other all-island arrangements; if she will outline the research that has been completed; the date of publication of the research since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56921/23]

*894. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what supports are available in a situation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56943/23]

*895. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review jobseeker's benefit in order to ensure those in receipt of it, who are also working, can benefit from additional supports, given they are working and contributing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56946/23]

*896. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if financial supports are available for self-employed people with disabilities, similar to the wage subsidy scheme for people with disabilities; if not, if she plans to introduce such a scheme; if not, plans, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56997/23]

*897. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied), through paid and credited contributions, has an entitlement to the State pension (contributory), either at maximum or reduced rates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [57017/23]

*898. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on proposals submitted to her Department by the Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform as referred to in correspondence (details supplied) containing proposals formulated in the Tripartite Forum involving trade unions representing TUS and RSS supervisors, ILDN and Department of Social Protection officials in relation to the question of pay parity for TUS and RSS supervisors with their equivalents (community employment supervisors); when a decision will be made by her officials on the proposals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [57018/23]

*899. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the qualifying criteria for the fuel allowance; if it is correct that any form of income from work in a household will disqualify an applicant; if she agrees that the fuel allowance should be subject to a straight means test at all times, whether income is derived from work or social welfare; and if she will agree to a full review of the eligibility criteria for fuel allowance. — Robert Troy. [57019/23]

*900. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how a DCA appeals process could come back with a response that says “ the evidence provided does not indicate that the level of additional support required is substantially in excess of that required by children of the same age without their disability” when all the medical reports for a person (details supplied) demonstrate a high level of care for their child and that the child's condition is recognised as one of the eligible conditions. — Sean Sherlock. [57048/23]

*901. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for a breakdown of the number of DCA applications rejected by her Department, in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 and per condition of the applicant's child, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [57049/23]

*902. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in the case of 80-year-olds, she will consider the widening of the income brackets to qualify for fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [57120/23]

*903. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason persons who were born before 1 September 1946 cannot avail of home caring periods in terms of their pension; if she believes that this is discriminatory on the grounds of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [57122/23]

*904. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how much has been expended on, or for, clothing provided to international protection applicants by way of financial allowance under section 201 of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 as part of the “material reception conditions” pursuant to S.I. No. 230/2018 - European Communities (Reception Conditions) Regulations 2018 or otherwise in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively. — Michael McNamara. [57127/23]

*905. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how much has been expended on, or for, clothing provided to international protection applicants by way of financial allowance under section 201 of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 pursuant to S.I. No. 230/2018 - European Communities (Reception Conditions) Regulations 2018 or otherwise. — Michael McNamara. [57128/23]

*906. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the daily expenses allowance is provided to any persons who have been granted international protection or a leave to remain and continue to reside in accommodation provided by IPAS and have the same social welfare entitlements as Irish and EU citizens in the State. — Michael McNamara. [57129/23]

*907. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many persons who have been granted international protection or a leave to remain and continue to reside in accommodation provided by IPAS are in receipt of jobseeker’s allowance. — Michael McNamara. [57130/23]

*908. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an invalidity pension application in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57136/23]

*909. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an appeal for carers allowance in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57144/23]

*910. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if eligibility for an exceptional needs payment for a replacement boiler can be re-examined with particular reference to the fact that the applicant (details supplied) is in receipt of an invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57152/23]

*911. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the financial assistance, for maintenance and care related costs and so on, available to those who are vision impaired and have a guide dog; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [57166/23]

*912. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a schedule of the personal and or person-specific data sets her Department holds that have been provided and/or shared with other Departments and/or Ministers and/or State bodies and/or agencies and/or local authorities

in the past 20 years to date; if she will clarify if the transfer of data and/or records was in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records were provided. — Catherine Murphy. [57218/23]

*913. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an appeal for carer's allowance (details supplied) will be processed and a decision made on it; the reason for the delay in processing this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57223/23]

*914. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in line with Action 80 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, if she has plans to establish a State-run public employment service that builds on the good practice in the field of disability employment and which links autistic people to employers and offers support, guidance and information as well as tailored support services for participating employers; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57269/23]

*915. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in line with Action 81 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to engage with stakeholders including the autistic community and employers and review the wage subsidy scheme and reasonable accommodation fund with a view to promoting uptake of the schemes; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57270/23]

*916. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in line with Action 82 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to promote the availability and potential benefits of schemes such as the wage subsidy scheme and reasonable accommodation fund to employers; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57271/23]

*917. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in line with Action 83 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to amalgamate and streamline workplace support grants and the reasonable accommodation fund under one fund which employers may draw down for the purposes of accommodating an autistic or disabled employee or prospective employee; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57272/23]

*918. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in line with Action 84 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to initiate a review of the wage subsidy scheme through a rights-based, social lens and identify how best to update or replace the scheme; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57273/23]

*919. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in line with Action 85 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to remove the minimum work hours to access the wage subsidy scheme to allow for people with disabilities to access part-time employment; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57274/23]

*920. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in line with Action 62 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to introduce a non-means tested, targeted cost-of-disability payment for autistic people and disabled people with high levels of expenditure due to their autism diagnosis or disability; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57309/23]

*921. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in line with Action 63 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to introduce a non-means tested, targeted cost-of-disability payment for the carers to autistic people and disabled people with high levels of expenditure due to their autism diagnosis or disability; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57310/23]

*922. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in line with Action 64 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to introduce specific targeted supports for those with the highest additional costs due to disability, including autism; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57311/23]

*923. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in line with Action 65 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to increase the income disregard for disability allowance and carer's allowance to account for the high costs of disability; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57312/23]

*924. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in line with Action 66 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to recognise the work of carers and the services they provide the State by establishing a pilot scheme for a basic income entitlement or a participation income to replace the carer's allowance, in line with the recommendations of an organisation (details supplied) and the Joint Committee on Gender Equality; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57313/23]

*925. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in line with Action 67 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to establish a grant to assist autistic people and disabled people in paying for larger, one-off expenses; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57314/23]

*926. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in line with Action 68 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to benchmark the rate of disability allowance and other social protection payments to ensure that autistic recipients can achieve a minimum essential standard of living; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57315/23]

*927. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in line with Action 69 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to undertake consultation with the autistic community on the accessibility of information regarding supports and services provided by her Department and ensure that there is no reduction in supports when those in receipt of disability allowance reach State pension age; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57316/23]

*928. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in line with Action 70 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to undertake a review of the accessibility and user-friendliness of all application forms for disability supports with the autistic community; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [57317/23]

*929. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in line with Action 71 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to initiate a review of application processes and their transparency to minimise the rate of rejection of applications for disability supports and care supports; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57318/23]

*930. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in line with Action 72 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to allow those who were previously in receipt of disability allowance and have subsequently entered employment to retain their entitlement to a medical card and free travel pass, subject to certain limitations; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57319/23]

*931. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in line with Action 73 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, she has plans to raise the age limit of domiciliary care allowance to 18 years; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57320/23]

*932. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of providing school meals to every primary school where there is established deprivation but no DEIS classification, by county, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [57349/23]

*933. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a list of the total number of children who have received the back-to-school payment to date; the number of children who are expected to receive the payment in the coming weeks; and the total amount spent on this allowance to date, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [57351/23]

*934. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of introducing a permanent ISL voucher scheme. — Sorca Clarke. [57353/23]

*935. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in line with Action 72 of the Autism Committee's Final Report (details supplied) if she has plans to allow those who were previously in receipt of disability allowance and have subsequently entered employment to retain their entitlement to a medical card and free travel pass, subject to certain limitations; and the estimated first and full year cost respectively of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57370/23]

*936. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in relation to the estimated additional cost of implementing the Green Paper on Disability Reform that was indicated as €130 million by a person (details supplied) on 25 October 2023 at the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands, if she will give a detailed breakdown of what this estimated additional spend will consist of. — Pauline Tully. [1005/24]

*937. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how much was expended on social welfare supports to beneficiaries of temporary protection (BOTPs) in jobseeker's allowance payments, supplementary welfare allowance, State pension (non-contributory), child benefit, back to school clothing and footwear allowance, one-parent family payment, jobseeker's transitional, working family payment, jobseeker's allowance, disability allowance, carer's allowance, respectively, in 2023; if she will provide figures for expenditure on social welfare supports, respectively, to beneficiaries of temporary protection in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [1007/24]

*938. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on progress towards addressing the pay disparity that sees RSS or TUS supervisors paid less than community employment supervisors for very similar work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [1015/24]

*939. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the category of insurance contributions made by a person (details supplied) for the period they worked in the HSE qualifies them for an

invalidity pension; and if their record of contributions will be provided. — John McGuinness. [1030/24]

*940. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for invalidity pension, now under appeal (details supplied), will be expedited and approved. — John McGuinness. [1031/24]

*941. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 288 of 12 December 2023, regarding the European Commission Recommendation (EU) 2022/2337 of 28 November 2022 concerning the European schedule of occupational diseases, if she has responded to the request set out in Article 4 on Covid-19 caused by work in disease prevention, in health and social care and in domiciliary assistance, or, in a pandemic context; if she will publish a copy of this response; if these provisions also pertain to those who have not recovered following a Covid-19-related illness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1033/24]

*942. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total amount spent on rent supplement in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1067/24]

*943. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she spoke formally with her United States counterpart in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [1092/24]

*944. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the cost-of-living measures applied to certain social welfare payments, as announced in Budget 2024, were not available to persons on a disablement pension and unemployability supplement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1103/24]

*945. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason persons in receipt of a disablement pension and unemployability supplement are not eligible to apply for the fuel allowance based on these payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1104/24]

*946. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) qualifies for a full State pension (contributory) as currently they are in receipt of a part payment; and if a record of their contributions will be provided. — John McGuinness. [1122/24]

*947. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a school (details supplied) can be considered for the hot meals programme due to roll-out shortly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [1250/24]

*948. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of beneficiaries of temporary protection issued with PPSN's in 2023; the number of these now in employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1279/24]

*949. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for a carers support grant by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1287/24]

*950. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an oral hearing can be facilitated regarding the recently submitted appeal for invalidity pension in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1314/24]

*951. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether a full review can be undertaken into the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1326/24]

*952. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a review in respect of a carer's allowance for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1327/24]

*953. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount expended on hearing aid grants under the treatment benefit scheme in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [1357/24]

*954. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a proposed change to a social welfare payment (details supplied) is expected to take effect; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1370/24]

*955. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on a disability allowance for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [1375/24]

*956. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) is only receiving €188 per week when they have three children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [1376/24]

*957. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the terms for a welfare scheme (details supplied) will be expanded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1378/24]

*958. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware of a so-called 'Coming Clean Policy' being implemented by her Department, whereby a person who entered the State illegally and/or unlawfully obtained a PPS number can have their situation 'regularised' with a new authentic PPSN provided to them if they 'come clean' on this matter; if she will investigate to ensure that this is not happening at any level of the social protection system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1413/24]

*959. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for carer's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1424/24]

*960. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for carers allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1425/24]

*961. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in determination of appeal for carers allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1426/24]

*962. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on a child benefit application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [1436/24]

*963. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on an appeal for carer's allowance in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1485/24]

*964. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on an appeal for a disability allowance in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1487/24]

*965. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on an application for carers allowance and domiciliary care allowance in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1494/24]

*966. 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. — Mairéad Farrell. [1506/24]

*967. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who applied for job seekers allowance/job seekers benefit, who identified themselves as former farmers in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [1544/24]

*968. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an invalidity pension for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1551/24]

*969. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are plans to increase the home benefits package for over 70s; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [1572/24]

*970. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a PPS number will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1581/24]

*971. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify the criteria for the additional two weeks parental leave as announced in Budget 2024 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [1609/24]

*972. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people in receipt of jobseekers allowance payments for 12 months or longer, for two years or longer, three years or longer, four years or longer and for five years or longer, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [1679/24]

*973. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people on jobseekers allowance who are long-term unemployed and who had penalties applied to their payments in 2023 due to failure to engage with her Department's labour activation services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [1680/24]

*974. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people on jobseekers allowance who are currently in receipt of a reduced jobseekers allowance payment due to a penalty imposed on their payment for failure to engage with her Department's activation services; if she will consider stepping up control work in this area in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [1681/24]

*975. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps her Department intends to take in 2024 to ensure that long-term unemployed persons are encouraged to take up employment given the labour shortages being experienced in many sectors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [1682/24]

*976. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the savings achieved by her Department arising from control work in respect of jobseekers allowance payments for each year between 2013-2023; the savings she estimates her Department will achieve in 2024 from control measures in relation to long term jobseekers allowance payments, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [1683/24]

*977. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on a disability allowance review for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [1689/24]

*978. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for clarity around eligibility of fuel allowance for over 70s if they still have children over 18 years living with them due to the housing crisis; and if discretion will be exercised to allow receipt of allowance in these cases. — Francis Noel Duffy. [1696/24]

*979. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware of the delays in the social welfare appeals office, with the time for registration of an appeal currently running at almost 12-weeks; if extra staff will be allocated to the area urgently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1740/24]

*980. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who, having been refused the disability allowance, were successful in their appeals of her Department's decision to refuse in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1797/24]

*981. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who were refused the disability allowance, in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1798/24]

*982. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who, having been refused the carer's allowance, were successful in their appeals of her Department's decision to refuse in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1799/24]

*983. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who were refused the carer's allowance, in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1800/24]

*984. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who, having been refused the domiciliary care allowance, were successful in their appeals of the Department's decision to refuse in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1801/24]

*985. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who were refused the domiciliary care allowance, in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1802/24]

*986. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a disability allowance appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1876/24]

*987. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a directive will be implemented to ensure that recipients of non-contributory pensions in Ireland who have temporary protection status must collect their social welfare payments by presenting at a post office, rather than through a bank account; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [1999/24]

*988. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what checks are being carried out to ensure that recipients of social welfare payments who have temporary protection status are still living in the State when payments are being made into bank accounts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [2000/24]

*989. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); when a decision is likely to be received, as this has been pending for some time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2014/24]

*990. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it is possible to expedite an application for invalidity benefit for a person (details supplied). — Patricia Ryan. [2065/24]

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

*991. To ask the Minister for Justice the official status by group of the residents at the Richmond Street, direct provision centre in County Longford as of 31 December 2023. — Joe Flaherty. [2039/24]

*992. To ask the Minister for Justice the time it takes for suitability background checks on Garda recruits to be completed. — Jim O'Callaghan. [56296/23]

*993. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the review of legislation regarding owner management companies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [56297/23]

*994. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will put in place an interim non-statutory owner management company regulator until the Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011 is amended; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [56298/23]

*995. To ask the Minister for Justice if owners of units covered by the Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011 are entitled under legislation to access fire safety reports; if she is aware of cases where sales of apartments are being delayed by refusal of management companies to provide such reports to owners; the steps she can take to ensure that fire safety report information is available to owners of apartments affected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [56307/23]

*996. To ask the Minister for Justice how many prosecutions have been initiated in respect of alleged offences under section 11 of the Immigration Act 2004; the outcome of any such prosecutions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56309/23]

*997. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide details of the number of persons applying for temporary protection in Ireland, who already applied under the Temporary Protection Directive in another EU member state, by the country where they previously applied, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [56364/23]

*998. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost to the Exchequer to provide ten additional Garda youth diversion programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [56412/23]

*999. To ask the Minister for Justice what actions are being taken to improve the retention and recruitment levels in An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [56423/23]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on the work of developing new guidelines in relation to the requirements for Irish association applications for citizenship based on Irish descent or associations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56426/23]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Justice the options available to achieve the required three-year residency for a citizen of the United States who wishes to obtain Irish citizenship through descent or Irish associations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56427/23]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times the discretion available to her office under section 16 of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956, as amended, to waive the statutory conditions in certain circumstances, including where the applicant is of Irish descent or Irish associations (defined as related through blood, affinity or adoption to a person who is or is entitled to be an Irish citizen), by year, since 2013, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56428/23]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Justice if quality assurance and or compliance audits in respect of performance review ratings in the Irish Prison Service have been undertaken in the past ten years to date; and if same has been carried out in respect of data entered into the performance management system. — Catherine Murphy. [56457/23]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of protected disclosures received by her Department in the past ten years to date in respect of the Irish Prison Service; the status of same; if external consultants have been engaged to review and or investigate protected disclosures; and if she will provide a schedule of protected disclosures that have been rejected and those that have been accepted over that time. — Catherine Murphy. [56458/23]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a staff member (details supplied); if her attention has been drawn to their situation and her plans to provide assistance to them. — Catherine Murphy. [56459/23]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of a visa application in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56466/23]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which An Garda Síochána and the PSNI co-operate on joint training exercises and systems; if both police services are considering any alignment on training practices and courses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [56471/23]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a citizenship application for a person (details supplied); to account for the repeated requests for Garda vetting when the requests have been complied with and processing has been deemed completed; and to set out any other requirements

that may be asked of the applicant in order to complete the overall citizenship application process. — Sean Sherlock. [56479/23]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Justice if she, in conjunction with the Garda Commissioner, will revisit the current policing model (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56499/23]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Justice how a person can apply for the position of adjudicator on the Refugee Appeals Tribunal. — John Lahart. [56513/23]

*1011. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of people from a country designated as a safe country; the number of people from all other countries, respectively, who have been the subject of a deportation order in each of the past ten years; the number of deportation orders carried out; and a breakdown of the primary reasons the remainder of deportation orders were not carried out, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [56546/23]

*1012. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of un-effected deportation orders currently. — Pa Daly. [56547/23]

*1013. To ask the Minister for Justice the cumulative total number of un-effected deportation orders issued over the past five years. — Pa Daly. [56548/23]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Justice how many of those residing in direct provision currently have deportation orders issued against them. — Pa Daly. [56550/23]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Justice when a citizenship application for a person (details supplied) will be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [56574/23]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications for refugee status and international protection refused each year from 2015 to 2023, in tabular form; and the number of these refusals overturned on appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56584/23]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 430 of 26 September 2023, to provide an update on the matter following this Deputy's subsequent letter on this urgent issue to her Department (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [56591/23]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Justice if a delayed visa (details supplied) will be urgently assessed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [56609/23]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of hate crime and hate incident reports to gardaí broken down, by month for the past 24 months. — Patrick Costello. [56617/23]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of charges and convictions under section 5 of the Protections for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998 in the past ten years. — Patrick Costello. [56618/23]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Justice when she expects the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022 to be signed into law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [56687/23]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of instances in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023 in which bombs, grenades or improvised explosive devices have been used; and the number of occasions in that period when An Garda Síochána sought the assistance of the Army ordnance unit to manage such devices. — Ivana Bacik. [56708/23]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Justice the details of Garda personnel, broken down, by rank in the Clare/Tipperary Garda division (details supplied)); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56740/23]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda personnel in the Clare-Tipperary Garda division who are suspended currently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56741/23]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda personnel in the Clare-Tipperary Garda division who are on restricted duties that is, station work currently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56742/23]

*1026. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda personnel in the Clare-Tipperary Garda division who are in specialised units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56743/23]

*1027. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of attested gardaí who are working in office-based roles within the Clare-Tipperary Garda division; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56744/23]

*1028. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of the 56 gardaí attached to Shannon Garda station who are attached to the immigration unit at Shannon Airport. — Cathal Crowe. [56745/23]

*1029. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on her Department's engagement with An Garda Síochána with regard to the court presenter allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [56769/23]

*1030. To ask the Minister for Justice the current processing times for first-time labour market access permissions; the steps being taken to improve the processing times of first-time applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [56778/23]

*1031. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of first-time labour market access applications; the number granted; the number denied; the number currently being processed to date in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [56779/23]

*1032. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on the visit of members of An Garda Síochána to the Sellafield nuclear facility in 2004; their findings; if the gardaí were invited or sought access in that instance; if there have been any subsequent visits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56808/23]

*1033. To ask the Minister for Justice when a person (details supplied) will be eligible for citizenship; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56826/23]

*1034. To ask the Minister for Justice the current processing times for applications for the extension of student conditions applications. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56836/23]

*1035. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Gardaí assigned to Gaeltacht regions; how many are assigned to each Garda station; how many are fluent in Irish; how many vacancies there are, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [56856/23]

*1036. To ask the Minister for Justice what plans are in place to build a whole-of-Government approach to deliver community safety. — Niamh Smyth. [56858/23]

*1037. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt an dtabharfaidh sí sonraí faoi líon na dtionscadal a bhaineann leis an nGaeilge faoin gClár Infheistíochta Idirnáisiúnta (IIP) atá ceadaithe ag an Roinn le haghaidh infheistíochta agus méid an mhaoinithe a bhaineann leis. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56902/23]

*1038. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt an dtabharfaidh sí sonraí maidir le líon na dtionscadal a bhaineann leis an nGaeilge faoin gClár Infheistíochta Idirnáisiúnta (IIP) atá diúltaithe ag an Roinn le haghaidh infheistíochta agus méid an mhaoinithe ghaolmhar atá á lorg. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56903/23]

*1039. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt san dtabharfaidh sí sonraí maidir le líon na dtionscadal a bhaineann leis an nGaeilge faoin gClár Infheistíochta Idirnáisiúnta (IIP) atá á meas ag an Roinn le haghaidh infheistíochta faoi láthair agus méid an mhaoinithe ghaolmhair atá á lorg. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56904/23]

*1040. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will list the ongoing research commissioned under the remit of her Department through the North-South Ministerial Council, Shared Island Initiative or through other all-island arrangements; if she will outline the research that has been completed; the date of publication of the research since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56918/23]

*1041. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress being made with a citizenship application by a person (details supplied); if a decision is expected in the near future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [56967/23]

*1042. To ask the Minister for Justice how many person's fingerprints were checked against Eurodac to date in 2023. — Michael McNamara. [56976/23]

*1043. To ask the Minister for Justice how many person's fingerprints were checked against the Europol Information System to date in 2023. — Michael McNamara. [56977/23]

*1044. To ask the Minister for Justice how many deportation orders were made to date in 2023. — Michael McNamara. [56978/23]

*1045. To ask the Minister for Justice how many persons were deported to date in 2023. — Michael McNamara. [56979/23]

*1046. To ask the Minister for Justice if consultation has taken place with disabled persons representative organisations in relation to the Criminal Justice (Incitement to Violence or Hatred and Hate Offences) Bill 2022. — Pauline Tully. [57012/23]

*1047. To ask the Minister for Justice whether she is aware of the situation whereby bus and lorry drivers coming from South Africa to take up employment with transport companies

are experiencing significant delays in making appointments for IRP in Dublin, a three week processing time for receipt of IRP cards, and the delay this is causing for NDLS appointments, and consequently employees being unable to take up their position as drivers to alleviate pressure in public and private transport services, as outlined in (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [57052/23]

*1048. To ask the Minister for Justice what measures she has undertaken to comply with the Istanbul Convention; the cost of these measures; and the breakdown of the spend related to the Convention for the budget year 2024, in tabular form . — Pa Daly. [57086/23]

*1049. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department notifies IPAS when an applicant is no longer in the international protection application process, having been refused protection by the IPO and not appealed to the IPAT, having had their appeal disallowed by the IPAT and not sought a judicial review, or having been withdrawn or deemed withdrawn. — Michael McNamara. [57088/23]

*1050. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department notifies IPAS when an applicant is no longer in the international protection application process before, or only after the applicant's permission to remain application has been determined pursuant to Section 49 of the International Protection Act 2014 or at all. — Michael McNamara. [57089/23]

*1051. To ask the Minister for Justice if it is a matter for her Department how many persons are in IPAS accommodation who once were, but are no longer, in the international protection application process; and if she will provide the figure. — Michael McNamara. [57090/23]

*1052. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide the average and median length of time between the tribunal affirmation of a recommendation referred to in section 39 (3)(c) made in respect of an application, and the conclusion of the subsequent Minister's review of decision made under subsection (4)(b) in respect of the applicant concerned reviews concluded since February 2020; and if she will provide that figure per month over that period. — Michael McNamara. [57091/23]

*1053. To ask the Minister for Justice how many Irish residence permit cards were issued in 2023. — Pa Daly. [57099/23]

*1054. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will expedite an application for international protection (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [57102/23]

*1055. To ask the Minister for Justice to give an update on the operation of the Sex Offenders (Amendment) Act 2023 and what impact she believes it is having on deterring or controlling sex offenders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [57114/23]

*1056. To ask the Minister for Justice the breakdown of the costs of the new Domestic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence Agency; the spend it will be responsible for allocating; and how much of this spend has been transferred to her Department from the Department for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [57115/23]

*1057. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update with regard to her plans for funding domestic violence refuges; and the new refuges that will be established to cover current counties with no provision. — Pa Daly. [57116/23]

*1058. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who have been granted labour market access permission who reside in accommodation provided by IPAS. — Michael McNamara. [57125/23]

*1059. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who have been granted international protection or a leave to remain less than 6, 6-12, 12-18, 18-24, 24-30, 30-36, 36-42 and 42-48 months ago, and note than 48 months ago, respectively, reside in accommodation provided by IPAS; and how many have reached the age where they have the same social welfare entitlements as Irish and EU citizens in the State. — Michael McNamara. [57126/23]

*1060. To ask the Minister for Justice when a family reunification application will be approved in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57150/23]

*1061. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57180/23]

*1062. To ask the Minister for Justice to clarify what role, if any, the new Domestic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence Agency will have in the allocation of capital spend for the construction of refuges; and how the agency will interact with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on the matter. — Pa Daly. [57189/23]

*1063. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a schedule of the personal and or person-specific data sets her Department holds that have been provided and/or shared with other Departments and/or Ministers and/or State bodies and/or agencies and/or local authorities in the past 20 years to date; if she will clarify if the transfer of data and/or records was in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records were provided. — Catherine Murphy. [57215/23]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the requirements related to BMI (body mass index) in the Garda recruitment process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [57262/23]

*1065. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of foreign nationals who successfully applied for and received Irish citizenship, who are now permanently living outside the State, and if, by so doing, they relinquish their Irish citizenship; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [57334/23]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Justice when applications by a group (details supplied) will be finalised and permission granted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [57390/23]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cases notified by An Garda Síochána to Tusla under the joint working protocol, broken down by Garda district, for 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Patrick Costello. [57392/23]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of specialist interviewers under the joint working protocol with Tusla currently in An Garda Síochána. — Patrick Costello. [57393/23]

*1069. To ask the Minister for Justice the issues considered by Ireland in deciding to be bound by the EU Asylum Procedures Directive (2005/85/EC); if opting out of the provisions of this directive was contemplated; if this decision, including the subsequent enactment of the International Protection Act 2015, is under review; if Ireland proposes to opt in to the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum in due course; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [1024/24]

*1070. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of vehicles seized by gardaí for having no valid NCT certificate within DMR region, Kildare and Wicklow in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [1086/24]

*1071. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank attached to Garda mounted unit as of 3 January 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [1087/24]

*1072. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of alcohol test purchase inspections by gardaí within the R district of DMR carried out in supermarkets, bars and clubs in 2023 to ensure they are in full compliance with Alcohol Licensing Regulations; and the number of premises that were found in breach of such legislation, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [1088/24]

*1073. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding has been provided in 2024 to purchase additional vehicles for Garda armed support units. — Catherine Murphy. [1089/24]

*1074. To ask the Minister for Justice for a breakdown of the number of seizures of ketamine by gardaí for each of the years 2018 to 2022 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; the estimated street value or worth of those seizures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1098/24]

*1075. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the citizenship application by a person (details supplied). — Denise Mitchell. [1112/24]

*1076. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of labour market access permission applications received by her Department from international protection applicants in each respective year from 2018 to 2023, inclusive; the number of applications granted in this period; the number of applications currently outstanding; the current estimated processing time for such applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1115/24]

*1077. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of loudspeakers currently owned by An Garda Síochána; and if funding is available in 2024 to increase this number. — Paul Donnelly. [1136/24]

*1078. To ask the Minister for Justice when she expects to receive the report from the Policing Authority on Public Order Policing and related issues; and if this report will be published. — Paul Donnelly. [1137/24]

*1079. To ask the Minister for Justice if all district neighbourhood watch scheme meetings have resumed within DMR; and if not, the districts within DMR that currently do not have neighbourhood watch scheme meetings. — Paul Donnelly. [1138/24]

*1080. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank on each Public Order Unit Team within DMR; the number of Public Order Unit Teams that are available per shift in tabular form within DMR, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [1139/24]

*1081. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons arrested and charged with residential burglary within K district of DMR on 24 and 25 December 2023. — Paul Donnelly. [1140/24]

*1082. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank attached to each Garda divisional roads policing unit as of 31 December 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [1167/24]

*1083. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of 1400 cc motorcycles currently in the Garda divisional roads policing unit nationwide, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [1168/24]

*1084. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans to open a special humanitarian pathway for residents of Gaza who have family residing in Ireland; if visa applications for residents of Gaza are being prioritised by her Department and the relevant embassy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1183/24]

*1085. To ask the Minister for Justice with regard to the increasingly urgent conflict situation in Sudan, if she introduced, or will consider introducing options such as stamp zero, temporary visas or other pathways to reunite Sudanese/Irish citizens or residents with their immediate relatives with agreed-upon guarantees that would ensure they will not become a burden on the State. — Pauline Tully. [1222/24]

*1086. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision will be made with the appeal of stamp 4 visas being cancelled on two applicants who moved to Ireland from Brazil (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1236/24]

*1087. To ask the Minister for Justice for a detailed breakdown of drink driving convictions, by county over the most recent year for which data is available, including the number of convictions, repeat offences; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [1285/24]

*1088. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of domestic abuse coordination teams that are based at Garda stations within DMR; the number of gardaí, by rank in each of the teams; and the number of incidents each of the DACTs have dealt with in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [1292/24]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps now being taken to finalise the application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); when it is expected that application will be finalised, given that their application will be pending for three years in February 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1300/24]

*1090. To ask the Minister for Justice for a breakdown of each cohort of newly attested recruits for 2022-2023 and the Garda divisions to which they have been assigned, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [1330/24]

*1091. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of senior psychologist and staff grade psychologist that were recruited into Irish Prison Service in 2023; and the number of those post holders left the Irish Prison Service during 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [1356/24]

*1092. To ask the Minister for Justice if the income requirement of €40,000 for family reunification will be reviewed to allow individuals in full-time employment within the State to

reunite with their immediate family; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [1362/24]

*1093. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1371/24]

*1094. To ask the Minister for Justice what action her Department is taking to reduce waiting times for an appointment for registration renewal of a GNIB card, given the current waiting time is 16-18 weeks in Limerick; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1414/24]

*1095. To ask the Minister for Justice what action her Department is taking to reduce waiting times for an appointment for registration renewal of a GNIB card for those living outside Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1415/24]

*1096. To ask the Minister for Justice the current waiting times for an appointment for registration renewal of a GNIB card for those living outside of Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1416/24]

*1097. To ask the Minister for Justice the current waiting times for an appointment for registration renewal of a GNIB card for those living in Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1417/24]

*1098. To ask the Minister for Justice whether the Family Courts Bill 2022 can be amended to include provisions that compel banks to honour court orders related to property transfers and deeds, treating them as final and binding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [1431/24]

*1099. To ask the Minister for Justice whether the Family Courts Bill 2022 can be amended to extend the first start legislation to include separated/divorced couples seeking to re-mortgage property and providing them with the same financial benefits as first-time buyers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [1432/24]

*1100. To ask the Minister for Justice whether the Family Courts Bill 2022 can be amended to provide for the establishment of separate procedures for banks to review mortgage applications from separated/divorced couples with existing court orders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [1433/24]

*1101. To ask the Minister for Justice whether the Family Courts Bill 2022 can be amended to allow for the implementation of mechanisms allowing individuals to discharge mortgages directly, eliminating the need for payments through an ex-partner's account and reducing the risk of financial abuse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [1434/24]

*1102. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 357 of 21 November 2023, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this PQ answered. — Sorca Clarke. [1469/24]

*1103. To ask the Minister for Justice to address the following matters (details supplied) with respect to finger printing, cross-checking and verification processes related to international protection applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1492/24]

*1104. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who claimed asylum or international protection at Dublin Airport for each year since 2011; the number of persons who have claimed asylum or international protection at an International Protection Office after having entered the State for each year from 2011 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1493/24]

*1105. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision will be made on an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [1502/24]

*1106. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons recruited to An Garda Síochána in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1512/24]

*1107. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who took early retirement in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1513/24]

*1108. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who have left the force in each of the past years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1514/24]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who have been assaulted while on duty in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1515/24]

*1110. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who have taken stress leave in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1516/24]

*1111. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí working in road policing at present, and in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [1517/24]

*1112. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of burglaries reported to gardaí, per county, in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1518/24]

*1113. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of stabbings/knife crimes, reported to gardaí, per county, in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1519/24]

*1114. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of speeding fines issued in each county, in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1520/24]

*1115. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of drug seizures made by gardaí in each of the past ten years, by county, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1522/24]

*1116. To ask the Minister for Justice if the review of the current two year allowable timeframe for making a claim to the Criminal Injuries Board compensation scheme has been completed; if persons who were outside the timeframe may apply at a date in the future; if the two year limit is in force for minors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [1571/24]

*1117. To ask the Minister for Justice if engagement has occurred between her Department and the Garda Commissioner in relation to the Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022, in particular the need to protect and support women who may experience increased violence as a direct result of the forthcoming Bill (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [1576/24]

*1118. To ask the Minister for Justice if there any plans to review the Firearms and Offensive Weapons Act 1990, in particular in relation to legislation surrounding knives; if any changes are being proposed to this legislation; if any discussion has taken place in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [1578/24]

*1119. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to reduce the time taken for vetting and processing of applications for the naturalisation of minors, currently at 19-23 months, which is matching the time taken for the process for adults, despite the applications for minors being made through their parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [1586/24]

*1120. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a naturalisation application for Irish citizenship (details supplied); when a decision is likely to be reached, given that it is over 31 months since the application was submitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1615/24]

*1121. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda mountain bikes attached to each Garda district within Meath division as of 9 January 2024. — Darren O'Rourke. [1631/24]

*1122. To ask the Minister for Justice when a response will issue to written correspondence to her office on 27 November 2023 from the office of this Deputy (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [1638/24]

*1123. To ask the Minister for Justice the position regarding the implementation of the short-term recommendations of the high level task force to consider the mental health and addiction challenges of those who come into contact with the criminal justice sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1674/24]

*1124. To ask the Minister for Justice to detail the number of security personnel that are employed at Rosslare Europort and all other ports and airports in Ireland to tackle issues such as smuggling and people trafficking for each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [1675/24]

*1125. To ask the Minister for Justice how many people have been found to have illegally travelled to Ireland in containers or illegally stowed away on ships for each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [1676/24]

*1126. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to establish a Penal Policy Consultative Council to advise on penal policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [1684/24]

*1127. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the Mountjoy Prison Museum; when it is open to members of the general public; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [1685/24]

*1128. To ask the Minister for Justice when an application (details supplied) will be finalised and pre-clearance granted, if she will review the circumstances around the delay in processing this application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [1688/24]

*1129. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of notifications of intention to deport issued under section 3 of the Immigration Act 1999 (as amended) for each year from 2001 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1690/24]

*1130. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons, who having been issued with a notification of intention to deport, under section 3 of the Immigration Act 1999 subsequently indicated their consent to a deportation order for each year from 2001 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1691/24]

*1131. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of instances from 2016 to date in which a deportation order has been issued despite a person indicating their consent to voluntary return in accordance with the exceptions relevant to section 48 of the International Protection Act 2015 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1692/24]

*1132. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of ‘leave to remain’ applications received by her Department from 2001 to date, under section 3 of the Immigration Act 1999 (as amended); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1693/24]

*1133. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide details on the staff composition of the arrangements unit and the voluntary return unit within her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1694/24]

*1134. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of incidents of drug-related intimidation reported to gardaí in 2023, by county. — Thomas Gould. [1706/24]

*1135. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of arrests made through the Drug-Related Intimidation Reporting Programme in 2023, by county. — Thomas Gould. [1707/24]

*1136. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of a visa application in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1746/24]

*1137. To ask the Minister for Justice when a citizenship certificate will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1764/24]

*1138. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision is likely to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1765/24]

*1139. To ask the Minister for Justice if it is possible for her to provide any further details in relation to citizenship applications (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [1766/24]

*1140. To ask the Minister for Justice the average turnaround for a spouse of an Irish national application currently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1772/24]

*1141. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has commissioned any survey work with regard to obstacles to recruitment into An Garda Síochána; and if so, the insights garnered from such an essential process, given the challenges in terms of Garda recruitment. — John Lahart. [1780/24]

*1142. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who applied for international protection in Ireland in 2022 and 2023 broken down, by country of origin; the number of those have left the country since; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1809/24]

*1143. To ask the Minister for Justice for a breakdown of the total number of deportations in 2023, including a breakdown of enforced deportations and assisted deportations, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [1834/24]

*1144. To ask the Minister for Justice for a breakdown of the number of people in 2023 who were issued with a deportation order that was not effected but have been confirmed to have left the country, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [1835/24]

*1145. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the definition of “affinity” as listed by her Department as a means of Irish association for naturalisation applicants; the number of applications received under such an association each respective year from 2019 to 2023 inclusive; the number of those applications that were successful over the same period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1883/24]

*1146. To ask the Minister for Justice when applications for naturalisation of two minors of the same family (details supplied) will be finalised; if she will review whether more resources need to be provided to address the delay in processing applications for minors of naturalised Irish citizen parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [1887/24]

*1147. To ask the Minister for Justice if another citizenship certificate can issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1915/24]

*1148. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí stationed in Irish diplomatic missions abroad, by rank and mission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1945/24]

*1149. To ask the Minister for Justice what percentage of the Garda fleet are electric run cars; what percent of Garda stations have electric charging points; whether charging points are standard in renovated or new Garda stations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1951/24]

*1150. To ask the Minister for Justice when a citizenship application by a person (details supplied) will be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [1962/24]

*1151. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update from the Courts Service on the progress of the e-probate project under the Courts Modernisation Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [1981/24]

*1152. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the appointment of a new lead researcher for the review of Part 4 of the Sexual Offences Act 2017; if she will provide an estimated timeline for completion and publication of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [1987/24]

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

*1153. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action his Department is taking to ensure the development of community-based local food growing strategies, given strategies such as these have many benefits including physical, mental health and educational

gains and to assist in biodiversity and environmental commitments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1232/24]

*1154. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on delays in ACRES payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [56222/23]

*1155. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise on the fencing of uplands under various agricultural schemes; if he will confirm that it is not necessary to fence unfenced uplands that are being grazed in a traditional manner, as stated by his Department in 2013; the reason guidelines under some schemes instead refer to the use of sheep fencing in mountain or hill areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56280/23]

*1156. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he intends to make no fence collars eligible for grant aid in TAMS III, given that they are an effective management tool for grazing livestock on uplands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56281/23]

*1157. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to address the concerns of a person (details supplied), given that they have not been provided with any compensation following flooding on the Shannon Callows (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56294/23]

*1158. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to rectify a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56319/23]

*1159. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the budget for TAMS in 2023; the number of applications received to date in 2023; the number of applications approved and rejected; the number applications which have been paid; the total funding spent on TAMS to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56322/23]

*1160. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount that has been requested to be carried over under the Appropriation Bill for 2023 and 10% allowance for each Department; how much, if any, unspent budget cannot be included within the 10% allowance and which will surrendered to the Central Bank, under Programme A or Programme B; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56323/23]

*1161. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will expedite ACRES payments (details supplied) to pre-Christmas 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [56358/23]

*1162. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine with the increasing volume of fallen animals on farms and the lack of places to render the carcasses, if he will commit to direct engagement with the rendering plants and knackeries to resolve this dispute which is escalating to a serious health hazard on farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [56359/23]

*1163. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he intends to launch the revised ash dieback reconstitution scheme; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this is

a national emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [56365/23]

*1164. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he intends to launch the native woodland conservation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [56366/23]

*1165. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the payment of €1,000 per hectare to forest owners under the Woodland Environmental Fund is income tax free; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [56367/23]

*1166. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in cases in which applicants opted into the ash dieback reconstitution scheme selecting a different forest type than that originally applied for on the form 1 which could have been years ago, and in situations where his Department has issued the approval for a forest type not selected on the opt in form, if his Department will re-issue the approval immediately allowing the species selected on the opt in form by the applicant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [56368/23]

*1167. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will urgently move to appoint an authorised officer for animal welfare in each local authority area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56394/23]

*1168. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the ACRES payment will be issued (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [56419/23]

*1169. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is mandatory for organic farmers to register with organisations (details supplied) in order to qualify for grant payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56437/23]

*1170. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise on the implementation of animal welfare standards as part of the rules in relation to live exports; the process of certifying vessels used to carry livestock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56448/23]

*1171. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will be in the position to sanction the use of multi-breed artificial insemination straws from 1 January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56450/23]

*1172. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the quantity of bark that is being imported into the country for use by nurseries and horticulture, per month in 2023, in tabular form; if this bark is being certified or checked for bark beetle at the point of export and the point of import; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56451/23]

*1173. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the visits his Department has made to Scotland and other regions affected by the bark beetle to inspect the timber being imported into Ireland to ensure it is free to bark beetle; how many visits were made; when they were made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56452/23]

*1174. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of personnel employed to inspect timber at the point of import into Ireland for bark beetle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56453/23]

*1175. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider banning the import of timber from regions affected by the bark beetle, on grounds of biosecurity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56454/23]

*1176. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 406 of 21 November 2023, if there are plans to expand the scheme to include sectors such as farming, and so on due to the lack of any other funding supports in such weather events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56455/23]

*1177. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of live cattle exported monthly; the mode of transportation used; and their ultimate destination from 2021 to date, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [56487/23]

*1178. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of inspections carried out on vehicles or boats transporting live cattle for export, from 2021 to date. — Holly Cairns. [56488/23]

*1179. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that have been taken by his Department to improve animal welfare standards on live cattle export journeys. — Holly Cairns. [56489/23]

*1180. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers affected by delays to the ACRES payment delays; the number of farmers affected by delays to the ACRES co-operation payment; the estimated dates of payment for each cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [56490/23]

*1181. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what supports will be made available to farmers who struggle financially due to the delay in ACRES payments. — Holly Cairns. [56491/23]

*1182. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current makeup of the Teagasc board; the process for appointment; and if his Department has considered expanding the board in order to allow representation from currently unrepresented farming groups. — Holly Cairns. [56492/23]

*1183. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what consultations took place with suckler farmers when formulating the changes to the beef index; and what information has been provided to suckler farmers following the changes to the beef index. — Holly Cairns. [56493/23]

*1184. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has conducted a risk assessment on the impact of the changes to the beef index on suckler farming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [56494/23]

*1185. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will engage with suckler farmers on concerns they have in relation to the survival of pedigree breeding following changes to the beef index. — Holly Cairns. [56495/23]

*1186. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the work his Department is conducting in relation to the welfare of unwanted bull calves which will be born next year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [56496/23]

*1187. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to review matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56500/23]

*1188. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the annual accounts for Horse Racing Ireland and for the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board will be presented. — Paul Murphy. [56503/23]

*1189. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an investigation is taking place into the export of an Irish greyhound (details supplied) to Hebei Province, China; if Greyhound Racing Ireland is investigating the events surrounding this dog's export to China, including a licensed individual who allegedly tried to register the dog in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [56507/23]

*1190. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a fishery (details supplied) has been closed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56508/23]

*1191. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what progress has been made with dealing with the ash die back issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [56512/23]

*1192. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has requested that an organisation (details supplied) suspend the proposed new cattle indexes pending a proper consultation and engagement with affected farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56518/23]

*1193. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of ACRES recipients in each county; the number within each county who received their payments in November and December 2023; the number in each county whose payments were delayed until 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56519/23]

*1194. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider issuing an interim payment to farmers who have qualified for ACRES in light of the delays with the overall payments to help alleviate the financial burden on farmers at this time of the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56524/23]

*1195. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when applications for a scheme (details supplied) will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56527/23]

*1196. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56528/23]

*1197. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of the footage posted by an organisation (details supplied) in relation to a livestock vessel which left Greenore

Port for Israel on 7 December 2023, with around 3,500 young bulls on board; if he agrees that it is immoral, considering the suffering these animals experience on the journey; if he agrees that it is immoral that Ireland is sending these animals to a state inflicting genocide; if he will stop approving these shipments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [56590/23]

*1198. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will ensure that no shipment of livestock transported by ship will leave when winds of force six or above are predicted, as recently happened in Foynes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [56594/23]

*1199. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) in County Cork will receive their ACRES payment.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [56596/23]

*1200. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to ensure continued support for farmers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56622/23]

*1201. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total CAP 2023-2027 allocation for agriculture in Ireland; the breakdown of how much CAP funding has been spent in 2023 and projected for 2024, by focus, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [56706/23]

*1202. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that are being taken by his Department to address the current difficulties and costs for knackerries trying to get outlets to dispose of animal remains. — Brian Stanley. [56762/23]

*1203. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications to date in grant aid for cattle underpasses under the TAMS grants scheme; if he will review the technical criteria laid down by his Department in respect of applications submitted under this grant scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [56770/23]

*1204. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) in County Cork will receive their eco scheme agri-payment. — Michael Creed. [56771/23]

*1205. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the amount allocated for payments under the agri-climate rural environment scheme in the 2023 estimates. — Michael McNamara. [56799/23]

*1206. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the amount allocated for payments under the agri-climate rural environment scheme in the 2023 supplementary estimates. — Michael McNamara. [56800/23]

*1207. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the underspend on the agri-climate rural environment scheme in 2023 to date; and the estimated underspend at the end of 2023. — Michael McNamara. [56801/23]

*1208. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the carry-over from 2023 to 2024 for payments under the agri-climate rural environment scheme which fell due to be paid in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56802/23]

*1209. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for specific dates when the delayed ACRES general payments can be expected. — Pa Daly. [56827/23]

*1210. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the next tranche of ACRES will open, and for how long; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56832/23]

*1211. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the soil sampling submission will begin again, and for how long it will be open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56833/23]

*1212. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if amendments to phytosanitary certification for fresh plant and plant products subject to Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 of 28 November 2019 establishing uniform conditions for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 as protective measures against plant pests which came into effect on 9 October 2023, are currently being implemented at Irish air and sea ports in order to avoid confusion and uncertainty for importers. — Peadar Tóibín. [56863/23]

*1213. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider reviewing his Department's recent decision to award ACRES-CP payments to farmers in the scheme in February 2024 instead of December 2023, given that this decision may cause undue financial hardship to farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56887/23]

*1214. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action his Department is taking to improve on the operational efficiency of the rollout of the new targeted agricultural modernisation schemes, given that delays in the roll-out of tranches and approving of on-farm investments can have financial implications for agtech companies providing the product or service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56895/23]

*1215. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if due consideration will be given to his Department engaging with stakeholders in the agtech sector in developing a pathway for the inclusion of agtech innovations in TAMS, ACRES and other CAP schemes, and that this pathway would allow for ongoing review of these schemes' eligibility considerations for new but proven and validated solutions shown to meet the objectives of the schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56896/23]

*1216. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action his Department is taking to ensure that other types of incentive schemes to encourage on farm adoption of technology which helps to reduce emissions is being investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56897/23]

*1217. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action his Department is taking with regards to the development of agreed validation protocols between agtech innovators and State agencies and other institutions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56898/23]

*1218. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if due consideration will be given to the inclusion of marginal agricultural sectors in support policies and schemes, given that these sectors are vital to the diversification aims of both Food Vision 2030 and the National Horticultural Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56900/23]

*1219. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will list the ongoing research commissioned under the remit of his Department through the North-South Ministerial Council, Shared Island Initiative or through other all-island arrangements; if he will outline the research that has been completed; the date of publication of the research since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56907/23]

*1220. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his Department's plans to upgrade its IT infrastructure and improve the online application process for all payment schemes; his plans to implement a system by which applications are assessed to ensure all necessary documentation has been submitted to allow applicants ample opportunity to submit complete applications ahead of deadlines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56949/23]

*1221. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will introduce a compensation package for farmers whose animals have been devalued as a consequence of the change in star ratings as introduced by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56954/23]

*1222. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will suspend the introduction of the changes introduced by an organisation (details supplied) to star ratings to allow for a full evaluation of the losses that some farmers will endure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56955/23]

*1223. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has undertaken a recent review of siltation in Howth Harbour; and whether he believes that a major scheme is now necessary for the harbour, to complement the smaller improvement initiatives which his Department is undertaking. — Richard Bruton. [56959/23]

*1224. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review the list of eligible measures under TAMS to include new agtech equipment and innovations which can improve animal health and welfare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56980/23]

*1225. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will revise the criteria for the current ACRES scheme. — Peter Burke. [57016/23]

*1226. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what engagement he has had with the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment on the Employment Permits Bill 2022 given the importance of this legislation for areas such as the horticulture sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57043/23]

*1227. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if in relation to the SCEP scheme the reason the terms and conditions with regard to animal star ratings of the contract have changed after commencement of the contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [57108/23]

*1228. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 447 of 5 December 2023, with regard to the eligibility timeframe for the proposed solution for the group known as ‘Forgotten Farmers’, if farmers who were under the age of 40 years in 2015 and who established their holdings between 2008 and 2010 will be considered as eligible for the scheme, given there are a cohort of farmers who were unable to receive installation aid or the young farmer top-up between Budget 2008 and January 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57112/23]

*1229. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise on his intended next steps regarding the recent publication of the report on the market potential of Irish sheep milk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57113/23]

*1230. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an application for ACRES will be approved for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [57145/23]

*1231. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an ACRES payment will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O’Donovan. [57146/23]

*1232. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if grants are available for a person on the farm register to remove trees on private land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [57165/23]

*1233. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has considered the recent Bord Bia study “Market Potential for Irish Sheep Milk”; if he plans to act upon any of the recommendations contained within that report; if he acknowledges that there are opportunities available within the sheep milk sector if supported through many of the measures outlined; if he plans to pursue this opportunity, his next steps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [57174/23]

*1234. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the regulation of pair trawling by pelagic trawlers within the six-mile limit; if there are plans to re-initiate a process for the ban on pair trawling within the six mile limit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57197/23]

*1235. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has plans to undertake stock assessments of non-TAC species found and fished within the six mile limit; if he will consider applying the precautionary principle to the fishing/regulation of these stocks in the absence of scientific assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57198/23]

*1236. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a schedule of the personal and or person-specific data sets his Department holds that have been provided and/or shared with other Departments and/or Ministers and/or State bodies and/or agencies and/or local authorities in the past 20 years to date; if he will clarify if the transfer of data and/or records was in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records were provided. — Catherine Murphy. [57204/23]

*1237. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline the acceptable weather conditions for a livestock vessel to be permitted to leave Ireland; to ensure that no vessel

leaves Ireland when facing unacceptable weather conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [57261/23]

*1238. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what negotiations were had with the Minister for Finance regarding the recent VAT changes on excluding farm equipment on the VAT rebate scheme; and if he plans to discuss this matter further with the Minister for Finance. — Robert Troy. [57333/23]

*1239. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on measures to address issues with an invasive species (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1017/24]

*1240. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an investigation (details supplied) into the transport of live animals from Ireland to Israel has been completed; and if, as a result of this, any actions will be taken to stop future shipments. — Cathal Crowe. [1023/24]

*1241. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware that the recent changes to the STAR rating/evaluations for the suckler carbon efficiency programme will adversely affect farmers of traditional Irish cattle breeds (hereford and angus); the reason ratings/evaluations were revised after the commencement of the scheme, leaving many farmers, who entered these contracts in good faith, in an increasingly untenable position (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [1028/24]

*1242. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2023 organics scheme payment will issue to a farmer in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1046/24]

*1243. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on recent progress with the Food Vision Strategy. — Catherine Murphy. [1080/24]

*1244. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara cén uair a thosófar ar an obair ar mhuiríne ag Ros a' Mhíl, Co. na Gaillimhe a bhfuil €2m ceadaithe di; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1102/24]

*1245. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the feasibility study on the proposed development works at a stadium (details supplied) has been carried out; and if so, if this report is published online. — Paul Donnelly. [1143/24]

*1246. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the level of engagement that has occurred between his Department and meat processing operatives in view that currently only one meat processing operative in the country is taking in and slaughtering bovine tuberculosis reactors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1153/24]

*1247. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the action his Department is taking to reduce the timeline for the removal and slaughter of bovine tuberculosis reactors in a herd, given that the timeline in the UK is ten days; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1154/24]

*1248. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to seek advice from his officials as to whether there are any suitable sites that they may be aware of under their remit that could possibly house this vital wildlife organisation who continue to struggle to find a suitable

site for their important work on the East coast (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1159/24]

*1249. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of containers inspected by his Departmental officials following arrival into Dublin Airport and Dublin Port from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [1166/24]

*1250. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how four greyhounds which are still registered in Ireland (details supplied) were exported to Spain; and the action he will take to ensure this does not occur again. — Paul Murphy. [1176/24]

*1251. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will issue a BISS payment to a person (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [1243/24]

*1252. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he can accept all the ACRES applications he received and not be limited to a certain quantity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1249/24]

*1253. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if camper vans are allowed park at fishery port car parks as long as they are not used as accommodation while parked there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1251/24]

*1254. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review a proposal (details supplied) and have his Department contact the promoter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1280/24]

*1255. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of WTE laboratory analysts in biology employed by his Department as of 1 September 2022 and 31 December 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [1291/24]

*1256. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether Teagasc was consulted about operating a research farm at Dowth. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1311/24]

*1257. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) in County Cork will receive their ACRES payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [1344/24]

*1258. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date on which he and or his officials are next due to meet the CEO of Bord Bia. — Catherine Murphy. [1359/24]

*1259. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he received a report on the consultation conducted regarding licencing additional boats for visitor boat trips from Howth Harbour; if so, when a decision on this is likely to be taken; and how the additional slots will be allocated to potential providers of the service. — Richard Bruton. [1430/24]

*1260. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise on any engagement he has had with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [1495/24]

*1261. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of beef exported from Ireland in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [1540/24]

*1262. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of foreign beef sold in the Irish market in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [1541/24]

*1263. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Office for Fairness and Transparency in the Agri Food Supply Chain is operational; what staff are currently employed; and to detail work that has been undertaken. — Peadar Tóibín. [1542/24]

*1264. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has analysed the increased cost of food production in Ireland over the past five years; if so, the details of these cost increases over the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [1543/24]

*1265. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farms in Ireland in each of the past ten years; how many people have been working in farming full time in each of the past ten years; how many farmers have been working in farming on a part time basis in each of the past ten years; and the number of farmers who have left the sector in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [1545/24]

*1266. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will advise on a matter with regard to live exports (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [1552/24]

*1267. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the issues relating to the records of cattle owned by a person (details supplied) will be resolved as a matter of urgency as all information has been provided to his Department by the herd owner. — John McGuinness. [1598/24]

*1268. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has engaged with the Minister for Finance on issues arising in relation to VAT refunds for farmers; if he has engaged with representatives from the agriculture sector and sought a solution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [1622/24]

*1269. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline the number of complementary income support for young farmers applications his Department received in 2023; the number of applications approved and payments made to date; the number that remain to be processed; when he expects the remaining application payments to be approved and paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1660/24]

*1270. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action his Department is taking to ensure that there is an increase in the overall number of afforestation licences issued for the coming year, in view of the low number of afforestation licenses issued each month for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1708/24]

*1271. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the monthly targets for private licenses with ecology input, excluding Coillte felling licences, were below target across all months in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1709/24]

*1272. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action his Department is taking to ensure that the monthly targets in 2024 for private licenses with ecology input, excluding Coillte felling licences, will be reached each month in view that the number of these

licences issued each month in 2023 were well below target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1710/24]

*1273. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what action his Department is taking to ensure that targets are met each month for the coming year across all areas of forestry licencing in the forestry sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1711/24]

*1274. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide the greyhound track attendance figures for each of the Shelbourne Park, Enniscorthy and Limerick tracks, on 2, 9 and 16 November 2023, respectively; and if he will provide a breakdown of the figures into paid and complimentary entry, and entry by adults, children, greyhound owners, trainers and bookmakers etc, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [1713/24]

*1275. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide the greyhound track attendance figures for each of the Curraheen, Kilkenny, Newbridge and Galway tracks on 3, 10 and 17 November 2023, respectively; and if he will provide a breakdown of the figures into paid and complimentary entry, and entry by adults, children, greyhound owners, trainers and bookmakers, etc. in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [1714/24]

*1276. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide the greyhound track attendance figures for each of the Mullingar, Dundalk, Tralee and Waterford tracks, on 4, 11 and 18 November 2023, respectively; and if he will provide a breakdown of the figures into paid and complimentary entry, and entry by adults, children, greyhound owners, trainers and bookmakers, etc. in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [1715/24]

*1277. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide the number of registered non-coursing greyhound owners for each of the years 2013 to 2023 inclusive, broken down by number of dogs registered to each owner for each year specified, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [1716/24]

*1278. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of reported/recorded lost fishing pots; the number of recovered fishing pots that had been reported/recorded lost on the Irish coast and in Ireland's waters overall for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [1723/24]

*1279. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to review a case (details supplied); and if he can clarify updates on mentioned VAT exemption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [1742/24]

*1280. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the 20% additional broadleaves required in the new forestry programme under the new forest types can be only one broadleaf species or if a variety of broadleaf species are required under the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [1747/24]

*1281. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the 20% additional broadleaves required under FT12 can comprise only one broadleaf species; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [1748/24]

*1282. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if alder does not qualify for the deer tree shelter, hare and deer fencing scheme in both plots and as additional broadleaves

in other forest type plots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [1749/24]

*1283. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to confirm that the Forestry Service will not fail or ask for remedial actions where deer have damaged or eaten alder planted as additional broadleaves under the afforestation or reconstitution programme as alder is not eligible for the deer tree shelter, hare and deer fencing scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [1750/24]

*1284. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide the racecourse track deaths for 2023; and the total number of thoroughbreds sent to slaughter for the same period. — Paul Murphy. [1751/24]

*1285. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what steps have been taken to ensure the safety of the calves at the two control posts in Cherbourg-Pignet and Tollevast, for example if CCTV has been installed; what assurances he can give that Irish calves will be safe, given that this is France and not under the jurisdiction of the Irish authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1762/24]

*1286. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what measures have been taken to ensure calf welfare at marts; if there have been any changes to rules around stocking density in the pens, the provision of food, bedding and water; and what checks are being made to ensure calves staying overnight are fed in the evening and morning (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [1763/24]

*1287. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [1769/24]

*1288. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how many farmers are awaiting ACRES co-operation payments; the date farmers awaiting payment under ACRES co-operation scheme will be paid on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [1859/24]

*1289. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the contractual arrangements between a company (details supplied) and an organisation. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [1966/24]

*1290. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the current contractual obligations of a company (details supplied) are compliant with EU legislation. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [1967/24]

*1291. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason or by whom a company (details supplied) was selected to work in unison with an organisation, given similar corporations operate here. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [1968/24]

*1292. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a conflict of interest arises between two independent companies operating on behalf of two different states, competing in the same world beef market industry. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [1969/24]

*1293. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the interests of a company (details supplied) which primarily promotes the genetics of angus and hereford breeds is contrary

to the interests of the majority of suckler farmers in developing our preferred continental blood lines. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [1970/24]

*1294. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the current policy within an organisation (details supplied) on genetics is overly influenced by a private New Zealand corporation whose interests are not in Ireland's world renowned continental blood lines. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [1971/24]

*1295. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine prior to the announcement of the benefits you brought back to Ireland in terms of increased mackerel quotas from Denmark, if the Danes made any attempt to make any other offers to him, and if they made any communications to him. — Peadar Tóibín. [1994/24]

*1296. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the up to date position regarding the issue of payments under ACRES; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [2095/24]

*1297. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to detail the amount of foreign peat-based products been sold in Ireland in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [2155/24]

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

*1298. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in line with Action 96 of the Autism Committee's Final Report (details supplied) if he has plans to increase resources for the Centre for Excellence in Universal Design to allow for the centre to reach its full potential in assisting the State to embed the principles of universal design. — Pauline Tully. [57335/23]

*1299. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in line with Action 97 of the Autism Committee's Final Report (details supplied) if he has plans to provide capacity to the National Disability Authority to review the accessibility of information on the websites of Government departments and on application forms and support departments in changing or updating information; and the estimated cost of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57336/23]

*1300. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what arrangements he intends putting in place to ensure transport is provided to wheelchair bound rural patients, living in areas where there is an inadequate or no wheelchair compatible public transport services available, to travel to hospital appointments that are in some cases up to 100 km away; whether in such cases the health service is willing to provide taxi transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1221/24]

*1301. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE consultant child psychiatrist for intellectual disability services in County Mayo in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [1828/24]

*1302. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures, outside of constitutional amendments, his Government is taking to implement the

Report of the Citizen's Assembly on Gender Equality and the recommendations and action plan produced by the Joint Committee on Gender Equality. — Neasa Hourigan. [55935/23]

*1303. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children from counties Cavan and Monaghan that were referred to a service (details supplied) for respite who were subsequently excluded from the service in each month since January 2020; the number in each month that had commenced the service before being excluded; the number from each month that were offered alternative respite supports that matched the hours and days provided in the service; the average timeframe for this alternative to be provided, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56279/23]

*1304. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the reconfiguration of an industrial unit (details supplied) earmarked for refugee accommodation. — Cathal Crowe. [56301/23]

*1305. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of households occupying international protection applicants in accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [56320/23]

*1306. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when his Department will provide the funding to allow for the payment of the 8% pay increase to Section 39, Section 56 and Section 10 organisations that was agreed on 17 October 2023; the reason this funding has not already been provided; and the timeframe for reengagement with unions (details supplied) which was due to take place in December 2023. — Pauline Tully. [56332/23]

*1307. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current timeline to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to legislate to ban conversion therapy; his response to the UN Human Rights Committee concluding observations on the fifth periodic report of Ireland that calls on the Government to ban conversion practises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [56336/23]

*1308. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of children currently on the waiting list to access a children's disability network team nationally; the number of those waiting for over a year; and the number of children overdue for an assessment of need. — Pauline Tully. [56342/23]

*1309. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are plans to use a building (details supplied) as a direct provision centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [56343/23]

*1310. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if funding is available from his Department to provide modular accommodation for a stand-alone childcare service on the grounds of a primary school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56361/23]

*1311. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what funding streams are available to private childcare providers (details supplied) to invest, expand and develop new facilities in areas otherwise not serviced by preschool services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [56369/23]

*1312. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many times each of the children's disability network teams have met, for each local authority area each month since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56373/23]

*1313. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of under 65-year-olds in receipt of home care supports each year since 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56376/23]

*1314. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the additional resources that have been put in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area since 2020 including those arising from Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56377/23]

*1315. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department or any Government agency have plans to use Castlemacgarrett, Claremorris as accommodation for international protection applications/or for Ukrainian accommodation. — Peadar Tóibín. [56408/23]

*1316. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the results of the financial report survey carried out by his Department in pre-schools will be published; and the reason for the delay in publishing same. — Cathal Crowe. [56409/23]

*1317. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will fund mandatory training for the pre-school sector, such as FAR or training for the new financial reporting; and if so, if this training will be allowed to be completed during working hours, in line with schools (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [56410/23]

*1318. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will issue funding to early years services to cover accountancy fees for the new financial reporting requirement; and if time will be permitted to allow businesses to amend their financial year where needed (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [56411/23]

*1319. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to support a matter (details supplied). — Seán Canney. [56433/23]

*1320. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to support a matter (details supplied). — Seán Canney. [56434/23]

*1321. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has assessed the feasibility of converting a former hotel (details supplied) in Ballsbridge, Dublin into large-scale accommodation for international protection applicants or refugees. — Ivana Bacik. [56464/23]

*1322. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to address lengthy waiting lists and staffing issues for child disability services, such as speech and language, occupational and behavioural therapy in areas such as CDNT7 in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [56465/23]

*1323. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how much was expended, per month, since February 2022 on accommodation for people in receipt

of temporary protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56476/23]

*1324. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 466 of 14 November 2023, the number of State owned and operated accommodation facilities; the locations of the accommodation; and the number of applicants in each location. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56520/23]

*1325. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total amount of funding provided to the Place Finder Service in IPAS for people with status; who receives the funding; the locations the service operates from; and how many staff were employed in the service in each location in 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56523/23]

*1326. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to increase supports for the provision of after school services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56541/23]

*1327. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the HSE community healthcare east's decision to not fund a programme (details supplied) in 2024; if he is concerned about the impact this will have on the children and families that had hoped to avail of this support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [56551/23]

*1328. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the case of a child (detail supplied) will be reviewed; if a similar funding application can be made in Cavan by the child development team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56552/23]

*1329. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of an application by an accommodation provider (details supplied) to provide accommodation for Ukrainian refugees at a location approved by the local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56554/23]

*1330. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details of the amount of funding allocated to local authorities for the integration of IPAS and BOTP; what the funding was spent on, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [56606/23]

*1331. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a payment will be expedited for a person (details supplied) under the mother and baby home redress scheme. — Robert Troy. [56637/23]

*1332. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide free access to childcare to families in receipt of a medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56653/23]

*1333. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide the necessary funding to increase the capacity of early intervention in school aged teams to address issues relating to long waiting lists and inadequate service provision for children with additional educational needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56656/23]

*1334. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if consideration could be given for funding from the recently announced ‘Building Blocks - Capacity Grant’ for a project where Government funding previously announced has been revoked (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56697/23]

*1335. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vulnerable international protection applicants who had an appointment with an IPAS social worker to date in 2023, broken down by age bracket, gender, and type of vulnerability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56698/23]

*1336. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason why inspections of childcare facilities are not managed by one agency and how much extra costs does the State incur arising from multiple agencies conducting multiple inspections of the same facility. — Richard Bruton. [56700/23]

*1337. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth why the NCS portal closes at 11pm on Tuesday evenings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [56701/23]

*1338. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of childcare providers that stopped receiving Core Funding in 2023. — Richard Bruton. [56702/23]

*1339. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if consideration will be given to linking the Core Funding payment to inflation. . — Richard Bruton. [56703/23]

*1340. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for a list of all IPAS centres providing accommodation to beneficiaries of temporary protection; the breakdown of residents in each centre, by age bracket, relationship status and gender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [56726/23]

*1341. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unannounced inspections of emergency and permanent IPAS centres providing accommodation to international protection applicants, either by IPAS officials or an independent inspectorate company carried out in 2022 and to date in 2023; the names of the centres which were subject to these inspections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [56727/23]

*1342. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a schedule of the data sets he provides to the Department of Education on an annual basis; and if he will clarify if the data he provides is aggregated or whether it is individual records. — Catherine Murphy. [56731/23]

*1343. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of residential places for people with a disability currently being provided as of 1 December 2023 or latest date available, by CHO area, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [56746/23]

*1344. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of new emergency places provided to people with a disability as of 1 December 2023 or latest date available, by CHO area, in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [56747/23]

*1345. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of people with a disability in receipt of personal assistance hours in each LHO area as of 1 December 2023 or latest date available; the number of people currently on the waiting list for same in each LHO area; and the number waiting less than 6, between 6-12, 12-18 and more than 18 months, in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [56748/23]

*1346. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of people with a disability in receipt of home support hours in each LHO area as of 1 December 2023 or latest date available; the number of people currently on the waiting list for same in each LHO area; and the number waiting less than 6, between 6-12, and the number waiting less than 6, between 12-18, and more than 18 months, in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [56749/23]

*1347. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are plans to increase the pension contributions or pay increases per child for foster carers who are unable to take up other employment due to their role as a foster carer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [56761/23]

*1348. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of residents at a location (details supplied), broken down by gender, relationship status and the number who are children, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [56777/23]

*1349. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on when applications for compensation for mother and baby homes in Tuam will be opened. — Peter Burke. [56795/23]

*1350. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of young people who have had reassessments for autism spectrum disorder in children’s disability network teams, by year since 2020; the reason for reassessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56803/23]

*1351. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth 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. [56812/23]

*1352. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of any engagement he has had with survivors’ groups since the announcement of the mother and baby institutions payment scheme; if his Department keeps a record of the number of former residents of mother and baby institutions, and in particular the number who have passed away since the announcement of the payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56813/23]

*1353. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child (details supplied) in County Donegal will recommence physiotherapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [56819/23]

*1354. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to review correspondence (details supplied); his Department’s plans to help in these cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56830/23]

*1355. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of IPAS referrals to an independent medical referee in 2022 and to date in 2023; the outcomes of those assessments, broken down by age bracket, gender, and type of vulnerability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56842/23]

*1356. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of separated or unaccompanied children who underwent an eligibility assessment for Tusla services to date in 2023; the number of those who were deemed ineligible for Tusla services; the number who underwent a second eligibility assessment; the number who were deemed eligible for Tusla services after a second assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56843/23]

*1357. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the percentage of separated or unaccompanied children who have an allocated social worker, broken down by age, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56844/23]

*1358. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children with disabilities in each CHO requiring an emergency/crisis residence and package of supports known to the HSE currently. — Pauline Tully. [56865/23]

*1359. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of adults with disabilities in each CHO requiring an emergency/crisis residence and package of supports known to the HSE currently. — Pauline Tully. [56866/23]

*1360. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of children with disabilities in each CHO who were offered and accepted a residence in 2023 outside the county in which their family resides. — Pauline Tully. [56867/23]

*1361. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children with disabilities in each CHO who were offered and accepted a residence from for-profit service providers in 2023 outside the county in which their family resides. — Pauline Tully. [56868/23]

*1362. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of adults with disabilities in each CHO who were offered and accepted a residence in 2023 outside the county in which their family resides. — Pauline Tully. [56869/23]

*1363. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of adults with disabilities in each CHO who were offered and accepted a residence from for-profit service providers in 2023 outside the county in which their family resides. — Pauline Tully. [56870/23]

*1364. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount of current funding for the provision for residences for children with disabilities that was provided by for-profit service providers in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [56871/23]

*1365. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount of current funding for the provision for residences for adults with disabilities that was provided by for-profit service providers in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [56872/23]

*1366. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on whether there is a need for multi-annual HSE funding for supported living packages for people with disabilities; how his Department works in partnership with the Housing Agency to deliver on the new housing strategy for disabled people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [56873/23]

*1367. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on whether children and adults with disabilities need to live close to family and natural supports where that is their will and preference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [56874/23]

*1368. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if any relevant criteria were considered ahead of the purchase of a property (details supplied) purchased by Tusla; the guidance or guidelines that may have been followed; if the board received any advice or information ahead of the granting of approval for the purchase; if there are any value for money criteria that were relevant to the purchase; if so, the details of same; if there are any relevant planning proposals or planned works relating to this property; if the property remains vacant; if so, the reason; if there were any conflicts of interest that the board was made aware of during the process of purchasing the property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [56885/23]

*1369. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will list the ongoing research commissioned under the remit of his Department through the North-South Ministerial Council, Shared Island Initiative or through other all-island arrangements; if he will outline the research that has been completed; the date of publication of the research since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56908/23]

*1370. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he could provide an update for ASD and speech and language assessment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56952/23]

*1371. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department can help assign a creche place to a person (details supplied) living in Dublin 12. — Patrick Costello. [56958/23]

*1372. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason for the delays in releasing approved funding to a gym (details supplied) created to provide a safe space for people with disabilities, which has now been forced to cease operations due to financial strains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56960/23]

*1373. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason a child (details supplied) is waiting on speech and language therapy in County Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56966/23]

*1374. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the difference in annual cost to the State per child for foster care versus residential; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57076/23]

*1375. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many persons in respect of whom a deportation order is in force are being provided accommodation by the International Protection Accommodation Service. — Michael McNamara. [57094/23]

*1376. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if IPAS (which is responsible for the provision of accommodation to people in the International Protection process pursuant to Ireland obligations under EU and International Law) is informed by the Department of Justice when a person is no longer in the international protection process, when a permission to remain decision is made pursuant to s49 or when a deportation order is made in respect of an accommodation recipient, respectively. — Michael McNamara. [57095/23]

*1377. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the establishment and operation of neuro-rehabilitations teams to be set up in every CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [57107/23]

*1378. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if autism places in schools and in special schools are allocated based on need, geographical proximity or other factors; how access for such pupils to places on associated school transport or individual transport to a school is arranged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [57109/23]

*1379. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when an answer to a Parliamentary Question (details supplied) will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [57110/23]

*1380. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth who bears responsibility for the Garda vetting of foster carers. — Pa Daly. [57142/23]

*1381. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 716 of 12 December 2023, if those numbers relate to permanent IPAS facilities or emergency and other accommodation also. — Pa Daly. [57148/23]

*1382. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to detail the way in which the qualifications of psychologists employed by organisations that have been contracted by the HSE to undertake assessment of need appraisals are checked and verified; if organisations that have been contracted by the HSE to undertake assessment of need appraisals are guided by the same guidelines and regulations as children's disability network team staff to ensure assessments are carried out in line with the Disability Act 2005; and if clear protocols for quality assurance and regular monitoring takes place of organisations that have been contracted by the HSE to undertake assessment of need appraisals. — Pauline Tully. [57157/23]

*1383. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of assessment of need liaison officers employed in each CHO area as of 31 January 2023, 31 July 2023 and 20 December 2023, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [57158/23]

*1384. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeframe within which a review should be carried out of an assessment of need; and if assessment of need reviews consists of a diagnostic assessment or if they consist purely of a desktop review. — Pauline Tully. [57159/23]

*1385. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the case of a child (details supplied); and when their therapy will recommence. — Mark Ward. [57168/23]

*1386. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the breakdown of the number of international protection applicants, by area in each local electoral area in Dublin, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [57179/23]

*1387. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child (details supplied) will receive an assessment for speech and language treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [57181/23]

*1388. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a schedule of the personal and or person-specific data sets his Department holds that have been provided and/or shared with other Departments and/or Ministers and/or State bodies and/or agencies and/or local authorities in the past 20 years to date; if he will clarify if the transfer of data and/or records was in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records were provided. — Catherine Murphy. [57205/23]

*1389. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many beneficiaries of temporary protection (BOTPs) to date have been permitted by the Ukraine crisis temporary accommodation team to be absent from State-funded accommodation for a period of seven days or more in the period between 8 December 2023 and 8 January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [57241/23]

*1390. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a contribution is requested from beneficiaries of temporary protection to date who are in employment and are residing in State-funded accommodation or State-provided accommodation in 2023; and if so, the amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [57242/23]

*1391. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost of resourcing supports for students with SEN, including proper access to therapeutic supports in mainstream schools and reducing waiting times for assessments, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [57355/23]

*1392. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost of establishing an initial panel of 200 speech and language therapists for schools as a shared resource. — Sorca Clarke. [57358/23]

*1393. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in line with Action 74 of the Autism Committee's Final Report (details supplied) if he has plans to adopt a needs-based approach to the disabled drivers and passenger's scheme; and the estimated first and full year cost respectively of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57372/23]

*1394. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has any proposals to assist children providers who have difficulty in delivering the carer to child ratios in their settings and therefore have to deny some children places at their facility; if he will consider allowing students or apprentices to form part of the carer ratio; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [57384/23]

*1395. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of cases notified by Tusla to An Garda Síochána under the joint working protocol, broken down by local area office, for 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Patrick Costello. [57391/23]

*1396. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of specialist interviewers under the joint working protocol with An Garda Síochána currently available in Tusla, broken down by local area office. — Patrick Costello. [57394/23]

*1397. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of cases referred to the Tusla senior management liaison forums under the joint working protocol between Tusla and An Garda Síochána, broken down by local area office, for 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Patrick Costello. [57395/23]

*1398. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of senior management liaison forums meetings held as per the joint working protocol between Tusla and An Garda Síochána, broken down by local area office, for 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Patrick Costello. [57396/23]

*1399. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of national children first liaison management committee meetings held as per the joint working protocol between Tusla and An Garda Síochána for 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Patrick Costello. [57397/23]

*1400. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of social workers who have done training in relation to specialist interviewing relating to Section 16(1)(b) of the Criminal Evidence Act, 1992, in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Patrick Costello. [57398/23]

*1401. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many beneficiaries of temporary protection in receipt of State-funded accommodation were found to be absent without UCTAT approval in the period since 8 December 2023; in respect of those found to be absent, in how many instances the UCTAT Refusals Policy was implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [1008/24]

*1402. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what checks, if any, were carried out to determine whether persons were absent from State-funded accommodation provided to beneficiaries of temporary protection in the period since 8 December 2023 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [1009/24]

*1403. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many beneficiaries of temporary protection (BOTPs) were in receipt of State-funded accommodation on 31 December 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [1010/24]

*1404. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the occupancy figures in respect of State-funded accommodation to beneficiaries of temporary protection on 31 December 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [1011/24]

*1405. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many beneficiaries of temporary protection in receipt of State-funded accommodation opted

to relinquishing their accommodation to allow for non-exceptional travel in the period from 8 December 2023 to date; how many such persons have applied for a new offer of accommodation upon their return to Ireland; how many have been provided with a new offer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [1012/24]

*1406. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current and capital funding required to provide 40 extra planned residential places. — Catherine Murphy. [1094/24]

*1407. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated full year cost of providing 650 extra adult day service places. — Catherine Murphy. [1095/24]

*1408. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will make a statement on the scope of healthcare professionals, which is intended to be regulated by planned legislation to restrict the practice of conversion therapy; and if explicit reference will be made to therapists and counsellors, whether State registered or unregistered. — Ivana Bacik. [1105/24]

*1409. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will make a statement on the efficacy of the core funding agreement in relation to the freezing of fees for parents; if there has been a reduction in the number of early years providers which are signing up to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on affordability of childcare for parents. — Ivana Bacik. [1111/24]

*1410. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children with disabilities on waiting lists for overnight respite care in County Meath; and the number of those who currently receive respite care but who require more nights, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [1172/24]

*1411. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE psychologists available to children in County Meath within the CDNTs, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [1173/24]

*1412. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current occupancy number of all IPAS accommodation for international protection applicants; the current capacity of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1184/24]

*1413. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current occupancy number of all IPAS accommodation for beneficiaries of temporary protection; the current capacity of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1185/24]

*1414. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vulnerability assessment questionnaires which have been reviewed by the resident welfare team; the number of those assessments which resulted in a determination of vulnerability; the number of those which are children; the number of those deemed vulnerable who have received follow up from an assessment officer; the number of those who have undergone a follow up appointment with an IPAS social worker to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1186/24]

*1415. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide a list of all vacancies for intellectual disability nursing positions within CHO2; and the locations of these vacancies. — Duncan Smith. [1207/24]

*1416. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is any legal obligation on large retailers to provide disability trolleys in their stores; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [1224/24]

*1417. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an allocation under the new youth employability scheme will be made to an organisation (details supplied), given that the special purpose grant allocated to the organisation for its Employability Support Programme expired at the end of 2023; if he will provide a timeline for the allocation of such funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [1248/24]

*1418. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of full-time filial therapists and child art psychotherapists directly employed by TUSLA, by TUSLA area and service or team they are working in as of 5 January 2024. — Paul Donnelly. [1296/24]

*1419. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [1367/24]

*1420. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of refugees/ international protection applicants currently housed in Ferryhouse campus, Clonmel, County Tipperary; their age and gender; the reason the Youth Encounter Project that has been based in Ferryhouse for many years has to be relocated as a result of housing IPAS/ refugees on this campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [1419/24]

*1421. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if consideration is being given to a site (details supplied) in the greater Castleisland area for a residential home for people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1549/24]

*1422. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will state that he will not entertain the housing of refugees in a property (details supplied) whilst an enforcement action detailing significant issues with the development has been issued against the property by the local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1558/24]

*1423. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if children attending ASD preschools are not eligible for an overage ECCE exemption; if ASD preschools are funded separately to the ECCE Programme; the reason a student attending an ASD preschool may be ineligible for an overage exemption despite fulfilling the medical criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [1591/24]

*1424. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when funding will be provided for support staff to enable an adult with special needs to live independently (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [1625/24]

*1425. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of assessment of needs application carried out in-house by the HSE and which were not outsourced in CHO8 in 2023. — Darren O'Rourke. [1634/24]

*1426. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an assessment of need can be urgently facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1738/24]

*1427. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of afterschool places that have ceased operations, by county in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [1767/24]

*1428. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what restrictions are currently in place in respect of employees of the Child and Family Agency running in local elections; and the rationale for any such restrictions. — Sean Sherlock. [1776/24]

*1429. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Ukrainians who sought refuge in Ireland in 2022 and 2023; the number that have returned home or left the country; the number living at present in centres provided by the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1808/24]

*1430. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons that have been placed in direct provision centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1809/24]

*1431. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons at present who have applied for international protection and sought accommodation under the direct provision scheme who were refused accommodation; whether these are all exclusively male; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1810/24]

*1432. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can provide an update on a review (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [1852/24]

*1433. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a property is being considered as an IPAS accommodation centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1880/24]

*1434. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child (details supplied) will receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1882/24]

*1435. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what progress has been made on a child's case (details supplied), a previous Parliamentary Question having been submitted almost a year ago and no progress made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [1888/24]

*1436. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children on disability service waiting lists for children's disability networks teams, by CHO/CDNT at the end of each month of each year 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form; the average length of wait; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [1889/24]

*1437. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of people on disability service waiting lists for each service type, excluding children's disability network teams, at the end of each month of each year 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [1890/24]

*1438. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children on waiting lists for an assessment of need at the end of each month of each year 2019-2023, inclusive; the number overdue for completion; and the average length of wait, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [1891/24]

*1439. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department is examining a property (details supplied) as a location for the accommodation of refugees or asylum seekers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [1892/24]

*1440. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason the hydrotherapy pool in Cavan is still without clinical staff trained to deliver hydrotherapy in a service (details supplied) to users in need of the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [1898/24]

*1441. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will revise the terms of the mother and baby homes redress scheme for adoptees to include those who were legally adopted before the age of six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1931/24]

*1442. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when crucial supports and interventions will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1934/24]

*1443. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the case of a child (details supplied) will be examined by his Department. — Réada Cronin. [1988/24]

*1444. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacant posts at Tusla, by role and grade and geographic division on 1 January 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [1995/24]

*1445. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of refugees/international protection applicants that are currently housed in Ferryhouse campus, Clonmel, County Tipperary, their age and gender; the reason a school (details supplied) that has been based in Ferryhouse for many years has to be relocated as a result of housing IPAs/refugees on this campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [2001/24]

*1446. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position in relation to a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2007/24]

*1447. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of international protection applicants accommodated in County Longford at 31 December 2023. — Joe Flaherty. [2034/24]

*1448. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Ukrainians provided emergency accommodation in County Longford at 31 December 2023. — Joe Flaherty. [2035/24]

*1449. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of international protection applicants in County Longford at 31 December 2023, by location, in tabular form. — Joe Flaherty. [2036/24]

*1450. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Ukrainians in emergency accommodation in County Longford at 31 December 2023, by location, in tabular form. — Joe Flaherty. [2037/24]

*1451. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of residents at the Richmond Street, DP centre in County Longford as of 31 December 2023. — Joe Flaherty. [2038/24]

*1452. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a collaborative approach involving stakeholder organisations (details supplied) will be used in planning expenditure under the Action Plan for Disability Services 2024-2026 in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2043/24]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*1453. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the instructions he gave to the HSE regarding the reimbursement of medicines in 2024 as per the letter of determination, whether patient access to medicines may be delayed pending the identification of efficiencies or if reimbursements budget impact reimbursements will flow continuously throughout 2024 commencing in January; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [56337/23]

*1454. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that an existing premises (details supplied) which is planned to be adapted for use as a primary care centre is sufficient in size to provide adequate range and level of services for the large population area it is meant to serve. — Emer Higgins. [56820/23]

*1455. To ask the Minister for Health if assistance is available for a person (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [56283/23]

*1456. To ask the Minister for Health whether there are plans in place to overhaul the dental treatment service scheme to ensure that practitioners continue to remain on the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [56288/23]

*1457. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of fair deal recipients who have availed of the new scheme allowing them to rent out their home. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56289/23]

*1458. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on his work to resolve the industrial action currently underway by HSE staff who are members of a union (details supplied), including their action to not respond to elected representatives' Parliamentary Questions and direct HSE representations; when he expects this to be resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56293/23]

*1459. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56300/23]

*1460. To ask the Minister for Health which recommendations from the 2015 Oireachtas Joint Committee on Health and Children Report on the Cost of Medical Indemnity Insurance have been implemented; the plans for those recommendations which have not been implemented yet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56348/23]

*1461. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on developments in mental health services in County Wexford in 2023 in comparison with the existing services in 2022; the planned developments for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [56351/23]

*1462. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospice care/palliative care beds in CHO5; the location of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [56352/23]

*1463. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of the spend on ambulance services across Wexford between 2017 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [56353/23]

*1464. To ask the Minister for Health if a company (details supplied) has made a claim for the pandemic bonus payment for all its employees who qualified for the pandemic bonus payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [56354/23]

*1465. To ask the Minister for Health if a company (details supplied) has made a claim for the pandemic bonus payment for all its employees who qualified for the pandemic bonus payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [56355/23]

*1466. To ask the Minister for Health if a company (details supplied) has made a claim for the pandemic bonus payment for all its employees who qualified for the pandemic bonus payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [56356/23]

*1467. To ask the Minister for Health the progress and investment being made in the area of electronic health records across the health service, since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56379/23]

*1468. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the full details of the escalation protocol at the emergency department of UHL; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56397/23]

*1469. To ask the Minister for Health with respect to the escalating emergency in UHL to provide the criteria required to activate the escalation policy; how many patients were admitted; how many patients are awaiting treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56398/23]

*1470. To ask the Minister for Health with respect to the escalating emergency in UHL, if the criteria for escalation was met in the emergency department at UHL on 17 and 18 December 2022; if the escalation protocol was activated on the night of 17 and 18 December 2022 at the hospital; if the escalation protocol was implemented; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56399/23]

*1471. To ask the Minister for Health with respect to the escalating emergency in UHL, UHL's recommended ratio of nursing staff to patients in the emergency department; the recommended doctor to patient ratio in the emergency department, that is, the number of nurses and doctors, respectively to the number of patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56400/23]

*1472. To ask the Minister for Health with respect to the escalating emergency in UHL, the figures on the nursing staff and doctors on duty in the emergency department on 17 and 18 December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56401/23]

*1473. To ask the Minister for Health the number of missing staff in each profession, grade, section and CHO location in the HSE, for example how many ward nurses are needed to achieve the correct patient to nurse ration in hospitals in CHO1; and how many psychiatrists are missing in each CAMHS area. — Peadar Tóibín. [56403/23]

*1474. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each profession and grade that have joined the HSE in each of the past ten years; and the number in each profession and grade that have left the HSE in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [56404/23]

*1475. To ask the Minister for Health the workplace planning occurring within the Government to ensure that there are enough persons in each profession within the HSE each year; and the details of the number of places that have been provided in third level institutions in Ireland in each of the past ten years to supply each medical professional category in Ireland. — Peadar Tóibín. [56405/23]

*1476. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical professionals that leave Ireland each year; and if he has considered making it a stipulation of a college degree in each health service profession that each health service graduate practices in Ireland for at least five years before travelling abroad. — Peadar Tóibín. [56406/23]

*1477. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken to support health care professionals to return to Ireland; and the number that have returned to Ireland in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [56407/23]

*1478. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a clinical nurse manager in place at Carrickmacross Adult Mental Health Services or if it is a position shared across centres; if there was previously a clinical nurse manager in place to this specific site; if so, when this was changed; if there are plans to put in place a clinical nurse manager at Carrickmacross Adult Mental Health Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56414/23]

*1479. To ask the Minister for Health the WTE staff of different grades and positions currently in place at the Carrickmacross adult mental health services; the corresponding figures for January 2020, January 2021, January 2022 and January 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56415/23]

*1480. To ask the Minister for Health the mental health services in place at each relevant care centre in County Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56416/23]

*1481. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for first appointment at each mental health centre in County Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56417/23]

*1482. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for an air mattress for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56418/23]

*1483. To ask the Minister for Health if a reply will issue to correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [56439/23]

*1484. To ask the Minister for Health the number of face-to-face clinical appointments offered by each senior clinical psychologist in the north Lee child and adolescent primary care psychology service at the end of each month in 2023; the number of staff reporting to each senior clinical psychologist at the end of each month of 2023; and the number of people on the waiting-list of the service at the end of each month of 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [56440/23]

*1485. To ask the Minister for Health the number of face-to-face clinical appointments offered by each senior clinical psychologist in the south Lee child and adolescent primary care psychology service at the end of each month in 2023; the number of staff reporting to each senior clinical psychologist at the end of each month of 2023; and the number of people on the waiting-list of the service for each month of 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [56441/23]

*1486. To ask the Minister for Health the number of face to face clinical appointments offered by each senior clinical psychologist in the north Lee child and adolescent mental health psychology service for each month in 2023; the number of staff reporting to each senior clinical psychologist at the end of each month of 2023; and the number of people on the waiting-list of the service for each month of 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [56442/23]

*1487. To ask the Minister for Health the number of face-to-face clinical appointments offered by each senior clinical psychologist in the south Lee child and adolescent mental health psychology service for each month in 2023; the number of staff reporting to each senior clinical psychologist at the end of each month of 2023; and the number of people on the waiting-list of the service for each month of 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [56443/23]

*1488. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56449/23]

*1489. To ask the Minister for Health when an increase to the fees payable to contractors for a standard eye examination under the community ophthalmic services scheme will be implemented, given a pilot scheme is in operation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [56456/23]

*1490. To ask the Minister for Health when a school dental service (details supplied) will be approved for children in 2nd, 3rd and 4th class; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [56461/23]

*1491. To ask the Minister for Health if all outstanding matters relating to the fair deal scheme affecting the estate of a person (details supplied) have now been finalised, given probate cannot be finalised until final decision issues from the HSE fair deal scheme section; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56472/23]

*1492. To ask the Minister for Health how many medical cards were provided to people in receipt of temporary protection; the total cost of medical care provided pursuant to the said medical cards to people in receipt of temporary protection since February 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56475/23]

*1493. To ask the Minister for Health to provide, in tabular form, the number of GPs reimbursed under the primary care reimbursement service for the years 2019 and to date in 2023 for first and second consultations for terminations of pregnancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56483/23]

*1494. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 804 of 12 December 2023, to supply the number of and severity scale of all adverse events reported to the HSE related to remote consultations for termination of pregnancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56484/23]

*1495. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will consider the rollout of a RSV immunisation programme as has been done in Galicia, Spain; the projected costs for a rollout of this nature; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [56485/23]

*1496. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently re-examine the boundary re-alignments of primary and disability services nationally, given it has caused serious issues in some parts of south Westmeath (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [56505/23]

*1497. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists in County Leitrim who are available to treat patients under the dental treatment services scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [56510/23]

*1498. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of a proposal for a vote of no confidence in the CHI executive (details supplied); if he still has confidence in the executive as a result of the same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56522/23]

*1499. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE is aware of the presence of the semi-synthetic cannabinoid, HHC or hexahydrocannabinol, in Ireland; if so, when the HSE was first made aware of its presence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56526/23]

*1500. To ask the Minister for Health when a Parkinson's nurse specialist will be assigned to the south Tipperary area and Tipperary University Hospital; and if any submissions were made regarding recruitment for this specialised area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [56529/23]

*1501. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the work of the inter-departmental Period Poverty Implementation Group established two and a half years ago and chaired by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [56560/23]

*1502. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in progressing his commitments following Government support of the Free Provision of Period Products Bill 2021 and implementation of the recommendations of the Discussion Paper on Period Poverty jointly published by him and the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth three years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [56561/23]

*1503. To ask the Minister for Health the dates on which the inter-departmental Period Poverty Implementation Group has met since its inaugural meeting on 8 July 2021 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [56562/23]

*1504. To ask the Minister for Health the annual budgetary amount allocated to the work of the inter-departmental Period Poverty Implementation Group from 2021 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [56563/23]

*1505. To ask the Minister for Health to ensure funding is put in place for meals services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [56568/23]

*1506. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria for a medicine reimbursement application to be considered by the HSE's products committee for reimbursement; the criteria for a medicine to be considered by the HSE's Drugs Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [56569/23]

*1507. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria for which reimbursement applications may be eligible for a rapid review assessment only; and the criteria for referring medicines to carry out a full health technology assessment. — Sean Sherlock. [56570/23]

*1508. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure equality of access to medicines between public patients and private insurance payers for oncology medicines, in view of the fact that private insurers have declared they will make medicines available post-licensing by the European Medicines Agency on an individual patient-basis, and public patients do not avail of these medicines approximately two years post-licensing by the European Medicines Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [56571/23]

*1509. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of public hospitals refusing GP referrals for DEXA scans (details supplied); the reason for this policy in a number of hospitals; the steps being taken to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56579/23]

*1510. To ask the Minister for Health the amount that was paid by the HSE to recruitment companies in each month in 2023; the specific areas for which these companies were recruiting in the health service; and the number of staff that were successfully recruited each month for the same period, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [56583/23]

*1511. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the significant rise in sexually transmitted diseases (details supplied); if he intends to launch a new public health campaign to highlight this rise and encourage safe sex practises and testing; the status of the new national sexual health strategy; the timeline he is working towards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [56593/23]

*1512. To ask the Minister for Health if he has approved staff for the HSE and the NCPE to work on the reimbursement system; the number of staff approved; if he can provide any additional information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [56610/23]

*1513. To ask the Minister for Health if the additional €92 million allocated to health as part of the revised estimates volume will include funding for new drugs in 2024; how much of that

funding will be allocated to new drugs; if he will provide further information and clarity on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [56612/23]

*1514. To ask the Minister for Health if he will increase investment in mental health, including children’s mental health, to ensure that the overall annual allocation for mental health is in line with recommendations made by the WHO and under Sláintecare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56623/23]

*1515. To ask the Minister for Health if he will create a ring-fenced budget for children’s mental health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56624/23]

*1516. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take the necessary steps to ensure that expenditure on children’s mental health is made more visible and transparent, including in the annual health budget and via the HSE’s National Service Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56625/23]

*1517. To ask the Minister for Health to provide specific data to identify and track how funds allocated to children’s mental health are spent and what the associated outcomes are for children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56626/23]

*1518. To ask the Minister for Health if he will put in place a standard operating procedure across all CAMHS teams, without exception, ensuring that all children in all areas receive the same high-quality service and that all staff members are following the same referral criteria in order to guarantee the same quality of care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56627/23]

*1519. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the operation of CAMHS in line with Mental Health Commission recommendations, noting that the current model of care places the onus on a single professional; if he will consider a more multi-disciplinary approach in line with other European countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56628/23]

*1520. To ask the Minister for Health if he will investigate professional misconduct within CAMHS in a timely manner in order that the trust of parents and children may be restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56629/23]

*1521. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider establishing a national heart failure registry to equip planners and healthcare professionals with the necessary information for the purposes of reducing excessive mortality and curtail hospital admission rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56631/23]

*1522. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give due consideration to expanding psychological support services to heart failure patients, currently available in only four hospitals in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56632/23]

*1523. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take the necessary steps to ensure that all heart failure patients are eligible for a medical card and to remove prescription charges, in light of the significant financial pressure faced by sufferers and the anxiety caused by a condition that results in the death of over one in three sufferers within five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56633/23]

*1524. To ask the Minister for Health if he will allocate funding for the investment in practical, social and emotional supports in the community for heart failure patients for the purposes of reducing readmissions and improve quality of life for same, given that such community supports currently do not receive any statutory funding and should be recognised as an integral part of heart failure services and included in the HSE'S Model of Care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56635/23]

*1525. To ask the Minister for Health if he will arrange for his Department and the HSE to undertake a full assessment of the economic impact of heart failure on patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56636/23]

*1526. To ask the Minister for Health if a matter in relation to veterinarians (details supplied) will be addressed considering the impact this will have on approved slaughter house establishments under local authority supervision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56663/23]

*1527. To ask the Minister for Health the current plans for a building (details supplied) which is currently vacant and owned by HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [56664/23]

*1528. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 189 of 6 December 2023, if he is aware that the National Gender Service is actively advising GPs not to provide blood tests and prescribe hormone therapy to trans patients, which has led to GPs denying these essential gender-affirming medical services to their patients. — Paul Murphy. [56669/23]

*1529. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 189 of 6 December 2023, if he will send a circular to GPs to clarify that GPs should provide blood tests and hormone therapy (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [56670/23]

*1530. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 189 of 6 December 2023, his views on whether in line with the WPATH SoC v8 statement (details supplied) that all GPs should be providing blood tests to trans people who are self-medicating. — Paul Murphy. [56671/23]

*1531. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 189 of 6 December 2023, his views on whether there are no legal or medical obstacles preventing GPs from providing blood tests to their trans patients. — Paul Murphy. [56672/23]

*1532. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 189 of 6 December 2023, at what stage and in what form will the HSE consultation take place with a wide range of stakeholders in the development of the new model of care; including those who use the services and advocacy groups; and if trans groups will have any decision making power. — Paul Murphy. [56673/23]

*1533. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that the National Gender Service has a model of care which did not go through any clinical design approval or governance structure in the HSE, and nor is its acceptance a process that happened within his Department (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [56674/23]

*1534. To ask the Minister for Health the basis on which the National Gender Service has national in its name; and if this name was approved by the HSE or his Department. — Paul Murphy. [56675/23]

*1535. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of a clinic (details supplied); and when the new location will begin operation. — Paul Murphy. [56676/23]

*1536. To ask the Minister for Health what consultation was performed with the trans community before approving the funding for a service (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [56677/23]

*1537. To ask the Minister for Health what reduction from the current over ten-year waiting list for the National Gender Service he expects to result from a new clinic (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [56678/23]

*1538. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 617 of 24 October 2023, to outline the rationale to exclude operations carried out on adults at Cappagh Hospital from the external review. — Paul Murphy. [56692/23]

*1539. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of adverse incidents reported to the State Claims Agency which related to the Health Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy Act 2018 in each of the past five years and to date in 2023; the details of the outcomes of claims taken against the State in relation to the Act; the number of claims settled or ongoing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [56712/23]

*1540. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are taking or have taken cases against the State alleging that their unborn baby was wrongfully diagnosed and subsequently aborted; the number of claims notified to the State Claims Agency; and the number of cases ongoing and the number of cases which have been settled. — Peadar Tóibín. [56713/23]

*1541. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of adverse incidents reported to the national incident management system which related to termination of pregnancy in each of the past five years and to date in 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [56714/23]

*1542. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a schedule of the data sets he and the HSE provides to the Department of Education on an annual basis; and if he will clarify if the data he provides is aggregated or whether it is individual records. — Catherine Murphy. [56732/23]

*1543. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56735/23]

*1544. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56737/23]

*1545. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider providing financial support/ funding to a foundation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [56739/23]

*1546. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the new Commission on Social Connection to address loneliness as a pressing health threat; if resources will be allocated to the development

of the committed-to action plan to combat loneliness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56754/23]

*1547. To ask the Minister for Health if the Hello Again World campaign will be expanded to ensure information about resources reaches older people without internet access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56755/23]

*1548. To ask the Minister for Health what additional amount has been allocated to orphan/new drugs for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56756/23]

*1549. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide accurate resources for genetic testing for rare diseases at Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [56763/23]

*1550. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the number of doctors in HSE consultant posts that are not on the Irish Medical Council specialist register for the specialty they are practicing in (details supplied); his views on the potential for patient safety issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56773/23]

*1551. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will have a procedure carried out; and if they can avail of the cross-Border directive, given the circumstances. — Kathleen Funchion. [56781/23]

*1552. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expand the regulation to permit pharmacists to administer RSV vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56793/23]

*1553. To ask the Minister for Health if a home help application will be prioritised for a person (details supplied) in order that they can be discharged home from a residential care facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56811/23]

*1554. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on a proposed health centre (details supplied). — Emer Higgins. [56822/23]

*1555. To ask the Minister for Health whether his Department has articulated a policy on the roll-out of pulmonary rehabilitation for those patients suffering with lung fibrosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [56823/23]

*1556. To ask the Minister for Health if orthodontic treatment can be offered to the son of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56829/23]

*1557. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) who is a quadriplegic, living at home and needs to attend hospital regularly via ambulance, cannot source an ambulance. — Willie O'Dea. [56837/23]

*1558. To ask the Minister for Health to reclassify the condition XXY, Klinefelter syndrome in order that it can fall under the HSE's long-term sickness protocol (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [56877/23]

*1559. To ask the Minister for Health to examine a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [56880/23]

*1560. To ask the Minister for Health to review correspondence from a person (details supplied) and seek advice on what supports might be available for them in this difficult situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56882/23]

*1561. To ask the Minister for Health if he can provide details of the bed capacity on the ground floor east of Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Drogheda prior to renovation works carried out in 2022; the current capacity of the ground floor east; the number of beds the renovation works on ground floor west planned to deliver; the cost of this project; the value for money assessments or reports that may have been carried out; the name of the primary contractor for these works; his views on whether best practice and all health and safety regulations were followed during the works; if all building regulations and permits were issued and filed with the appropriate authorities prior to the commencement of the works; the details of what structural surveys were carried out prior to the commencement of the works; his views on whether the project delivered the number of beds promised; if additional inspections and surveys were carried out during and after the process; if so, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [56886/23]

*1562. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the key recommendations set out in an online submission by an organisation (details supplied) to CORU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56888/23]

*1563. To ask the Minister for Health that due consideration be given to the development of clarity around the nature of the work of psychotherapists, in particular including the differentiation between psychotherapists from counsellors, as per the key recommendations set out in a submission (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56889/23]

*1564. To ask the Minister for Health that due consideration be given to the setting of the threshold level of entry to the register for psychotherapists at level 9 on the NFQ and that additional proficiencies be added as described in a submission (details supplied) to address the higher educational level, clinical supervision as integral to the programme and personal and professional growth and development arising from engagement in personal psychotherapeutic experience; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56890/23]

*1565. To ask the Minister for Health if due consideration will be given to the inclusion within the framing of training programmes for psychotherapists of personal psychotherapy/personal psychotherapeutic experience, as per the key recommendations set out in a submission (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56891/23]

*1566. To ask the Minister for Health if due consideration will be given to revisiting of details around direct observation of clinical practice within training, as per the key recommendations set out in a submission made by an organisation (details supplied) to CORU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56892/23]

*1567. To ask the Minister for Health if due will be given to the revisiting of details around practice placement context and clinical supervision, as per the key recommendations set out in a submission made by an organisation (details supplied) to CORU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56893/23]

*1568. To ask the Minister for Health if he will list the ongoing research commissioned under the remit of his Department through the North-South Ministerial Council, Shared Island Initiative or through other all-island arrangements; if he will outline the research that has been completed; the date of publication of the research since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56916/23]

*1569. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the implementation of the recommendations of the Independent Review of the Operation of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [56957/23]

*1570. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive a diagnoses from a colonoscopy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [56968/23]

*1571. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to introduce a free shingles vaccination scheme for older adults to protect them from what can be a debilitating illness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [57004/23]

*1572. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the outcome to an inquiry into a death (details supplied); if he will reveal who the commissioner into this inquiry is; what actions were taken arising from the inquiry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [57005/23]

*1573. To ask the Minister for Health if procedures are in place that are to be followed in cases of sepsis, including regular check-ups, in light of a report into a death (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [57006/23]

*1574. To ask the Minister for Health if he proposes to reduce or abolish the charges applicable to patients who directly present to minor injuries units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [57007/23]

*1575. To ask the Minister for Health the circumstances in which ambulances are permitted to take patients to the minor injuries unit at Monaghan Hospital, rather than an emergency department in another hospital; the number of times that an ambulance has taken patients to Monaghan Hospital in each applicable month in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [57008/23]

*1576. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times in each month in 2023 that the National Ambulance Service utilised a helicopter to transport a patients from locations in County Monaghan, by each hospital; the number brought to each hospital in each month to which patients were presented; the average time in each month within which the helicopter ambulance arrived on scene from the original call to the ambulance service, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [57009/23]

*1577. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 507 of 5 December 2023, the number of patients that received a CT scan in 2023 at Cavan Hospital with addresses in each applicable county; the number of patients that received a MRI scan in 2023 at Cavan Hospital with addresses in each applicable county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [57010/23]

*1578. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people awaiting appointments to secure a CT scan at Cavan Hospital; the number awaiting appointments to secure an MRI scan at Cavan Hospital; the average waiting time in each instance, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [57011/23]

*1579. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [57024/23]

*1580. To ask the Minister for Health if he expects ozempic to be added to the GMS list for weight loss; the reason the drug is not available under the drug payments, considering the considerable impact it is having on weight and the associated positive effect it is having on health, thus reducing the long term requirement for other services linked to obesity and weight problems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [57047/23]

*1581. To ask the Minister for Health to outline what regulations apply to the sale of non-inhalant nicotine products, such as pouches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57069/23]

*1582. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the increased number of people under the age of 18 years using non-inhalant nicotine products, such as pouches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57070/23]

*1583. To ask the Minister for Health if any analysis has been undertaken as to the health risks associated with non-inhalant nicotine products, such as pouches, particularly to those under 18 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57071/23]

*1584. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department is tracking consumer rates of purchase and consumption of non-inhalant nicotine products, such as pouches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57072/23]

*1585. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that non-inhalant nicotine products are flavoured, brightly packaged, marketed, and given prime placement behind the counter in most stores in a similar fashion to vapes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57073/23]

*1586. To ask the Minister for Health if he believes that non-inhalant nicotine products should be subject to the same plain packaging regulation as cigarettes are in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57074/23]

*1587. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine the need to regulate the packaging, selling and advertising of non-inhalant nicotine products in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57075/23]

*1588. To ask the Minister for Health when payment will issue from the HSE to a person's former employer (details supplied) considering that they were fully eligible to receive the pandemic social recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [57080/23]

*1589. To ask the Minister for Health the stage of approval the drug tabrecta is at; the timeline for approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [57081/23]

*1590. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay for pharmacies in County Donegal not receiving ipramol at the same time as other pharmacies in the South of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [57082/23]

*1591. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he is taking to control access to vaping products for children under the age of 18 years to restrict the sale of highly flavoured vapes which are marketed towards children and to control the levels of nicotine in vapes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [57092/23]

*1592. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ministerial licence applications and MCAP applications have been made by clinics (details supplied); what products are available from these clinics; which products are available under MCAP and covered for reimbursement; when the MCAP review report is expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [57098/23]

*1593. To ask the Minister for Health the reason letters are being sent to parents informing them that their child will be removed from primary care waiting lists unless they return a form within two weeks (details supplied); the rationale for this short timeframe of two weeks; if this practice is applied consistently across the country; if there is any recourse for parents who do not see this letter in time, for example during summer or Christmas holidays; if steps will be taken to ensure that parents with additional needs are appropriately accommodated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [57111/23]

*1594. To ask the Minister for Health when family members (details supplied) will get an appointment for early intervention, occupational therapy and speech and language therapy; their current place on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [57123/23]

*1595. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 574 of 28 November 2023, which he claimed only part of which related to operational matters, will be answered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [57133/23]

*1596. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the shortfall in reimbursement for treatment abroad in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57149/23]

*1597. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of terminations carried out under ss. 9-12 of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018, by the Ireland East Hospital Group for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57164/23]

*1598. To ask the Minister for Health to review the taxation treatment of GP group practises (details supplied) with respect to the specific queries raised in correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [57169/23]

*1599. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of the memorandums CEO ref 09954 and 10166 of 2023, by grade for Cavan General Hospital; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts; and the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts and the number which were related to absence/leave cover, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [57171/23]

*1600. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts removed from profile as a result of the memorandums CEO ref 09954 and 10166 of 2023, by grade for Monaghan Hospital; the number of headcount posts and the WTE to which these relate; the number which were new posts and the number which were replacement posts or vacant posts; and the number which were related to absence/leave cover, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [57172/23]

*1601. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the provision of a 24-hour, 7-days-per-week ambulance service for Arklow and Baltinglass; if this service will be operational in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57184/23]

*1602. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a copy of staffing levels at the Arklow primary health centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57185/23]

*1603. To ask the Minister for Health for a list of services that are currently available in the primary health facility in Arklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57186/23]

*1604. To ask the Minister for Health what services are available for people who are in their late 50's who require the majority of services for people with dementia/Alzheimer's such as psychiatry for later life and day services as they are not disabled and too young for this service; the supports that are available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [57188/23]

*1605. To ask the Minister for Health for an update and detailed timeline for the publication of the HSE review of the cariban reimbursement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57190/23]

*1606. To ask the Minister for Health how many patients to date have claimed reimbursement for cariban under the cariban reimbursement scheme which was introduced on 1 January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57191/23]

*1607. To ask the Minister for Health for an update and detailed timeline for the licencing of medications (details supplied); when they will be available to patients with a prescription from their GP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57192/23]

*1608. To ask the Minister for Health how many patients presented at hospital emergency rooms suffering from hyperemesis gravidarum between the period of 1 January 2022 and 1 January 2023 and for the period 1 January 2023 and 1 January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57193/23]

*1609. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [55825/23]

*1610. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the efforts being made by the HSE to reduce and reuse food waste, generated by leftover meals prepared for patients, in both public and voluntary care settings. — Emer Higgins. [57199/23]

*1611. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a schedule of the personal and or person-specific data sets his Department holds that have been provided and/or shared with other Departments and/or Ministers and/or State bodies and/or agencies and/or local authorities in the

past 20 years to date; if he will clarify if the transfer of data and/or records was in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records were provided. — Catherine Murphy. [57213/23]

*1612. To ask the Minister for Health for clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57228/23]

*1613. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the latest draft of the WHO Pandemic Preparedness Treaty that the Government is dealing with; if the WHO Pandemic Preparedness Treaty draft includes any loss of sovereignty to the Irish people; to detail the points of sovereignty that are likely to be ceded in the WHO Pandemic Preparedness Treaty draft; and if it is the Government's intention to sign the WHO Pandemic Preparedness Treaty. — Peadar Tóibín. [57229/23]

*1614. To ask the Minister for Health when a hospital appointment and appropriate care will be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57233/23]

*1615. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting for an appointment for surgery in the Mater Hospital t; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57234/23]

*1616. To ask the Minister for Health if, in line with Action 87 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, he has plans to introduce mandatory autism training for all health and social care workers in the Health Service Executive and in Section 38 and Section 39 organisations who provide services on behalf of the Health Service Executive; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57300/23]

*1617. To ask the Minister for Health if, in line with Action 89 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, he has plans to provide funding to health service providers (including general practice and dentistry) to make their services and built environment more autism-friendly; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57302/23]

*1618. To ask the Minister for Health if, in line with Action 90 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, he has plans to formulate guidelines for autism-friendly service design and built environment design within health services, including general practice, physiotherapy, dentistry and mental health services; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57303/23]

*1619. To ask the Minister for Health if, in line with Action 91 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, he has plans to direct Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services to cease its practice of refusing to serve children on the basis of an autism diagnosis or a suspected autism diagnosis; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57304/23]

*1620. To ask the Minister for Health if, in line with Action 92 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, he has plans to initiate an independent review of CAMHS practices in respect of service provision to autistic children and investigate reports of discrimination against autistic children referred to CAMHS; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57305/23]

*1621. To ask the Minister for Health if, in line with Action 93 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, he has plans to initiate meetings between CAMHS and disability services to establish how best to provide mental health services to autistic children, taking into account the current lack of capacity within CDNTs to provide multi-disciplinary supports including mental health interventions; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57306/23]

*1622. To ask the Minister for Health if, in line with Action 94 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, he has plans to establish how best to create a pathway for autistic adults to access multi-disciplinary supports, including mental health interventions; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57307/23]

*1623. To ask the Minister for Health if, in line with Action 95 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, he has plans to offer individual health plans to autistic people, including health check-ups, to ensure that they are supported in accessing health services; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57308/23]

*1624. To ask the Minister for Health the reason and on what clinical basis the ozempic injection was removed from GMS cards; if he has plans to reinstate it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [57374/23]

*1625. To ask the Minister for Health if discretionary funding will be provided for persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [57385/23]

*1626. To ask the Minister for Health the number of unexplained deaths registered in each county in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [1006/24]

*1627. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who presented at hospital emergency rooms suffering from hyperemesis gravidarum between the period of 1 January 2022 and 1 January 2023 and for the period of 1 January 2023 and 1 January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1021/24]

*1628. To ask the Minister for Health the number of presentations in each month in 2023 to the minor injuries unit at Monaghan Hospital, in tabular form; the corresponding number for each month in 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1034/24]

*1629. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost, capital and current, required to bring a CT scanner to Monaghan Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1035/24]

*1630. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost, capital and current, required to bring an MRI scanner to Monaghan Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1036/24]

*1631. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a comfort chair that is needed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1039/24]

- *1632. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the provision of a primary care centre in Swords; the expected date for its completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [1043/24]
- *1633. To ask the Minister for Health if a surgery date (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1048/24]
- *1634. To ask the Minister for Health the number of prescriptions issued for fentanyl as part of a public drug scheme or in a HSE hospital, psychiatric facility or primary care setting and by a private GP from 2011 to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Colm Burke. [1055/24]
- *1635. To ask the Minister for Health the number of prescriptions issued for codeine as part of a public drug scheme or in a HSE hospital, psychiatric facility or primary care setting and by a private GP from 2011 to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Colm Burke. [1056/24]
- *1636. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the review carried out by the Health Products Regulatory Authority on the sale of codeine containing medicinal products; and when that review will be completed. — Colm Burke. [1057/24]
- *1637. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to publish the review of the Health Products Regulatory Authority on the sale of codeine containing medicinal products once it is received by the Department. — Colm Burke. [1058/24]
- *1638. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports of increasing the misuse of fentanyl (details supplied); the measures that the Department is taking to tackle fentanyl misuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1059/24]
- *1639. To ask the Minister for Health if he will extend eligibility to the long-term Illness scheme for reimbursement of blood glucose test strips (insulin and metformin) to all women who develop gestational diabetes during pregnancy; if he agrees with the decision to remove them from the scheme and if he will now reverse that decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [1064/24]
- *1640. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the number of women who develop gestational diabetes during pregnancy in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [1065/24]
- *1641. To ask the Minister for Health the number of neck fusion surgeries performed at Beaumont Hospital in 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [1081/24]
- *1642. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time to see a consultant paediatric neurosurgeon at CHI Temple Street. — Catherine Murphy. [1082/24]
- *1643. To ask the Minister for Health if the new Children's Hospital will have the capabilities and necessary staffing to perform heart transplants and pancreas transplants. — Catherine Murphy. [1083/24]
- *1644. To ask the Minister for Health if consultant cardiologists or cardiologist registrars are on call in Beaumont Hospital on a 24/7 basis. — Catherine Murphy. [1084/24]

*1645. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to alerts issued by the HSE on ketamine (details supplied); the measures that his Department is taking to tackle ketamine use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1099/24]

*1646. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a medical appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [1113/24]

*1647. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE posts provided for the Substance Misuse Team in Clonmel, County Tipperary; the number of vacancies at the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [1120/24]

*1648. To ask the Minister for Health if CHI has the capacity to provide chest bracing service for children in the public health system as of December 2023. — Paul Donnelly. [1128/24]

*1649. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant ENT surgeons attached to Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [1129/24]

*1650. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for bone density scans for patients at each hospital in the RCSI Group. — Paul Donnelly. [1130/24]

*1651. To ask the Minister for Health if he can advise regarding correspondence and the pandemic recognition payment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1146/24]

*1652. To ask the Minister for Health what surveillance activity programme is taking place with respect to monitoring wastewater for Covid; the number of treatment plants that are being monitored as part of the health surveillance; if he will publish the latest data available to his Department on Covid concentrations in municipal wastewater schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [1147/24]

*1653. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost to increase the number of GP training places in 2024 to 375; the number of GP training places provided in 2023; and the number of persons applied for a GP training place in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [1161/24]

*1654. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that visited the tertiary neurocognitive clinic at St. James's Hospital in 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [1162/24]

*1655. To ask the Minister for Health when the review of the fair deal scheme will be published. — Ivana Bacik. [1174/24]

*1656. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a copy of the implementation action plan, drafted to implement operational recommendations contained in the termination of pregnancy review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1187/24]

*1657. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a copy of the Regulatory Impact Analysis Termination of Pregnancy Safe Access Zones prepared by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1191/24]

*1658. To ask the Minister for Health the inpatient services and inpatient surgical services currently at Bantry General Hospital. — Duncan Smith. [1192/24]

*1659. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons awaiting a psychologist report for MHID services in each of the CHO6 areas; the current expected waiting time for an assessment; and his plans to extend services within this area in 2024. — Duncan Smith. [1193/24]

*1660. To ask the Minister for Health the treatments that are available at the minor injuries unit at Roscommon Hospital. — Duncan Smith. [1194/24]

*1661. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults in County Wexford awaiting an appointment for vascular surgery, by wait times, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [1195/24]

*1662. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that attended the accident and emergency department at CHI Temple Street on 24, 25 and 26 December 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [1196/24]

*1663. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ultrasound machines at Tullamore Regional Hospital as of 1 January 2024; and if he will provide same figures as of 1 January 2020, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [1197/24]

*1664. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting placement under the fair deal scheme as of 4 January 2024 in CHO7. — Duncan Smith. [1198/24]

*1665. To ask the Minister for Health the number of resuscitation suites in the accident and emergency department of University Hospital Limerick. — Duncan Smith. [1199/24]

*1666. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultants in reproductive medicine at the Coombe Maternity Hospital in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [1200/24]

*1667. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE scrub nurses working in South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [1201/24]

*1668. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the average emergency department waiting times at Sligo University Hospital. — Duncan Smith. [1202/24]

*1669. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant oncologists at Beaumont Hospital in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [1203/24]

*1670. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE addiction counsellors employed by the HSE in CHO8 in 2023. — Duncan Smith. [1204/24]

*1671. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE senior pharmaceutical technicians working in Naas General Hospital in 2023. — Duncan Smith. [1205/24]

*1672. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE reconstructive plastic surgeons working in Mayo University Hospital as of 2 January 2024. — Duncan Smith. [1206/24]

*1673. To ask the Minister for Health the services currently being provided at Wicklow town and Bray primary care centres. — Duncan Smith. [1208/24]

*1674. To ask the Minister for Health when a date for an operation in CHI Crumlin will be given for a child (details supplied) in County Donegal; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1239/24]

*1675. To ask the Minister for Health when the parents of a child (details supplied) in Donegal can expect a date for a procedure in Crumlin Children's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1247/24]

*1676. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Parliamentary Questions yet to be answered by the HSE. — Sean Sherlock. [1275/24]

*1677. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children, respectively in Cork waiting for orthodontic treatment in six-month time intervals, from 0-6 months to 7+ years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [1286/24]

*1678. To ask the Minister for Health if he has recent papers that have analysed data sets by a company (details supplied) that indicate that the initial Covid vaccine offered no better protection against Covid than not taking the Covid vaccine; if he has engaged with the company in any way to ascertain if this is true; and if he has sought refunds for the expenditure made by the Government on these initial Covid vaccines. — Peadar Tóibín. [1315/24]

*1679. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time it normally takes between the registration of an application with CORU for professional recognition as an occupational therapist and the verification of such an application by CORU; the number of such applications currently awaiting verification at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [1331/24]

*1680. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider banning smoking/vaping in cars in line with many EU states considering the negative health impacts it has on additional passengers and the impact holding a vape/cigarette has on the driver's ability to control the steering wheel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [1336/24]

*1681. To ask the Minister for Health when a registration with CORU for a qualified occupational therapist (details supplied) will be determined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [1345/24]

*1682. To ask the Minister for Health the reason frontline employees of an organisation (details supplied) who were drivers and regularly collected essential care workers and service users from their homes at the height of the pandemic are not eligible for the pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [1348/24]

*1683. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE paediatric otolaryngologist at CHI Crumlin in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [1353/24]

*1684. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant physicians in stroke medicine at Naas General Hospital in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [1354/24]

*1685. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the recommended cap on hospital parking charges; and the basis for any delays to date. — Steven Matthews. [1360/24]

*1686. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the SRU unit, Old Convent Road, Carndonagh, County Donegal has been closed; and how patients and their families will access mental health support and respite support for families dealing with members who are affected by mental health issues. — Peadar Tóibín. [1363/24]

*1687. To ask the Minister for Health where management for hospitals formerly in the Ireland East Group will come from; if Our Lady's Hospital Navan will have a representative on the board of the RCSI while it is being managed by the RCSI; what effect management by the RCSI of Our Lady's Hospital Navan will have on the future of the accident and emergency department at Navan Hospital; and if the accident and emergency department at Our Lady's Hospital Navan will be fully functional for the next ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [1364/24]

*1688. To ask the Minister for Health the reason HSE-funded home care providers have stopped taking physically well older people for walks; and if a risk assessment has been undertaken by him in relation to the danger posed by HSE-funded home care providers allowing physically well older people with dementia leave their homes on their own without accompanying them for a walk. — Peadar Tóibín. [1365/24]

*1689. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No.150 of 15 November 2023, whether the Health Service Executive pensions section in Manorhamilton is now fully staffed and in a position to process all pension matters for retired HSE workers in a swift and timely manner; if not, if he will outline the reason why and the steps being taken to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [1366/24]

*1690. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) cannot get an appointment with CAHMS in Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [1373/24]

*1691. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the waiting list times for access to MRI scans for children in the public health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [1379/24]

*1692. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated to Traveller primary health care projects in each of the years 2019 to date; for breakdown of funding given to peer-led Traveller-specific mental health supports for the same time period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1400/24]

*1693. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated to examine the distinct needs of young members of the Traveller community who are vulnerable to suicide; if any initiatives to train peer support outreach workers within the community have been developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1401/24]

*1694. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the reinstatement of the Traveller Health Advisory Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1402/24]

*1695. To ask the Minister for Health if a Department lead on Traveller health and mental health will be appointed to monitor and progress actions across Departments and initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1403/24]

*1696. To ask the Minister for Health the funding for Traveller health in each of the years from 2019 to date; the funding allocated to Traveller mental health for the same period; if there is an increase in this funding in Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1404/24]

*1697. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on Traveller counselling services; if they operate on a national basis; the funding that is allocated to the service on a yearly basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1405/24]

*1698. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the establishment of a mental health advocacy service for Traveller mental health; the estimated cost of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1406/24]

*1699. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on Traveller specific mental health awareness campaigns; the level of engagement his Department has had with local Traveller groups for these campaigns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1407/24]

*1700. To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department has taken to encourage Traveller employment within primary and specialist community services; what training is available for Travellers to upskill within these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1408/24]

*1701. To ask the Minister for Health if cultural therapies on mental health have been developed for the Traveller community; if the Department of Health and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media have considered developing equine therapies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1409/24]

*1702. To ask the Minister for Health what cross departmental work has been carried out to address the root causes of the mental health crisis in the Traveller community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1410/24]

*1703. To ask the Minister for Health to give an update on the implementation of culturally sensitive mental health services, as recommended in A Vision for Change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1411/24]

*1704. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) who suffers from severe eczema and allergies will have their case referred to University Hospital Galway. — Mairéad Farrell. [1422/24]

*1705. To ask the Minister for Health what transport is available to patients with medical cards who regularly have to travel to appointments outside their own county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [1423/24]

*1706. To ask the Minister for Health how a child (details supplied) can access a general practitioner to receive care, and for their parents to have the medical section on an application for disability allowance signed by a GP as they are unable to access a GP in the Tralee area for their child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1427/24]

*1707. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE nurses working in the accident and emergency department of Mullingar Regional Hospital as of 5 January 2024; and if he will provide same figures as of 5 January 2021, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [1470/24]

*1708. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who had presented at Children's Health Ireland emergency departments in 2023, by hospital, who were subsequently discharged to no fixed address, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [1472/24]

*1709. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on counselling and psychotherapy registration through CORU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1489/24]

*1710. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on psychology registration through CORU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1490/24]

*1711. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite the provision of home help services for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [1503/24]

*1712. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of ambulances that were over one hour awaiting handover in hospital, including percentage, in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [1523/24]

*1713. To ask the Minister for Health the location(s) for ambulance stations; the number of emergency ambulances assigned to each station; and the number of WTE assigned to each station. — Peadar Tóibín. [1524/24]

*1714. To ask the Minister for Health the number of 999 calls nationally and by division, where the patient was deceased by the time an ambulance reached the scene, in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [1525/24]

*1715. To ask the Minister for Health the top ten longest lengths of time a person was left waiting for an ambulance in the State in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [1526/24]

*1716. To ask the Minister for Health the longest length of time a person was left waiting for an ambulance to arrive in each of the past ten years, by ambulance station and dispatch point. — Peadar Tóibín. [1527/24]

*1717. To ask the Minister for Health the longest length of time a person was left waiting for an ambulance to dispatch to them, perhaps due to a lack of available ambulances, in each of the past ten years, by ambulance station and dispatch point. — Peadar Tóibín. [1528/24]

*1718. To ask the Minister for Health the average ambulance response time per region, per year, for each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1529/24]

*1719. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to any differential in survival rates for cancer, between persons diagnosed in a public hospital/clinic and those diagnosed in a private hospital/clinic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [1530/24]

*1720. To ask the Minister for Health the number persons who have retired from the National Ambulance Service in each of the past five years; and the number of new persons employed by

the National Ambulance Service in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [1531/24]

*1721. To ask the Minister for Health the number of babies born with addiction to drugs or alcohol, in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [1532/24]

*1722. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons to contact the HSE's drug and alcohol helplines in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [1533/24]

*1723. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [1534/24]

*1724. To ask the Minister for Health further to the publication of the report carried out by the Economic and Social Research Institute (details supplied) if further consideration has been given to the provision of a capitation grant or low-interest loan scheme for small- to medium-sized nursing homes to meet the cost of required upgrades/building works in order to satisfy HIQA regulations, where that nursing home can show that it does not have the capacity to meet the financial requirements on same, and where there is a clear and identified need for beds in the area in question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1554/24]

*1725. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the details of the total number of primary school pupils who are currently awaiting to have their in-school eye, hearing and dental checks, by each CHO area in each of the years 2010 to date; the recommended and targeted age for each of the relevant checks; what improvements are being considered to clear the backlogs in this area, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1564/24]

*1726. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant public health nurse posts in each county and area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [1566/24]

*1727. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment for a hospital procedure for a person (details supplied) is likely to be rescheduled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1575/24]

*1728. To ask the Minister for Health what funding is available to support an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [1580/24]

*1729. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1587/24]

*1730. To ask the Minister for Health if he will indicate the proportion of nursing costs paid by the State and by residents and their families under the fair deal scheme, distinguishing payments by families made immediately and payments recovered later from property sales. — Richard Bruton. [1605/24]

*1731. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the National Ambulance Service fleet for the period 2019-2024, inclusive, in tabular form; and the number of vehicles, by type. — David Cullinane. [1611/24]

*1732. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the National Ambulance Service staff for the period 2019-2024, inclusive, by grade, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [1612/24]

*1733. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will provide age-appropriate products (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [1617/24]

*1734. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital intensive care unit (ICU) beds in the State on the 31 December in each of the years 2013 to 2023; the number of hospital ICU beds in State-funded and private hospitals in each year; his views on the implementation of the Government's stated intention to increase the provision of ICU hospital beds in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [1618/24]

*1735. To ask the Minister for Health if he will extend eligibility for the long-term illness scheme for reimbursement of blood glucose test strips (insulin and metformin) to all women who develop gestational diabetes during pregnancy; if he agrees with the decision to remove them from the scheme; if he will reverse that decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [1619/24]

*1736. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who developed gestational diabetes during pregnancy in each of the years 2018 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [1620/24]

*1737. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the new St. Marys Hospital in Drogheda to be fully operational; if the HSE moratorium has impacted on the progress of the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1623/24]

*1738. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be approved for a person (details supplied) in County Mayo in order that they can live independently in a council house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [1626/24]

*1739. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding his Department and the HSE have provided to an organisation (details supplied) in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [1628/24]

*1740. To ask the Minister for Health the current status and work of the Public Health Alcohol Research Group; when a report will issue from the group; if he intends to publish the group's report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [1636/24]

*1741. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on the mechanisms in place for the monitoring and evaluation of outcomes of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [1637/24]

*1742. To ask the Minister for Health how much has been paid since 2021 by SouthDoc or the HSE for the rental of the SouthDoc premises in Listowel. — Pa Daly. [1639/24]

*1743. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1909 of 11 September 2023, if there is any further development in the provision of a pathway for a person to claim compensation for what they believe to be illegal nursing home charges paid between 1977 and 1979, who has not as of yet made any claim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1640/24]

*1744. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to adding motor neurone disease (MND) and Kennedy's disease, which is rare but very similar to MND, to the list of

medical conditions covered by the long-term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [1642/24]

*1745. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the National Service Plan 2024; if the HSE has submitted the NSP to him for approval; the timeline he is working towards in approving the NSP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [1643/24]

*1746. To ask the Minister for Health if, given the reduction in services provided by SouthDoc, the contract for the service with the HSE has been altered, or if the amount being paid to SouthDoc has reduced in any way. — Pa Daly. [1652/24]

*1747. To ask the Minister for Health if a person on the drugs payment scheme gets two sets of 28-day medication in the one calendar month, if they are obliged to pay the €80 a second time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [1662/24]

*1748. To ask the Minister for Health if he can confirm what adult dental treatment is offered by the HSE to adults in County Wexford in need of dental treatment, caused by medications/medical treatments for other conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1665/24]

*1749. To ask the Minister for Health if a home care package will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1712/24]

*1750. To ask the Minister for Health the number of call-outs by the National Ambulance Service to patients located in County Monaghan during 2023, in tabular form; the number therein whereby an ambulance arrived 1) within 10 minutes 2) between 10 and 20 minutes 3) within 20 and 30 minutes 4) within 30 and 40 minutes 5) within 40 and 50 minutes 6) within 50 minutes and 1 hour 7) within 1 to 1.5 hours 8) within 1.5 to 2 hours 9) within 2 and 3 hours 10) within 3 and four hours 11) over four hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1720/24]

*1751. To ask the Minister for Health the public hospitals that currently provide wi-fi access for patients and visitors and his proposals to ensure that all public hospitals offer this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1724/24]

*1752. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that wi-fi access is provided for patients and visitors attending Monaghan Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1725/24]

*1753. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that wi-fi access is provided for patients and visitors attending Cavan Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1726/24]

*1754. To ask the Minister for Health if antigen tests that test for both Covid and flu will be made available to members of the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1727/24]

*1755. To ask the Minister for Health when the independent clinical care review into neonatal subgaleal haemorrhage in UHG in 2002 will be published; the reason for the delay in its publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1728/24]

*1756. To ask the Minister for Health if the independent clinical care review into neo-natal subgaleal haemorrhage in UHG in 2002 will be extended to such incidents which occurred in the years both pre and post 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1729/24]

*1757. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to contradictions between the internal report by University Hospital Galway and the independent clinical care review into neo-natal subgaleal haemorrhage in UHG in 2002 with regard to classification of all nine cases concerned as mild and the incorrect statement in the independent report that none of the babies concerned developed jaundice or required phototherapy; whether other inconsistencies regarding other deliveries exist; whether in light of this a new independent review external to the HSE is now required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1730/24]

*1758. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the views of parents were not sought for the independent clinical care review into neo-natal subgaleal haemorrhage in UHG in 2002; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1731/24]

*1759. To ask the Minister for Health the follow up that has taken place to review each child whose case was considered in the independent clinical care review into neo-natal subgaleal haemorrhage in UHG in 2002; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1732/24]

*1760. To ask the Minister for Health if the full medical files of both the infants and mothers concerned in the nine cases were made available to those conducting the independent clinical care review into neo-natal subgaleal haemorrhage in UHG in 2002; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1733/24]

*1761. To ask the Minister for Health to provide information on the current state of genetic services in Ireland, including the waiting times for genetic testing and the resources available to people living with a rare disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [1741/24]

*1762. To ask the Minister for Health if she will carry out a review of a fair deal application (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [1743/24]

*1763. To ask the Minister for Health if he will add motor neuron (covering various types) and Kennedy's disease to the list of conditions/ illnesses that qualify for the long-term illness medical card; if not the reason; the steps that can be taken to add these conditions to the card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1753/24]

*1764. To ask the Minister for Health how many hospital trolleys were purchased and/or discarded in 2023; how many will be purchased in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [1754/24]

*1765. To ask the Minister for Health what practices are in place to ensure that autistic people are not being discriminated against when it comes to receiving healthcare through the National Gender Service; if the HSE has received any complaints in relation to this; if so, how those complaints have been dealt with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1756/24]

*1766. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people that have been approved for home help services in County Clare but are still waiting to be allocated the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [1761/24]

*1767. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [1774/24]

*1768. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details in relation to what is involved in the six new surgical hubs announced; and where they will be located. — John Lahart. [1782/24]

*1769. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details in relation to his digital health budget for 2024 which has been increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [1783/24]

*1770. To ask the Minister for Health to provide some details in relation to recovery colleges announced as part of the CAMHS approach to mental health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [1784/24]

*1771. To ask the Minister for Health to outline what is involved in the new youth mental health app mentioned in Budget 2024; who it is intended to serve; how younger people can learn about it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [1785/24]

*1772. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect a date for a cataract operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1795/24]

*1773. To ask the Minister for Health if he will extend eligibility to the long-term illness scheme for reimbursement of blood glucose test strips (insulin and metformin) to all women who develop gestational diabetes during pregnancy; if he agrees with the decision to remove them from the scheme and if he will now reverse that decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [1804/24]

*1774. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who develop gestational diabetes during pregnancy in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [1805/24]

*1775. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric histopathologists at Cork University Hospital in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [1822/24]

*1776. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE vacancies, by job title at the minor injuries unit at Monaghan General Hospital. — Duncan Smith. [1823/24]

*1777. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE occupational therapist and dietitians working in Letterkenny University Hospital in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [1824/24]

*1778. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant WTE accident and emergency department nurses in Portlaoise Regional Hospital as of 10 January 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [1825/24]

*1779. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE audiologist by grade employed by the HSE working in County Longford in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [1826/24]

*1780. To ask the Minister for Health the amount collected in public car parking charges at St. Vincent's University Hospital in 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [1827/24]

*1781. To ask the Minister for Health the number of MRI scanners and CT scanners in use at St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny. — Duncan Smith. [1829/24]

*1782. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE senior medical scientists in molecular microbiology at University Hospital, Waterford in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [1830/24]

*1783. To ask the Minister for Health the number of treatment bays in the accident and emergency department at Wexford General Hospital. — Duncan Smith. [1831/24]

*1784. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant orthopaedic and trauma surgeons based at Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [1832/24]

*1785. To ask the Minister for Health whether the process of being approved for the MCAP differs depending on the type of eligible condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [1846/24]

*1786. To ask the Minister for Health what engagement and training is provided to consultants whose patients have been approved for MCAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [1847/24]

*1787. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to expand the MCAP to include other conditions in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [1848/24]

*1788. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that e-cigarette and vaping products are currently being sold across a very wide range of retail settings in Ireland; if he intends using the licensing provisions in the new Public Health (tobacco and nicotine inhaling products) Bill 2023 to restrict the sales of these products to specialist vape stores and only those retailers that currently sell tobacco and alcohol products which are regulated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [1853/24]

*1789. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that e-cigarette and vaping products that do not meet Irish product standards are widely available; if he will make it a condition for the licensing of retail outlets under the new licensing system provided for in the Public Health (tobacco and nicotine inhaling products) Bill 2023 that they can only sell e-cigarettes and vaping products that are fully compliant with the standards for these products in force in Ireland, and what enforcement measures he is planning in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [1854/24]

*1790. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the wide availability of e-cigarette and vaping products that do not meet standards for these products, and which some estimates put at between 20% to 25% of the market; what actions he and other agencies of the State are taking to combat this and to ensure that only e-cigarettes and vaping products that meet Irish regulatory

standards can be sold here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [1855/24]

*1791. To ask the Minister for Health when adjuvant abemaciclib will be approved to reduce the risk of breast cancer for patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1861/24]

*1792. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Bill 2022, particularly in relation to international surrogacy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1862/24]

*1793. To ask the Minister for Health if an urgent transfer can be arranged for a person (details supplied) in County Mayo to the National Rehabilitation Hospital in Dún Laoghaire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [1864/24]

*1794. To ask the Minister for Health if the decision to refuse a person (details supplied) in County Meath reimbursement for an increased dose of ustekinumab/stelara can be reviewed in light of the recommendation from their consultant and noted response to treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1865/24]

*1795. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the situation in relation to funding for a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [1867/24]

*1796. To ask the Minister for Health the number of homecare support hours for older people provided in each LHO area in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [1871/24]

*1797. To ask the Minister for Health if he will instruct HIQA to carry out research relating to gender affirming care in Ireland comparing it to international best practice as the body previously did for long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [1872/24]

*1798. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will provide home support for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1873/24]

*1799. To ask the Minister for Health his Department's plans to provide essential colonoscopy examinations for persons with Crohn's disease (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [1897/24]

*1800. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive required medical treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [1914/24]

*1801. To ask the Minister for Health if every effort will be made to put in place the nine additional homecare package hours allocated to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1925/24]

*1802. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the complaint lodged (details supplied); the options open to a person in such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [1948/24]

*1803. To ask the Minister for Health if he can confirm that all neurological services at Naas General Hospital are fully open, functioning to optimum level and are staffed appropriately including with any locum appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [1952/24]

*1804. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 51 of 9 November 2023, the details of any recruitment process underway to increase staffing levels in the Áras Mhic Dara community nursing unit in Carraroe to facilitate the use of all available beds in the unit; the number of beds currently operational in the unit; the number of beds currently closed in the unit; the number of beds currently in use in the unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1959/24]

*1805. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 72 of 9 November 2023, if the SAR/PBC for the new emergency department, women and children's block at University Hospital Galway has been approved by the HSE to-date; the expected timeline for it to proceed to pre-tender stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1960/24]

*1806. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been brought to a report (details supplied); his plans to address regional inequalities in access to long-term residential care; the details of any analysis carried out by his Department into the impact of the increase in private equity financed operators in Ireland's long-term residential care sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1961/24]

*1807. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 504 of 14 December 2023, the breakdown of the additional 1,125 acute hospital beds opened since 2020, by hospital, in tabular form. — John Lahart. [1963/24]

*1808. To ask the Minister for Health the primary care wait lists in Meath in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, by area in, tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1996/24]

*1809. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2009/24]

*1810. To ask the Minister for Health the plans, if any, to establish a social prescribing service in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [2042/24]

*1811. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on adequate services and resources for genetic testing services in Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin. — Patricia Ryan. [2074/24]

*1812. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set out the procedures being taken for efficient effective action to tackle the waiting lists for genetic testing services at Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin. — Patricia Ryan. [2075/24]

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

*1813. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when increments were last paid to casual workers employed by Donegal ETB at an educational setting (details supplied); the reason no increments have been paid for the past number of years to these workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [56334/23]

*1814. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when increments will be paid to casual workers employed by Donegal ETB at an educational setting (details supplied); if back-pay will also be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [56335/23]

*1815. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his Department's processes that consider the value for money question understanding that in 2017 a project build (details supplied) was estimated at less than €50 million, in 2021 it was estimated to cost close to €90 million and today the engineering block build is estimated to be costing over €100 million; if, given that this project cost has moved over €50 million from the last Programme for Government and over €20 million in the lifetime of this Government's programme, he will outline how the delay process to funding this long-awaited capital programme demonstrates the decision delay has proven 'beneficial in value' to the State capital programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [56390/23]

*1816. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider a review of the requirement for certain apprenticeship applicants to pass the Ishihara colour vision test without the use of corrective lenses, in view of the fact that corrective lenses are available and could be used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56481/23]

*1817. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the annual budgetary amount allocated to the provision of a range of free, adequate, safe and suitable period products in all educational publicly-funded settings including schools, colleges and HEIs from 2021 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [56558/23]

*1818. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the breakdown of the €0.5 million allocated to each further and higher education institution in Budget 2024 for free period products in, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [56559/23]

*1819. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the nine further education and training colleges that undertook the 'Worryfree' pilot delivering free, sustainable period products and dispensers for students in participating ETBs, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [56595/23]

*1820. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider extending the SUSI grant scheme to part-time students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56648/23]

*1821. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will give due consideration to increasing the income threshold for SUSI grants by 15%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56655/23]

*1822. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if recipients of the Irish Research Council Enterprise Partnership Scheme Postgraduate Award will receive the same increase in their stipends as IRC Government of Ireland PG Award recipients. — Paul Murphy. [56665/23]

*1823. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on stipend increases for Higher Education Authority funded PhD researchers across all categories of HEA-funded research that is, HEA PhD, HEA extensions, and so on. — Paul Murphy. [56666/23]

*1824. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a full list of PhD scholarships and awards that will see increased stipends in 2024 (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [56667/23]

*1825. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason motor mechanic apprentices can wear corrective lenses to compensate for colour blindness but electrical engineers cannot, despite the former dealing with more complex wires for example, plume wires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [56759/23]

*1826. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will list the ongoing research commissioned under the remit of his Department through the North-South Ministerial Council, Shared Island Initiative or through other all-island arrangements; if he will outline the research that has been completed; the date of publication of the research since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56915/23]

*1827. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount of additional core funding that was allocated in Budget 2024 to the higher education sector. — Pauline Tully. [57014/23]

*1828. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in line with Action 54 of the Final Report by the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Autism, if his Department has, or if he has plans to, liaise with the Department of Health to increase the number of places in third-level courses in occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, psychology, social work and nursing and work to match these numbers with clinical placements. — Pauline Tully. [57103/23]

*1829. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to increase the number of places in third-level courses in planning in line with 55 of the Final Report by the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Autism. — Pauline Tully. [57104/23]

*1830. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in line with Action 57 of the Final Report by the Oireachtas Joint Committee, if his Department has plans to liaise with the Department of Education and the Central Applications Office to provide prospective students with information regarding Leaving Certificate results and third level placements in sufficient time to allow for higher education institutions to engage with students who may have need for additional supports. — Pauline Tully. [57105/23]

*1831. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in line with Action 61 of the Final Report by the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Autism

his plans to provide multiannual funding based on the academic calendar to allow higher education institutions to undertake comprehensive, long-term planning to establish supports for disabled students as well as tailored supports for individual students before the beginning of the academic year. — Pauline Tully. [57106/23]

*1832. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a schedule of the personal and or person-specific data sets his Department holds that have been provided and/or shared with other Departments and/or Ministers and/or State bodies and/or agencies and/or local authorities in the past 20 years to date; if he will clarify if the transfer of data and/or records was in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records were provided. — Catherine Murphy. [57212/23]

*1833. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to detail the nature of documents previously accepted by SUSI as proof of estrangement or irreconcilable estrangement of an applicant from their parents, for the purposes of assessing the means of a grant application; the number of cases between 2018 and 2023 that included a letter from a social workers, a court order, evidence from An Garda Síochána, and/or any other form of documentation that sufficed to prove estrangement, in each respective year, in tabular form; if he will detail the legislative basis under which SUSI will not accept a sworn affidavit as proof of estrangement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [57232/23]

*1834. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to explain the delay in responding substantively to Parliamentary Question Nos. 148 and 149 of 27 September 2023; and to confirm when they will be answered. — Paul Murphy. [57245/23]

*1835. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason for the delay in responding substantively to Parliamentary Question No. 871 of 11 July 2023; and to confirm when it will be answered. — Paul Murphy. [57246/23]

*1836. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of staff working on a full- and part-time basis, the number of posts in recruitment and number of vacant positions in each of the technological universities (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [57247/23]

*1837. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, in relation to September 2021 when TU Dublin appointed ten new secretary/financial controller grade II positions, where eight of these were new posts and only two of these positions were across the three legacy institutions pre-merger, he will confirm whether TU Dublin sought approval from his Department for these appointments. — Paul Murphy. [57248/23]

*1838. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if TU Dublin will run the commis chef apprenticeship programme on TU Dublin's Tallaght campus in the coming academic year. — Paul Murphy. [57249/23]

*1839. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will report on the National Strategy for Higher Education to 2030 proposed consolidation and mergers of institutes of technology to 'improve resource efficiency, by taking advantage of economies of scale and opportunities for sharing services' given the circumstances (details supplied); if his Department approved this significant increase in salary costs for non-academic staff; and the reason the economies of scale and efficiencies derived from sharing

services envisaged in the national strategy were not achieved in TU Dublin. — Paul Murphy. [57250/23]

*1840. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to confirm what reserves TU Dublin holds; how much of these reserves are unencumbered (details supplied); and the actual reserves TU Dublin holds that can be used to offset the deficit. — Paul Murphy. [57251/23]

*1841. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason he sanctioned retrospectively the appointment of a Chief Operations Officer and of a Deputy President and Registrar at TU Dublin in October 2022, given that he must have been aware at the time of the €10 million increase in salary costs for non-academic roles in the university, the decline in market share leading to a decrease in funding and given as he confirmed previously the appointments breached the Technological Universities Act 2018. — Paul Murphy. [57252/23]

*1842. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, in light of his admission that the Technological Universities Act 2018 was breached by the appointment of the Chief Operating Officer and of the Deputy President and Registrar in October 2019 at TU Dublin, he will outline what actions his Department took as a response to this breach of the Act. — Paul Murphy. [57253/23]

*1843. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if TU Dublin increased student fees for international students and part-time students without Governing Body approval; and if students were reimbursed. — Paul Murphy. [57254/23]

*1844. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the President of TU Dublin sought approval from the governing body for the proposed organisation design and were the consultants' costings showing an increase in salary costs of approximately €10 million shared with the governing body members in advance of a decision to approve or not approve. — Paul Murphy. [57255/23]

*1845. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, in relation to media reports over the summer period reporting a drop in full-time equivalent students of in excess of 2,400 over the previous year at TU Dublin, and given that the FTE figure is calculated for funding purposes, he will confirm what the actual drop in this FTE figure was for TU Dublin; and what the decrease in funding will be as a result. — Paul Murphy. [57256/23]

*1846. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, in relation to the HEA published student number data by mode of study full-time or part-time, the number of full-time students includes students registered on full-time programmes but who are repeating modules and not completing 60 credits in the year; if the same is true for part-time students; and if the figure for part-time students includes those repeating modules and doing less credits than is required to progress from one year to another. — Paul Murphy. [57257/23]

*1847. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, in relation to the role of President of TU Dublin which was advertised on the basis of it being a seven-year appointment with the option for the governing body, based on a performance review, to extend the appointment for a further three years, he will confirm that the

TU Dublin governing body will evaluate the performance of the President to determine whether their appointment will be extended for a further three years or not. — Paul Murphy. [57258/23]

*1848. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide the total spend on legal fees by each of the technological universities for the past five years (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [57259/23]

*1849. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide the total spend on external consultants by each of the technological universities for the past five years (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [57260/23]

*1850. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, in line with Action 88 of the Autism Committee's Final Report, he has plans to ensure that understanding autism training is a component in all higher education courses relative to health and social care, including medicine, nursing, dentistry, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, social work and psychology; and the estimated first- and full-year cost, respectively, of implementing this proposal. — Pauline Tully. [57301/23]

*1851. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprentices currently in the construction trades, broken down by trade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1069/24]

*1852. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprenticeship registrations in the construction trades in 2023, broken down by trade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1070/24]

*1853. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of applicants to commis chef apprenticeship Level 6 Programme in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [1127/24]

*1854. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he proposes to develop a research agreement with Taiwan, similar to that agreed by Lithuania; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1181/24]

*1855. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a student (details supplied) will be afforded the reduction in fees given to other students. — Sean Sherlock. [1274/24]

*1856. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the chairpersons of HEA-funded Irish higher education institutions; the terms of office of each; the number of terms served by each; and the method of appointment, annual remuneration and expenses for each of the past three years. — Paul Donnelly. [1290/24]

*1857. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what action he is taking to provide the same level of financial support to apprentices undertaking construction metal fabrication and engineering metal fabrication courses as both courses are similar but currently apprentices on one course are being paid €745 per week and the other is paid €545; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [1369/24]

*1858. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the achievements to date with respect to making third level easier for medical graduates to succeed in Ireland following Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1463/24]

*1859. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will engage with an institute on behalf of a person (details supplied); and if he will clarify whether he and or his Department have authority in respect of persons that provide tuition in a private capacity in delivering courses and or tuition in this State on behalf of an institute that is registered in another jurisdiction. — Catherine Murphy. [1479/24]

*1860. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures undertaken by his Department to assist students accessing graduate-entry medicine courses with the costs of fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1484/24]

*1861. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views in relation to student accommodation providers that are only offering year-long contracts; if he will consider intervention in the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1755/24]

*1862. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in relation to his recent comments (details supplied) that he has “created all-island apprenticeships”, he can explain what this refers to; when it was introduced; what funding has been allocated towards this initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [1791/24]

*1863. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the development of a ‘borrowing framework’ for technological universities and a timeline for this framework, given that the absence of such a framework makes it impossible for TUs to borrow money on the financial market to build student accommodation. — Paul Murphy. [1982/24]

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

*1864. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she is aware of an alleged €3.5 million euro deficit in the Barrow Blue Ways Fund, as per Kildare County Council Oireachtas AGM 8 December /2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [2069/24]

*1865. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development whether there will be a second round of community recognition funding; if so, when the round will open; and the amount that will be provided. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56328/23]

*1866. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an overview of the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund and how it works; the next deadline for applications in 2024; if further applications will be invited after February 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [56613/23]

*1867. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will list the ongoing research commissioned under the remit of her Department through the North-South Ministerial Council, Shared Island Initiative or through other all-island arrangements; if she will outline the research that has been completed; the date of publication of the research since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56920/23]

*1868. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the decision on the tender of local development strategy for the delivery LEADER 2023 to 2027 for the Connemara Municipal District area of County Galway submitted by an organisation (details supplied) will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [57087/23]

*1869. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the 2023 community centre investment fund grants will be announced. — Emer Higgins. [57203/23]

*1870. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a schedule of the personal and or person-specific data sets her Department holds that have been provided and/or shared with other Departments and/or Ministers and/or State bodies and/or agencies and/or local authorities in the past 20 years to date; if she will clarify if the transfer of data and/or records was in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records were provided. — Catherine Murphy. [57217/23]

*1871. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of each individual project approved under measures 1, 2 and 3 of the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme in County Meath in 2023; the current status of each project; and the completion date for each project, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [1170/24]

*1872. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development how many dead-end private lanes across all local authorities, which have applied for the local improvement scheme and have been approved, but are awaiting funding to complete the works for each local authority, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1318/24]

*1873. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of an application by an organisation (details supplied) to Pobal for funding for an additional full- time worker; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1328/24]

*1874. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a fund is available to assist in the procurement of C02 alarms for vulnerable people and people in isolated areas. — Sorca Clarke. [1672/24]

*1875. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will seek an update on the long-awaited and much-delayed Ardee Castle redevelopment, funded through the rural regeneration and redevelopment fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1759/24]

*1876. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total amount of funding allocated to respective local authorities in 2023 for all rural schemes provided by her Department, including the town and village renewal scheme, CLÁR, LEADER, LIS, outdoor recreation and rural regeneration, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1946/24]

*1877. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total amount of funding allocated to local authorities for the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund; the towns in each county that have been allocated funding; the project title of each since the formation of this Government by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1947/24]

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gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 18 Eanáir, 2024
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY, 2024**

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

1. To ask the Minister for Health if he will commit to meeting transgender advocacy groups to discuss the provision of transgender healthcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1975/24]

2. To ask the Minister for Health the level of additional core expenditure for new developments, excluding funding for carryover and otherwise maintaining existing levels of service, which has been allocated to Cavan General Hospital for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [2071/24]

3. To ask the Minister for Health in what areas in acute hospital settings AI technology is being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [2032/24]

4. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance drivers recruited to the National Ambulance Service and the number of ambulance drivers who have left the National Ambulance Service in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [1894/24]

5. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ban tanning sunbeds outright, given the serious and increased risk of incidences of skin cancer, which is supported by scientific evidence linking skin cancer and tanning sunbed usage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [1874/24]

6. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which new modern, effective and safe drugs can become available here once approved by the EU authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1817/24]

7. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the availability of homebirth services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [1839/24]

8. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the membership of the Commission on Ageing; and how the public will be able to engage with it. — Richard Bruton. [2082/24]

9. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who died while waiting to be seen in emergency departments in the State in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [1893/24]

10. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on efforts his Department and the Health Service Executive are undertaking to improve University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1990/24]

11. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the Hospital Winter Plan to cope with the seasonal pressure. — Richard Bruton. [2081/24]

12. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on transformation plans at Our Lady's Hospital Navan; if he will reverse the stated policy that commits to closing the accident and emergency department at Navan Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [2086/24]

13. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that an organisation (details supplied) has stated that 122,879 patients, including 3,494 children, were admitted to hospital without a bed in 2023, that hospitals are in a near constant state of overcrowding coupled with short staffing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [1648/24]

14. To ask the Minister for Health the current deficit in addiction rehabilitation, detox and step-down beds. — Thomas Gould. [2024/24]

15. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of progress toward a new elective hospital for Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1927/24]

16. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts available to the health service in 2024; the number of posts required for full implementation of the safe staffing framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2058/24]

17. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to respond to ESRI reports which have identified significant deficits and imbalances in critical healthcare infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2059/24]

18. To ask the Minister for Health for a timeline for the delivery of primary care centres in Blarney, Mayfield and Glanmire. — Thomas Gould. [2025/24]

19. To ask the Minister for Health when construction will recommence on Ballyhaunis Primary Care Centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2013/24]

20. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider expanding the Medicinal Cannabis Access Programme to include other conditions outside of the current terms of reference of the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [1651/24]

21. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that in December 2023 an organisation (details supplied) stated that the latest National Treatment Purchase Fund figures confirm that the three main health care waiting lists are at a virtual standstill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [1647/24]

22. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of the €20 million committed for new medicine funding in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1974/24]

23. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update in relation to the HSE Capital Plan to provide a primary care centre in a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [2072/24]

24. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on progress on the new 42-bed medical block at Sligo University Hospital, which was due to start construction before the end of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [1599/24]

25. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the positive figures that showed a 20% drop in trolley numbers in the last six months of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [1441/24]

26. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the progress being made on the new protocols for hospital discharges to stepdown facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2017/24]

27. To ask the Minister for Health if he will comment on recent reports that suggest almost 107,000 adverse incidents reported within the health service and the significant rise in such incidents over the past five years; the steps or measures he has taken in view of these incidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2057/24]

28. To ask the Minister for Health what actions he is taking to reverse the current trend in long-term residential care (LTRC) where there has been a consolidation of LTRC homes under larger operator groups in Dublin and the commuter belt at the expense of smaller independently owned and operated LTRC homes which are not part of operator groups in rural areas such as in Cavan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [2070/24]

29. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the significant levels of overcrowding at University Hospital Limerick; what surge capacity measures have been taken in the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [1838/24]

30. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 10 of 9 November 2023, the exact level of additional core expenditure for new developments, excluding funding for carryover and otherwise maintaining existing levels of service, which has been allocated to Monaghan Hospital for 2024. — Matt Carthy. [1957/24]

31. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to date with the provision of improved facilities at Galway University Hospital with particular reference to the emergency department/ mothers and children unit, the elective surgery block, the new laboratories, the new cancer care unit and the provision of extra beds at the hospital; if any of these projects are awaiting approval by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1268/24]

32. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that an organisation (details supplied) has stated that hospitals are in a near constant state of overcrowding coupled with short staffing; if he will lift the health service recruitment freeze; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [1649/24]

33. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the completion of the independent review relating to the spina bifida programme at Temple St Hospital; if the review will include an analysis of the particular surgeon's practice at National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh as well

as complex paediatric orthopaedic surgeries and the performance of relevant specialists across Children's Health Ireland sites to provide comparable data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2056/24]

34. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that day services at IWA, formerly An Castan, Commons Road, Navan, County Meath have been cut from five days to three days; if he will outline his plans to urgently reverse this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [2087/24]

35. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans for the chicken pox vaccine to be included in the national immunisation programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1976/24]

36. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the provision of a primary care centre for Swords; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [1973/24]

37. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which his Department and the HSE have engaged with the various hospitals throughout the country with a view to improving the throughput at accident and emergency services in order to ensure early diagnosis/full triage in the shortest possible time and conscious of the need to treat emergencies as such from the outside; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1816/24]

38. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1288 of 7 November 2023, for an update on the development of the new elective hospital in Merlin Park; the status of the development of the pre-tender business case; the expected timeline for the project to proceed through Stage 2 of the Public Spending Code; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1956/24]

39. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a timeframe for the construction of the new renal dialysis unit in Sligo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [1600/24]

40. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the cardiac services review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2060/24]

41. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists in all of County Leitrim who are available to treat patients under the dental treatment services scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [1700/24]

42. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the delivery of the expansion of free contraception for women aged 17 to 31 years. — Paul McAuliffe. [2092/24]

43. To ask the Minister for Health what engagement he or his Department have had with University Hospital Galway in relation to the deficits identified, including relating to bed capacity and staffing in senior positions, in the HIQA inspection report dated 16 February 2023 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1955/24]

44. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that will be implemented to reduce the unacceptable divergence in the rates of subvention made to private nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [2051/24]

45. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department is engaging with the Department of Transport on funding provision to assist with sustainable transport options for hospital staff and patients in those hospitals signed up to the TFI Smarter Travel Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [1548/24]

46. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update in relation to the reduction in waiting lists for elective medical procedures in relation to cataract procedures and orthopaedic procedures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [2073/24]

47. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on National Clinical Programme funding for eating disorders for 2024; the level of new funding for eating disorders; when the National Clinical Programme will be operating at full capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1334/24]

48. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the establishment of his Department's 'savings and productivity taskforce'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2016/24]

49. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 508 of 5 December 2023, which centre the two CT scanners and one MRI scanner are based in within the Cavan and Monaghan Hospital group; if a request has been made for additional MRI or CT scanners to be located at Monaghan Hospital; and the status of any such request. — Matt Carthy. [1958/24]

50. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the investment and enhancement in services at a hospital (details supplied) since becoming Minister; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [1937/24]

51. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the use of home STI testing kits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [1442/24]

52. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position regarding the opening of additional beds at West Kerry Community Hospital, Dingle, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2063/24]

53. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that the NCHDs in an organisation (details supplied) have said that they expect to call a ballot for industrial action in response to the recruitment freeze announced recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [1650/24]

54. To ask the Minister for Health when grant aid will be approved for smaller scale nursing homes to carry out upgrading work following the recommendations of HIQA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [2050/24]

55. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the delivery of publicly funded IVF treatment. — Paul McAuliffe. [2093/24]

56. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the Strategic Review of General Practice; if he will outline the key stakeholders; when he expects the review to conclude considering the many issues facing GP practice and GP capacity at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [1979/24]

57. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the poor performance by the Government on the delivery of commitments and progress for family carers as outlined in the family carer scorecard 2023 published by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [1701/24]

58. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the National Clinical Programme funding for self-harm and suicide related Ideation; the level of new funding for self-harm and suicide related ideation; and when the National Clinical Programme will be operating at full capacity. — Mark Ward. [1335/24]

59. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on plans to provide additional bed capacity at Mayo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2012/24]

60. To ask the Minister for Health in response to the recent ESRI report on the provision of long-term residential care, what plans are being put in place to secure sufficient long-term care capacity in the north west region, in particular, and in other more rural counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [2085/24]

61. To ask the Minister for Health what measures are being taken to ensure adequate GP services available in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [2031/24]

62. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of beds open at West Kerry Community Hospital, Dingle, County Kerry; what the full staffing complement is in each category of employee; how this compares with January 2023 and 2022; what efforts are being made to recruit more staff; what success these efforts have reaped in 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2064/24]

63. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the current position in respect of the transfer of ophthalmology services from Cork University Hospital to South Infirmar-y-Victoria University Hospital, in view of the fact that a new outpatient's unit and two new theatres have been built; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1928/24]

64. To ask the Minister for Health the number of qualified and accredited psychotherapists and psychiatrists working within, or attached to, the prison system, currently, and in each of the past five years, in tabular form; the number of prisoners attending same over the same period; and the number of prisoners deemed to have a mental and or psychological illness currently and in the same retrospective period. — Réada Cronin. [54636/23]

65. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide funding to the HSE to develop a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1745/24]

66. To ask the Minister for Health the anticipated timeline for the provision of a seven-day-a-week, 8am to 8pm, cath lab service at University Hospital Waterford; the recruitment plan for the additional staff required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [1792/24]

67. To ask the Minister for Health with reference to the current HSE recruitment pause, if permanent members of staff returning from career breaks will be facilitated to return to their

previously held roles in the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1744/24]

68. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on his plans to end hospital overcrowding in Cork hospitals, considering 2023 was the worst year on record; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [1978/24]

69. To ask the Minister for Health if sepsis protocols in public hospitals will be updated in order that every patient, at the time of triaging or admission, is asked if they have ever had sepsis before; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1989/24]

70. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the long-outstanding issue of regularising the terms and conditions of adult education tutors employed by education and training boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [2048/24]

71. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he and his Department continue to make extra third level places available by whatever means to ensure that this country’s competence in the technical areas remains at the highest possible level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1821/24]

72. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline his priorities for 2024, in particular if he will consider how SUSI can help more students and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2062/24]

73. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on proposals to develop MSLETB as a College of the Future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2010/24]

74. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what progress has been made in reducing the time period for electrical/ instrument and mechanical apprentices to attend college placement at a facility (details supplied) from the date an apprenticeship commences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2099/24]

75. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will report on the development of Cavan Institute as a hub for further education and training. — Niamh Smyth. [1935/24]

76. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to improve pay and conditions for personal assistants working in further education settings; and to provide an update on the development of the FE disability framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2026/24]

77. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are plans for the further expansion of apprenticeship courses in Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2027/24]

78. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what measures are being taken to resolve current delays in apprenticeship in-class learning modules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [2030/24]

79. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the timeframe for the development of Cavan Institute as a hub for further education and training. — Niamh Smyth. [1936/24]

80. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the development of new campus facilities for the Technological University of the Shannon at Coonagh, Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1992/24]

81. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will report on the apprenticeship programmes operating in Meath; the number of those on waiting lists in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; the number that have experienced delays in arranging training in education centres; to provide an update on those apprenticeships associated with the green transition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2019/24]

82. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the proposals if any there are to increase capacity and availability of courses in digital forensics, in view of the threats to society posed by the proliferation of misinformation through social media platforms and the need to tackle such abuses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [2089/24]

83. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if 2024 will see increased funding for community training centres in Dublin's north inner city, Dublin 1 and Dublin 3. — Gary Gannon. [1920/24]

84. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether consideration has been given to a purpose built apprenticeship centre on the northside of Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [2023/24]

85. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline his Department's planned allocations to capital developments at South East Technological University over the next 12 months and beyond (details supplied). — Matt Shanahan. [46934/23]

86. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is satisfied that the increase in medical places in Irish HEIs will address the shortfall of general practitioners in rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2041/24]

87. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline his interactions with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in 2023 regarding the shortage of student accommodation. — Gary Gannon. [1919/24]

88. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he believes that the higher and further education sectors should develop a strategy outlining how they might contribute to the ambition to make Ireland the best country in which to grow old,

by supporting better understanding, extending new opportunities, and harnessing the experience of those exiting their workplaces. — Richard Bruton. [2083/24]

89. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the ongoing membership of Israel in Horizon Europe; and if he has sought suspension of Israel's membership or receipt of funds through Horizon arising from ongoing breaches of international humanitarian law in the Occupied Palestinian Territories including the targeting and destruction of institutes of higher education in Gaza. — Matt Carthy. [1939/24]

90. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the actions he has taken to develop more part-time curriculums across higher and further education; if he has increased funding for these courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [2090/24]

91. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for his position on the joint European degree scheme proposed by the European Union. — Gary Gannon. [1916/24]

92. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on plans to construct the Mayo College of Further Education at the Military Barracks in Castlebar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2011/24]

93. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has undergone any research that explores the impact of accommodation (lack of) on student retention rate. — Sorca Clarke. [1923/24]

94. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how many new degree programmes will be available outside the Central Applications Office points system for the upcoming academic year; and how many places will be available in each. — Gary Gannon. [1917/24]

95. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 137 of 19 October 2023, the status the proposed new further education college in Galway city; if the preliminary business case has been completed and submitted to SOLAS to date; if the design team has been appointed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1954/24]

96. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a programme similar to the hot meals programmes for primary schools could be rolled out or considered for Youthreach facilities nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [2029/24]

97. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which his Department continues to assess the needs of the economy in terms of technical skills; the progress made in providing for such needs by way of apprenticeships or third level provisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1820/24]

98. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how long medical graduates will have to commit to working in the Republic of Ireland after studying in Northern Ireland under the proposal that the State will pay for doctors to train there if they take up work here after qualifying. — Gary Gannon. [1918/24]

99. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprenticeship programmes experiencing delays in arranging off-the-job training in education centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [2068/24]

100. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what work his Department is carrying out to address the skills deficit to meet 2030 targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [2018/24]

101. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 126 of 19 October 2023, for a breakdown of the number of new affordable student accommodation units to be built and the number of units to be leased, in partnership with the University of Galway under the short-term activation measure; if he will provide an update on the construction of affordable student accommodation in Galway; the funding allocated to the University of Galway for the construction of new units under the short-term activation measure; the funding allocated to the University of Galway for the leasing of units under the short-term activation measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1953/24]

102. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will comment on the measures he is taking to increase capacity and labour force within the construction sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2040/24]

103. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether he is aware that there are only 83 apprentices in final phase in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [2022/24]

104. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will report on collaboration between Irish institutes of higher education with counterparts in Israel. — Matt Carthy. [1938/24]

105. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of persons who have graduated as nurses in the State in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [1895/24]

106. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of efforts to progress the Research and Innovation Bill 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [1440/24]

107. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the progress being made with regard to the Swords College of the Future project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [1439/24]

108. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what steps his Department is taking to increase uptake of third level education among those who previously attended a DEIS school, care leavers, those who have a disability, single parents and among members of the Travelling community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [1896/24]

109. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to address shortages in skills and labour force for the green economy through further education places, CPD places and apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [1547/24]

110. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to further promote a culture of lifelong learning within the workforce, focusing on increasing the lifelong learning rate from the current rate of 9% to 18% by 2025; what the current rate is in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [1965/24]

111. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current number of Youthreach centres; the number of students attending Youthreach centres, by county; if his Department has carried out any studies to ascertain areas in the country not served by Youthreach; if so, the details of same; his plans, if any, to open further Youthreach centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [2033/24]

112. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will indicate the participation levels in apprenticeships of the major Government employers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [2084/24]

113. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the actions he has taken to increase funding and resources for disability supports including mental health supports in third level institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [2091/24]

114. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what progress has been made in increase radiation therapy at third level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2100/24]

115. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the up-to-date position regarding the development of a training centre of excellence on a site (details supplied) in Killarney, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2061/24]

116. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for a report on the number of apprenticeships that commenced in 2023 as compared to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [2097/24]

117. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way his Department is supporting those from disadvantaged backgrounds and marginalised groups to access further and higher education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [2047/24]

118. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on progress that is being made at Limerick's third level campuses to provide additional student accommodation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1991/24]

119. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the total allocation of capital grants, devolved capital grants and

the further education capital grants to the Kilkenny and Carlow Education and Training Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [1964/24]

120. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the proposed building project for Cavan Institute will proceed to the next stage in 2024; the expected timescale for delivery of this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [2088/24]

121. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on apprenticeships; his plans to address the backlogs in the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [2066/24]

122. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what the increase is in PLC places for 2024 across Longford-Westmeath ETB; and what new areas in PLCs will be available for 2024. — Sorca Clarke. [1921/24]