



## DÁIL ÉIREANN

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**CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.**

1. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his Department's new publication entitled Government Response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2023. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53909/23]
2. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his Department's new publication entitled Government Response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2023. — Paul Murphy. [53912/23]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Government's response to the annual recommendations of the National Competitiveness and Productivity Council, which was published by his Department on 29 November 2023. — Robert Troy. [54689/23]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Government's response to the annual recommendations of the National Competitiveness and Productivity Council, which was published by his Department on 29 November 2023. — Aindrias Moynihan. [54692/23]
5. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his Department's new publication entitled Government Response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2023. — Mick Barry. [55232/23]
6. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his Department's new publication entitled Government Response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2023. — Cian O'Callaghan. [55337/23]
7. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his Department's new publication entitled Government Response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [55422/23]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the terms of reference for the inquiry into Covid-19 in Ireland will be produced. — Peadar Tóibín. [55131/23]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the terms of reference for the inquiry into Covid-19 in Ireland will be produced. — Mary Lou McDonald. [56544/23]
10. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the need for an inquiry into the handling of the Covid 19 pandemic in Ireland. — Peadar Tóibín. [2773/24]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when he last met with church leaders in Ireland. — Peadar Tóibín. [55133/23]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Alan Dillon. [55138/23]

13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [56545/23]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [1841/24]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the EU-Western Balkans Summit and at the European Council in Brussels on 13, 14 and 15 December 2023. — Seán Haughey. [57117/23]

16. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the December European Union Council meeting. — Bríd Smith. [2802/24]

17. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the December European Union Council meeting. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2805/24]

18. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the December European Union Council meeting. — Paul Murphy. [2808/24]

19. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the December European Union council meeting. — Mick Barry. [2897/24]

20. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the outcomes of his recent meeting with the Shared Island Youth Forum. — Alan Farrell. [1438/24]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report his attendance at the recent Shared Island Youth Forum. — Brendan Smith. [57118/23]

22. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work of his Departments Shared Island Unit. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2745/24]

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Mattie McGrath. [1151/24]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1813/24]

25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Gino Kenny. [2801/24]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [1397/24]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1811/24]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Alan Dillon. [2747/24]

29. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on Housing for All. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2795/24]

30. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on Housing for All. — Paul Murphy. [2798/24]

31. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on Housing for All. — Bríd Smith. [2803/24]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a list of the Cabinet Committees on which he sits. — Cian O’Callaghan. [1398/24]

33. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the child poverty and well-being unit. — Cian O’Callaghan. [1399/24]

34. To ask the Taoiseach the expected timeline for the Citizens Assemblies committed to in the Programme for Government. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2746/24]

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will meet next. — Alan Dillon. [2748/24]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2807/24]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [2810/24]

38. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent visit to World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2758/24]

39. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his engagements at the World Economic Forum. — Alan Farrell. [2788/24]

40. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2797/24]

41. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Paul Murphy. [2800/24]

42. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Bríd Smith. [2804/24]

43. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Mick Barry. [2898/24]

44. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the investigation into a matter (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [2774/24]

45. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent engagement with Chinese Premier Li Qiang. — Alan Farrell. [2789/24]

46. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his meeting with the President of China. — Paul Murphy. [2809/24]

47. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his visit to the Western Balkans. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2796/24]

48. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his visit to the Western Balkans. — Paul Murphy. [2799/24]

### **CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the timeframe in which he intends to bring forward proposals to remove the Triple Lock neutrality protection; when he expects the legislation to be enacted; and which missions he envisages the Defence Forces participating in from which they are currently precluded. — Matt Carthy. [2988/24]

50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of members that left the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps in 2023; the number of new members recruited to each; the current membership of the Defence Forces; and the projected numbers by year-end 2024. — Matt Carthy. [2989/24]

51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence when negotiations with stakeholders regarding the terms of reference for the tribunal of inquiry into abuse allegations within the Defence Forces concluded; and if he secured full support and endorsement for his proposed terms of reference from stakeholder groups which brought the abuse allegations to light prior to bringing them to Cabinet. — Réada Cronin. [2990/24]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the strength of the permanent Defence Force as of 1 January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [2724/24]

53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to advise what progress has been made to date in respect of the key recommendations set out in the Independent Review Group into the Defence Forces Report 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2636/24]

54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission on the Future of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [2760/24]

55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the current number of Defence Forces members posted to the UNDOF UN peace keeping mission in Golan Heights; the current timeframe for the withdrawal of the Defence Forces' Infantry Group from this mission; the number of Defence Forces personnel that will remain posted to this mission thereafter; and if he will consider reviewing the decision to withdraw from this important mission. — Matt Carthy. [2734/24]

56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress he expects in 2024 towards realising the Level of Ambition 2 ambition for the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2698/24]

57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the key challenges he has identified with regard to Defence Forces retention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [2725/24]

58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline the opportunities for the EDA to deepen its supports for the Irish Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2791/24]

59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 65 of 21 November 2023, the total military aid given by the EU to Ukraine since February 2022, and the details of the contribution given by Ireland to-date; the details of the contribution given by Ireland towards common costs of the EU military assistance mission in support of Ukraine; the details of any contributions or donations made by the Defence Forces to Ukraine to date since February 2022, and any contributions or donations planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2755/24]

60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if the licence issued to the Bere Island Project group for access to Lonhort Barracks, on Bere Island (details supplied) can be renewed immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [2764/24]

61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide an update on his Department’s efforts to increase accommodation for Naval personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [2786/24]

62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what measures are being taken to protect any threat of damage to high-speed cables that traverse the north Atlantic with Ireland being a major international junction for such cables; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [2743/24]

63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide an update on his Department’s efforts to increase gender balance within the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [2787/24]

64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department will revisit the terms of reference of the tribunal investigating abuse in the Defence Forces, given the dismay of the Women of Honour at the limits of what is proposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [2741/24]

65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what action he will be taking to stabilise the numbers within the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [2600/24]

66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the progress being made in the investigation into the death of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2739/24]

67. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on the acquisition of primary radar; the proposed timeframe in which a contract will be agreed; and the proposed timeline in which a system will be operational. — Matt Carthy. [2730/24]

68. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what progress has been made to date in respect of the establishment of an independent external complaints system for serving members in the Irish Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2635/24]

69. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he can provide an update on the current UNIFIL mission in which Defence Forces' members are taking part in South Lebanon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2740/24]

70. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the improvements he is putting in place for Naval Service accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [2735/24]

71. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the action(s) proposed to augment the ability of the Defence Forces here to protect vital subterranean and submarine infrastructure in light of any recent global threats in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2756/24]

72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what specific training members of the Israeli Defence Forces received during their time in Ireland; how many members of the Israeli Defence Forces have received training in Ireland since 2018; if there are any Israeli military personnel currently training in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2792/24]

73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will clarify the number of members of the IDF who have visited and/or trained in the State, are currently training or visiting or where plans exist for them to do so; the precise areas of military and related training or visitation involved; the cost or payment to the State of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [2742/24]

74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on his engagements with stakeholders regarding the establishment of a tribunal of inquiry arising from abuses allegations brought to public attention by the Women of Honour group; the timeframe within which he expects the tribunal to commence its work and complete its final report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [2732/24]

75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his key priorities for the Defence Forces in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2765/24]

76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will comment on the terms of reference of the statutory inquiry into the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2794/24]

77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he is aware that the original gates of the former Marlborough Barracks, now known as McKee Barracks off Blackhorse Avenue, are being kept in storage, that temporary gates were installed in the mid-1980s, and if he and his



Department are willing to evaluate the condition of the original gates and reinstall them. — Gary Gannon. [2776/24]

78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 78 of 21 November 2023, the status of the tribunal of inquiry to examine the effectiveness of the complaints process in the Defence Forces; the timeline for same; to clarify if the tribunal will examine allegations of abuse in respect of which formal complaints were not made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2754/24]

79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which ongoing changes identified in recent reviews of the Defence Forces including pay, gender respect and bullying and/or other sensitive issues are being addressed; the progress to date in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2757/24]

80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans to protect the use of the term “Óglaigh na hÉireann”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2697/24]

81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence how many members of the Israeli Defence Forces have attended the Irish Military College since 2011; how many are currently attending the Military College; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [2777/24]

82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence which overseas embassies are included in his Department’s plans to establish military attaches in overseas embassies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [2778/24]

83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the projected cost of his Department’s plans to establish military attaches in overseas embassies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [2779/24]

84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the actions he is taking to drive forward the cultural transformation of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [2599/24]

85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he met with the Women of Honour group before the terms of reference for the tribunal of inquiry into the Defence Forces handling of bullying, harassment and sexual assault allegations were agreed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [2780/24]

86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what measures are being taken to ensure safety of our peacekeeping troops stationed in Lebanon and in particular their monitoring of the Blue Line demarcation between Lebanon and Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [2744/24]

87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he received the letter from the Women of Honour group in November; if he accepts their view on his comments of the unsafe nature of the workplace; what updates he will give in relation to this letter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2793/24]

88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of members of the Israeli Defence Forces, by year, that have trained in the Irish Military College since 2008; the training

received; and if Israeli Defence Forces members will be permitted to avail of such training in the future considering that forces' ongoing participation in the assault on the Occupied Palestinian Territory. — Matt Carthy. [2729/24]

89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of times members of the Defence Forces have been involved in drug seizures or intercepting vessels containing drugs in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [2781/24]

90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the progress made implementing the Working Time Directive; if agreement has been reached between civilian and military management regarding the scope of duties which will fall within the Directive; and the timeframe in which a heads of Bill will be published. — Matt Carthy. [2733/24]

91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans to revitalise the Reserve Defence Force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [2736/24]

92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on the transfer of Columb Barracks, Mullingar to the LDA; if he will consider withholding final transfer until such time as he is satisfied a masterplan is concluded with a timeframe for implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [2738/24]

93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his response to concerns expressed that the proposed tribunal of inquiry into abuse in the Defence Forces “comes across as a paper exercise”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2766/24]

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### CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*94. To ask the Taoiseach the churn rate, the business entry and exit rates, for Irish firms for each of the following years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Louise O'Reilly. [2818/24]

\*95. To ask the Taoiseach the self-employment rates among men, women, young people and migrants for each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and how this compares with the EU and OECD averages, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [2820/24]

\*96. To ask the Taoiseach when the terms of reference for the inquiry into Covid-19 will be produced. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [1840/24]

\*97. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will meet next. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1812/24]

\*98. Chun a fhiafraí den Taoiseach cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2540/24]

\*99. Chun a fhiafraí den Taoiseach cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht i nGaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana seo an céatadán 20% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2541/24]

\*100. Chun a fhiafraí den Taoiseach cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta a Roinne do 2023 atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfear amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2542/24]

\*101. Chun a fhiafraí den Taoiseach cén céatadán de bhuiséad fógraíochta 2023 na gcomhlachtaí poiblí a thagann faoi scáth a Roinne atá caite go dtí seo i mbliana ar fhógraíocht a dhéanamh sna meáin Ghaeilge agus an bhféadfadh sé a dheimhniú go mbainfidh na comhlachtaí sin amach roimh dheireadh na bliana an céatadán 5% a leagtar síos in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2543/24]

\*102. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a schedule of official flights and costs of same taken by him in 2023; if a schedule will be provided of all hotels he stayed in in 2023, including hotel name and cost per night while on official State business; and if the same information will be provided in respect of all accompanying staff and advisors. — Catherine Murphy. [2652/24]

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

\*103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when he last spoke with the US National Security Advisor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2353/24]

\*104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of Irish passport applications that were made via the Irish embassies in Singapore and Malaysia in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2354/24]

\*105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide an update on the status of a passport application (details supplied) as the applicant's travel date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [2469/24]

\*106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the running costs of the Irish Embassy in Washington DC, Paris and London in the years of 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [2485/24]

\*107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what steps are being taken to address the consequences of individuals whose communications were lost in the Johannesburg consulate in 1986 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [2566/24]

\*108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide a schedule of official flights, and costs of same, taken by him in 2023; if a schedule will be provided of all hotels he stayed in in 2023, including hotel name and cost per night while on official State business; and if the same information will be provided in respect of all accompanying staff and advisors. — Catherine Murphy. [2644/24]

\*109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will look into a case (details supplied) whereby a person cannot apply for a certificate of freedom to marry abroad due to not having access to their long-form birth certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [2660/24]

\*110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for further information regarding the case of a person (details supplied). — Denise Mitchell. [2721/24]

\*111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he could ensure that issues around human rights in Western Sahara and the ongoing illegal occupation of Western Sahara by Morocco will be included in EU Priorities in UN Human Rights Fora for 2024. — Chris Andrews. [2759/24]

\*112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is aware of reports that a number of Irish citizens are serving in the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF), in light of Government statements that Israeli actions in Gaza may amount to war crimes, in light of the proceedings against Israel in the International Court of Justice under the Genocide Convention, in light of Ireland’s obligations as a signatory to the latter to take measures both to prevent and to punish the crime of genocide, including by punishing perpetrators, including private individuals, and in light of domestic legislation such as the Genocide Act 1973; his views on whether these individuals serving in the IDF may be in breach of Irish law; if he intends to publicly advise those eligible to serve in the IDF against doing so; his further views on whether it is appropriate for Irish citizens to serve in foreign militaries, particularly where the documented conduct of these militaries might seriously conflict with international human rights law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2768/24]

\*113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will consider opening an Irish embassy in Algeria in order to enhance the relationship and strengthen the economic, social and cultural ties between the two countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [2896/24]

\*114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of children of Irish citizens that were refused entry in the foreign births register in 2023 as a result of the ABC judgement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2955/24]

\*115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the visit of Chinese premier Li Qiang to Ireland, including the itinerary of the visit, the engagements Government held with the premier, the issues raised by Government at those engagements and the human rights issues that were raised by the Government; the issues raised by the Chinese delegation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [2965/24]

\*116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department is aware of a case (details supplied); what is being done by his Department to assist the family in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [3057/24]

\*117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will clarify whether the transfer of data and/or records from his Department that is transferred to other departments, State bodies and local authorities is in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records are provided. — Catherine Murphy. [3082/24]

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

\*118. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for an update on the new low-cost home energy upgrade loan scheme that was announced in October 2023; when homeowners will be able to access this scheme; a timeline for announcing an open call inviting lenders to participate in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [2384/24]

\*119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for an update on progress, if any, on the west coast designated maritime area map; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [2445/24]

\*120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of concerns (details supplied) regarding the warmer home scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2446/24]

\*121. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the required contractor declaration of insurance (details supplied); when these changes come into effect; what supports are being provided to businesses in the Northern Ireland to support them to continue their work in southern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2514/24]

\*122. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to put in place an Ombudsman, or independent oversight body for post offices and An Post workers. — Robert Troy. [2535/24]

\*123. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he can advise as to the exact date that several fishery rights was granted to the Inland Fisheries on a specified section of the River Ilan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [2555/24]

\*124. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there is evidence that several fishery rights were granted to Inshore Fisheries (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [2562/24]

\*125. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will investigate a potential anomaly around a person's (details supplied) ineligibility for current electricity credits because the house's MPRN is designated a low-usage account; if he will ensure that those who may be missing out on the credits will have them applied as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [2621/24]

\*126. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what action his Department is taking to fund and promote community scale composting initiatives in urban areas in view of the high levels of organic household waste that still goes into landfill/general waste in households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2625/24]

\*127. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the new national waste management plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2626/24]

\*128. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what action his Department is taking to deal with increasing levels of waste generation and poor levels of waste segregation practices in businesses and households given that this will be a core issue in preventing Ireland from meeting upcoming EU waste recycling targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2627/24]

\*129. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a schedule of official flights and costs of same taken by him in 2023; if a schedule will be provided of all hotels he stayed in in 2023, including hotel name and cost per night while on official State business; and if the same information will be provided in respect of all accompanying staff and advisors. — Catherine Murphy. [2642/24]

\*130. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to increase the SEAI better homes grant in order to allow for more substantial energy upgrades of homes, the costs of which are beyond what is currently covered by the grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [2669/24]

\*131. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his Departmental officials support the legislative conservation of invasive perch in Lough Shindilla under the current Conservation of Coarse Fish Bye-Law No. 806 of 2006 and the subsequent ecological destruction of native Arctic char (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2675/24]

\*132. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his Departmental officials support the continual stocking of invasive rainbow trout into Lough Lene SAC lake (details supplied) given the direct negative impact that invasive freshwater fish have on the ecological quality status of Irish rivers and lakes under the EU Water Framework Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2676/24]

\*133. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his Departmental officials support the legislative conservation of invasive roach in Lettercraffroe Lough (details supplied) under the current Conservation of Coarse Fish Bye-Law No. 806 of 2006 considering that roach are classed as highly invasive in Ireland under the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 477 of 2011); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2677/24]

\*134. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his Departmental officials support the continual promotion on Ballyquirke Lough SAC lake as an invasive pike and coarse fishery given the direct negative impact that invasive freshwater fish have on the ecological quality status of Irish rivers and lakes under the EU Water Framework Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2678/24]

\*135. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his Departmental officials support the legislative conservation of invasive tench in Ballyquirke Lough and the wider Lough Corrib SAC catchment under the current Conservation of Coarse Fish Bye-Law No. 806 of 2006; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2679/24]

\*136. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his Departmental officials support the continual promotion of Ross Lake SAC lake as an invasive pike and coarse fishery given the direct negative impact that invasive freshwater fish have on the



ecological quality status of Irish rivers and lakes under the EU Water Framework Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2680/24]

\*137. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the report into the warmth and wellbeing scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [2752/24]

\*138. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications whether any consideration has been given to the deposit re-turn scheme having a negative impact on those persons who already engage in 100% recycling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [2822/24]

\*139. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the funding for the National Cyber Security Centre; how this is being delivered, and for a year-by-year breakdown of funding. — Louise O’Reilly. [2829/24]

\*140. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the relationship between the National Cyber Security Centre and the Department of Enterprise, Trade, and Employment; if he is aware that cyber-crime is a particular concern for Irish firms; and if there are any plans to engage with businesses regarding the impact of cyber-crime on firms and the economy. — Louise O’Reilly. [2830/24]

\*141. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total amount of funding provided to businesses for support decarbonisation over the past five years; and the funding allocated to support firms with decarbonisation in 2024. — Louise O’Reilly. [2833/24]

\*142. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if consideration has been given to a mobile app which will streamline the process in relation to the deposit return scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [2844/24]

\*143. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what supports are available for small and medium sized businesses to implement the deposit return scheme. — Peter Burke. [2845/24]

\*144. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of grants issued by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland to homeowners for external wall insulation in the years of 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [2949/24]

\*145. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of households in Dublin approved for SEAI deep retrofit in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [2968/24]

\*146. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the research independently produced by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine on the warmth and well-being pilot will be published; the reason it has not been published to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3013/24]

\*147. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for an update on the rollout of highspeed broadband in counties Cavan and Monaghan. — Niamh Smyth. [3063/24]

\*148. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will clarify whether the transfer of data and/or records from his Department that is transferred to other departments, State bodies and local authorities is in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records are provided. — Catherine Murphy. [3080/24]

\*149. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed. — Paul McAuliffe. [3096/24]

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

\*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence what the policy is regarding the usage of private aeroplanes for official travel for his Department; and if he will report on his recent transport choice and related expenses to the Balkan region. — Mick Barry. [2922/24]

\*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will provide a schedule of official flights and costs of same taken by him in 2023; if a schedule will be provided of all hotels he stayed in in 2023, including hotel name and cost per night while on official State business; and if the same information will be provided in respect of all accompanying staff and advisors. — Catherine Murphy. [2639/24]

\*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans for the Defence Forces to participate in any overseas missions currently precluded by the neutrality protection provided by the triple lock; the details of any proposals received or made in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2762/24]

\*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if, in light of the French and Jordanian delivery of aid to Gaza using military aircraft, and in light of the fact that it is unconfirmed whether France received permission from Israel to carry out this operation, acknowledging that the Irish Air Corps has similarly capable CASA-CN235 aircraft, and acknowledging the deployment of these aircraft by the State in relief and evacuation operations in response to crisis situations in Ukraine and Lebanon, if he intends to look into deploying Irish military aircraft in operations to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2769/24]

\*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the up-to-date position with the promised re appointment of derelict houses in the Curragh Camp in County Kildare into family homes; the number completed to date; the number that will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [2852/24]

\*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the up-to-date position with the Curragh Plains consultation; the next steps in the process and the time frames involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [2853/24]

\*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which issues relating to pay and conditions with the Defence Forces have now been resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3027/24]

\*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which optimum strength in the Defence Forces is being maintained, with equal reference to the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3028/24]



\*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which updating of training procedures continues within the Defence Forces at all levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3029/24]

\*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which part-time members of the Defence Forces are given opportunities to upgrade their skills on an annual basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3030/24]

\*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the degree to which he remains satisfied regarding the strength of the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps with particular reference to ensuring the maintenance of recommended levels of strength throughout all branches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3031/24]

\*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which equipment in the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps continue to be upgraded through the standards equal to the best; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3032/24]

\*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which the number of women applying for and enlisting in the Defence Forces with equal respect to the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3033/24]

\*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which he remains satisfied that the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps remain sufficiently equipped to deal with any emergency or natural disaster that might arise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3034/24]

\*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of vacant posts remaining to be filled at all levels in the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3035/24]

\*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the total number of Irish military personnel serving at various locations overseas; the level of future deployments if known; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3036/24]

\*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which the budget available to his Department remains sufficient to meet requirements in the course of the coming year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3037/24]

\*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the extent to which the Air Corps and the Naval Service continue to cooperate in air/sea rescue missions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3038/24]

\*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will clarify whether the transfer of data and/or records from his Department that is transferred to other departments, State bodies and local authorities is in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records are provided. — Catherine Murphy. [3077/24]

*Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.*

\*169. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of buses in the Bus Éireann PSO fleet as of 31 December 2021, 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2358/24]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of buses, coaches and HGVs that were inspected by Road Safety Authority in 2023; the number of those vehicles that were inspected that were found with major or dangerous defects in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2359/24]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Transport what action his Department is taking to reduce the lengthy waiting times for driving test appointments at a test centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2421/24]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of increased motor tax cost for some individuals (details supplied); if this has been examined, given the effect it has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [2451/24]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a 2023 end-of-year report on the Connecting Ireland Plan for County Tipperary; the funding that was allocated and spent; the services that have been delivered; the funding that will be allocated for 2024; and the services that are expected to be delivered in 2024 in County Tipperary. — Alan Kelly. [2481/24]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason it is not possible to exchange a driving licence issued by the Canadian Province of Nova Scotia and be issued with an Irish driving licence; if there are any plans to allow such exchanges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [2580/24]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will advise why the once a week Bus Éireann service, Route 460 Sligo to Castlerea which served local communities (details supplied) has been discontinued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [2598/24]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the Southern Relief Road in Carlow and the relief road for Tullow (details supplied). — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2617/24]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a schedule of official flights and costs of same taken by him in 2023; if a schedule will be provided of all hotels he stayed in in 2023, including hotel name and cost per night while on official State business; and if the same information will be provided in respect of all accompanying staff and advisors. — Catherine Murphy. [2654/24]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made in respect of the safe routes to school scheme, the completed and in-progress projects by end-2023; the associated costs of the programme, per county; the anticipated timeframe for the completion of projects at all schools under Round 1 and 2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [2702/24]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Transport if the specialist data subgroup presented a set of recommendations and clear action plan to the Road Safety Partnership Board at their meeting of

14 November 2023; what this action plan specifically entails regarding data sharing between An Garda Síochána and the Road Safety Authority; when the Road Safety Authority will resume its statutory duty of issuing reports on road traffic collisions; and if there is a need for a legislative change to resume this important function for the benefit of road safety stakeholders and the wider public. — Seán Crowe. [2708/24]

\*180. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Iompair an meán, atá ar thástáil tiomána i láthair na huaire; cad iad na céimeanna atá á nglacadh aige chun an mhoill sin a laghdú; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2722/24]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the steps he proposes to take to reduce the unacceptable and inordinate delays for driving tests, currently standing at in excess of six months, at the driving test centre in Portlaoise. — Charles Flanagan. [2753/24]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a full update from the Road Safety Authority on the need to progress a new temporary or permanent driving test centre for Drogheda, County Louth, the largest town in Ireland; if, considering the unacceptable driving test wait times in the Louth and east Meath area, he will seek full clarification on the list of sites which have been assessed since the decision was taken to close the temporary site in March 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2783/24]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Transport to explain the significant delay in completing the Athenry Ring Road; to give an accurate timeline for completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [2785/24]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Transport if a bus service (details supplied) will be reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2827/24]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Transport to review correspondence (details supplied); if he will address the issues outlined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [2843/24]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Transport the authority responsible for private aircraft flying throughout the State, is there a record of those flights, the flightpaths they took, the altitude they flew at, how a person can check should a record; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [2848/24]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Transport to comment on his awareness of the provisionl of additional NCT centres in County Clare (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2855/24]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider extending the ten-year rule for taxis not covered by the existing extension, starting with 151-registered vehicles, given the fact that they will be due for renewal in 2025 when, paradoxically, older vehicles will not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2888/24]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of learner drivers per week, by county, in 2023 that failed to turn up for their scheduled driving test appointment; the number of driving tests lost through these no-shows; if he plans to introduce measures in the current road traffic bill to ensure that learner permit holders sit a driving test before they can obtain a subsequent learner

permit from the RSA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [2936/24]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated full-year cost to recruit 15 additional full-time taxi enforcement officers for the National Transport Authority. — Alan Kelly. [2943/24]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on talks with Irish Rail regarding a matter (details supplied). — Denise Mitchell. [2969/24]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he supports the provision of electric trains to Cork in early 2024 for the purposes of expansion of the Cork area commuter rail; and if he has had discussion with Iarnród Éireann in relation to this. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [3018/24]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 180 of 13 January 2021, if he is aware of the RAC study in Britain into problems with headlight glare; and if his Department will consider a similar study here and consider further investigation into problems with headlight glare. — Louise O'Reilly. [3021/24]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the RSA stated that an individual (details supplied) had not completed stage 1 CPC theory test, which they had actually passed for C vehicles in 2009 and D vehicles in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [3060/24]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will clarify whether the transfer of data and/or records from his Department that is transferred to other departments, State bodies and local authorities is in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records are provided. — Catherine Murphy. [3092/24]

*Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.*

\*196. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to invite his Canadian counterpart to Dublin for a bilateral meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2366/24]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide the vehicle registration tax enforcement statistics for November and December 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2367/24]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Finance the total revenue generated from VAT and excise duties on alcoholic beverages sold in off licences in each year from 2010 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [2374/24]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Finance the total revenue generated from VAT and excise duties on alcoholic beverages sold in public houses in each year from 2010 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [2375/24]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Finance the total revenue generated from VAT and excise duties on alcoholic beverages sold in licenced restaurants in each year from 2010 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [2376/24]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Finance what input his Department and the Revenue Commissioners will have in the film industry stakeholders' forum planned for early 2024, given their involvement in the film sector through Section 481; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2403/24]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Finance arising from the published reports into secrecy surrounding financial transactions in Cyprus (details supplied), if he will instruct the Revenue Commissioners to conduct a trawl of Irish owned companies funded with monies from Cyprus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [2426/24]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that money laundered via Cyprus is not being invested in Ireland; the steps which the Revenue Commissioners is taking to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [2427/24]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Finance the total public monies invested in munitions companies in each year 2008 to 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2518/24]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Finance what measures his Department has implemented and is in the process of implementing to ensure that sections 12 and 13 of the Cluster Munitions and Anti-Personnel Mines Act 2008 are being complied with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2519/24]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Finance for a detailed breakdown of non-voted expenditure since 2016, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [2520/24]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of a VRT appeal by a person (details supplied); when a decision will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [2530/24]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Finance if, given the fact that revenue raised by the increase in the carbon tax in 2024, estimated at €117 million and €152 million in first and full-year terms respectively (provided in page 4 of the Budget 2024 document 'Tax Policy Changes'), revenue raised by legislated increases in the carbon tax is not provided within the revenue base for subsequent years (2025, 2026, etc.); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2539/24]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the need for taxpayers to file a tax return in order to avail of mortgage interest relief; if he is concerned that said requirement could act as a disincentive for eligible taxpayers to apply for this relief; his Department's understanding of the rationale for this method of application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2545/24]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Finance whether the amendment on further clarification to the 2023 concrete levy to exclude the value of pouring concrete used in precast products from the scope of the levy was introduced on the 1 January 2024; whether a refund scheme has been opened for the interim period to the end of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [2553/24]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of the practice of insurance companies refusing to provide building/property insurance to anyone with previous convictions who has an interest in a property and whether he believes this practice would make it far more difficult for ex-prisoners to find accommodation and reintegrate and if he will take action to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2576/24]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Finance if a person (details supplied) is still paying emergency tax in their current employment, whose one parent family payment has ceased on 23 December 2023; if any monies due to the person can issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2587/24]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a schedule of official flights and costs of same, taken by him in 2023; if a schedule will be provided of all hotels he stayed in in 2023, including hotel name and cost per night while on official State business; and if the same information will be provided in respect of all accompanying staff and advisors. — Catherine Murphy. [2643/24]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will indicate how many people have claimed tax relief on their rental payment, and how this number compares to the estimate which his Department made of the likely numbers that would become eligible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [2689/24]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will indicate the total value of claims for the refund of income tax on out of pocket medical expenses and if he has made any estimate of the likely underclaiming of such eligible expenses. — Richard Bruton. [2690/24]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will indicate the number of persons who claim incapacitated child tax credit and if the Revenue Commissioners have undertaken any assessment as to whether a significant number of people may be missing out on this entitlement. — Richard Bruton. [2691/24]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of claims for the private rental tax credit in 2023; the average amount of the claims for 2023; the total cost of the claims in 2023; and a breakdown, by local authority area, of the number of claims and the average amount claimed. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2716/24]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Finance to review an article (detail supplied); if he will outline what his Department is doing on this matter to help prevent closures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2846/24]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures his Department will take to regulate insurance prices that, according to reports (details supplied), are rising rapidly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2923/24]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 332 of 17 January 2024, if he will provide a timeline in respect of the sales process of a site from when the site was identified to draft contract stage and a schedule of all parties involved to include legal representation and all associated fees. — Catherine Murphy. [2938/24]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Finance to review the correspondence from a person (details supplied); if he will provide clarification on the interpretation by the Revenue Commissioners of



section 86 of the VAT Consolidation Act 2010; the reason and when the Revenue Commissioners reviewed and changed its interpretation of section 86 of Act; the reason farmers are being refused refunds/reclaims of VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [3019/24]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify whether the transfer of data and/or records from his Department that is transferred to other departments, State bodies and local authorities is in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records are provided. — Catherine Murphy. [3081/24]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 359 of 17 January 2024, the number of residential units 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 a 12-month period, disaggregated by county in which the property was located, in each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Pearse Doherty. [3097/24]

*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.*

\*224. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform how the tender process operates for the Office of Government Procurement; if he will specifically outline how the Office of Government Procurement defines the most economically advantageous tender; how cost, product quality and environmental sustainability of the product are factored into the procurement process; if he will further clarify who exactly is obliged to procure from the successful tenderer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [2442/24]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when funding will be provided to Donegal County Council for works for a sea wall which is to be built in County Donegal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2471/24]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW would consider selling the former Garda station in Broadford, County Clare, to the Broadford Parish Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2547/24]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 246 of 14 December 2023, to detail the practical implications of retired members attempting to claim this supplementary pension; if he plans to reform the current system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [2618/24]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide a schedule of official flights and costs of same taken by him in 2023; if a schedule will be provided of all hotels he stayed in in 2023, including hotel name and cost per night while on official State business; and if the same information will be provided in respect of all accompanying staff and advisors. — Catherine Murphy. [2649/24]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will carry out an assessment of a recorded archaeological monument in County Cork (details supplied); if this structure is suitable for a future planned works programme owing to a decline in the structure of same; if it would be possible for the local authority to apply for funding under the community monuments fund for repair works here under future tranches of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [2919/24]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when funding will be provided to Donegal County Council through the OPW for works for a sea wall which is to be built in County Donegal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2931/24]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform on the situation confronting gardaí enlisted post-1995 who are required to retire at age 60 years but are ineligible for their full pension until 66 years of age; what measures are in place to bridge this pension gap, which compels numerous retired Garda members to depend on social welfare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [2935/24]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will clarify whether the transfer of data and/or records from his Department that is transferred to other departments, State bodies and local authorities is in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records are provided. — Catherine Murphy. [3087/24]

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

\*233. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on correspondence (details supplied) from a union in relation to a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2350/24]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has considered the re-establishment of the co-operative development unit within his Department to provide training support and advice to co-operatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2382/24]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update in relation to the extension of work permits to the equine industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [2521/24]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for details of the business support schemes introduced to support SME's in relation to the cost of doing business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2589/24]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he aware of the ongoing industrial action at the emergency call answering service in Navan; if he is aware that they have balloted for strike action; if he is aware that a company (details supplied) has refused to attend the hearing at the Workplace Relations Commission; if it is permissible that a company carrying out a State contract can refuse to attend a hearing at the Workplace Relations Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2595/24]



\*238. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is considering supporting owners of business properties who were not operational and not covered by flood insurance at the time of the flooding caused by Storm Babet so that the property can be repaired for future business use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [2596/24]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if outdoor businesses who have not been able to secure flood insurance and who were subsequently affected by flood damage caused by Storm Babet will be considered for funding under the Red Cross emergency business flood relief scheme; if not, why such businesses are not considered for the replacement of business fixtures and fittings under the scheme; if there exists any scope for the review or appeal of an application refusal in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [2597/24]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of an application from Carlow County Council for an enterprise campus in Carlow town (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2616/24]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment he will provide a schedule of official flights and costs of same taken by him in 2023; if a schedule will be provided of all hotels he stayed in in 2023, including hotel name and cost per night while on official State business; and if the same information will be provided in respect of all accompanying staff and advisors. — Catherine Murphy. [2641/24]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the increased cost of business grant will be rolled out; if details of the scheme have been sent to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [2700/24]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 250 of 28 November 2023, to which no reply has been provided to date, the details of all export licences under the various categories of the Control of Exports (Goods and Technology) Order that have been approved and are currently in existence for export of goods to Israel; the number that fell within the scope of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/1922; the type of export licence issued in each instance; if his Department has been made aware of exemptions from licensing requirements by exporters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2718/24]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment where Ireland currently ranks on the World Bank 'ease of doing business' index; what plans his Department has to improve this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2812/24]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the application of the SME test since its introduction; if he feels it is being applied in a manner which delivers for SMEs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2813/24]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the 'Global Ireland 2025'; the successes to date on diversifying export markets and delivering inward investment and tourism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2814/24]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment where Ireland stands on the Total Early-Stage Entrepreneurial Activity index by comparison to the OECD average; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2815/24]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update in relation to his Department's efforts to stimulate more exporting and internationalisation in the SME population, including broadening export markets beyond the British market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2816/24]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the percentage of Irish SMEs currently exporting and the domestic value added in Irish exports from SMEs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2817/24]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the business start-up rates among men, women, young people and migrants for each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, and how this compares with the EU and OECD averages, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2819/24]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the Government's approach in accessing and approving employment permits in Ireland, specifically the current guidelines and procedures for obtaining employment permits for companies who are trying to secure employment permission for foreign nationals who are seeking employment opportunities with their company; if he could provide details on the reason permit applications submitted by a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2821/24]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding for the National AI Strategy and how this is being delivered; and for a year-by-year breakdown of funding. — Louise O'Reilly. [2828/24]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total amount of funding provided to businesses for support digitisation over the past five years; and the funding allocated to support firms with digitisation in 2024. — Louise O'Reilly. [2831/24]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total amount of funding provided to businesses for support decarbonisation over the past five years; and the funding allocated to support firms with decarbonisation in 2024. — Louise O'Reilly. [2832/24]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of FDI investments won by IDA Ireland over the past five years, by year, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [2834/24]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of FDI investments won by IDA Ireland over the past five years which have been in the regions, by year, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [2835/24]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total client expenditure by IDA Ireland companies over the past five years, by year, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [2836/24]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current percentage of Irish SMEs who export; whether exporting by SMEs has increased, decreased, or remained the static since this Government came to office; if his Department has a target to increase SME exporting; if so, the target; and the timeframe for same. — Louise O'Reilly. [2837/24]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total research and development funding provided under his Department for 2023, in tabular form corresponding by agency and/or scheme; and the total funding allocated for 2024 by agency and/or scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [2838/24]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total number of WRC inspectors; how many more inspectors it is planned to hire in 2024; and how many are expected to retire. — Louise O'Reilly. [2839/24]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total number of Health and Safety Authority inspectors; how many more inspectors it is planned to hire in 2024; and how many are expected to retire. — Louise O'Reilly. [2840/24]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he last met the Director General of the Corporate Enforcement Authority; and when he is next scheduled to meet the Director General. — Alan Kelly. [2946/24]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will clarify whether the transfer of data and/or records from his Department that is transferred to other departments, State bodies and local authorities is in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records are provided. — Catherine Murphy. [3079/24]

*Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.*

\*264. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider including the counties Sligo and Leitrim in the pilot voluntary redeployment scheme, given that this scheme has not been deployed in either county since 2014 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [2826/24]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of the planned improvement works and extension to a school (details supplied). — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [2349/24]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the IT funding for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2370/24]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Education if school principals and deputy principals are permitted to work from home; to outline in general terms her Department's policy on this issue including the maximum number of days which can be worked from home; and to outline how she feels that it is possible to carry out the duties of principal or deputy principal from home given the importance of these positions in enforcing school policies on-site on a day-to-day basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [2378/24]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Education to facilitate a school (details supplied) with the school bus they were promised to aid students travelling to a location from areas in the previous locality; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2381/24]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Education if she and or her officials have developed a central register of school enrolments; and if she will provide the metrics that are captured by the system. — Catherine Murphy. [2390/24]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools that have temporary class accommodation on their site by school enrolment division; and the duration that each school has been using temporary school accommodation. — Catherine Murphy. [2391/24]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the protocol in place in instances in which a pupil has failed to secure enrolment in a school and cannot secure home tuition. — Catherine Murphy. [2392/24]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Education the number of active and paused new school building projects as of 15 January 2024, by location. — Catherine Murphy. [2393/24]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Education to provide, in tabular form, a list of second level education institutions aided by her Department whose fee status has changed from fee-charging to non fee-charging since 2000, indicating the year the school entered the free scheme, the school roll number and school planning area in each case. — Patrick Costello. [2435/24]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Education to provide, in tabular form, a list of second level education institutions aided by her Department whose school gender has changed from girls to mixed since 2000, indicating the year the school began admitting boys, the school roll number and school planning area in each case. — Patrick Costello. [2436/24]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Education to provide, in tabular form, a list of second level education institutions aided by her Department whose school gender has changed from boys to mixed since 2000, indicating the year the school began admitting girls, the school roll number and school planning area in each case. — Patrick Costello. [2437/24]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Education to provide, in tabular form, a list of second level education institutions aided by her Department whose ethos/religion has changed from catholic to inter-denominational or multi-denominational since 2000, indicating the year the school changed ethos, the school roll number and school planning area in each case. — Patrick Costello. [2438/24]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Education if there are any plans to add ASD units and also approve an additional ASD class to a school (details supplied) to meet the significantly increased demand in this catchment area. — Johnny Guirke. [2468/24]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Education if she can address the query raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [2511/24]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Education what she is doing to assist with the shrinking play area at a school (details supplied) due to extensions and a growing school population in the area; if she will make record of the current situation regarding inadequate parking space at school and the ongoing safety issues presenting due to same; and if she'll review this case urgently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2512/24]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the conditions of a school (details supplied); what steps she is taking to address this; when the school can expect progress on

a permanent address; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2532/24]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Education for a detailed timeline for the development, construction and delivery of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2558/24]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Education for details of, including an estimated timeline and how long the tendering process for a school (details supplied) will take; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2559/24]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Education how long after the tender is awarded that construction will/can start for a project such as a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2560/24]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated date that construction of a school (details supplied) will be completed; when the school will be available for the school community to start using it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2561/24]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Education when funding will be given to complete the building of a new national school in Carrick on Shannon, County Leitrim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [2585/24]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Education when school transport route number F2050 will be reinstated to transport children to a school (details supplied) County Galway; the need for this service, which has been withdrawn since 18 October 2023 to be reinstated immediately due to the challenges being faced by the students affected and their parents as a result of the withdrawal of the service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2603/24]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Education when school transport route number 5060 will be reinstated to transport children from Moycullen to a school (details supplied), given the need for this service to be reinstated immediately due to the challenges being faced by the students affected and their parents as a result of the withdrawal of the service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2604/24]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Education why the number of resource teachers assigned to a school (details supplied) has been reduced from seven down to one; if she will reverse this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [2624/24]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a schedule of official flights and costs of same taken by her in 2023; if a schedule will be provided of all hotels she stayed in in 2023, including hotel name and cost per night while on official State business; and if the same information will be provided in respect of all accompanying staff and advisors. — Catherine Murphy. [2640/24]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration can be giving to enabling SNAs make contributions to an AVC pension scheme directly from their salary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [2683/24]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Education further to a formal announcement made by her in mid-2023 (details supplied), to outline the health, education, and advocacy supports and services

currently available to survivors of institutional abuse after the winding down of the Caranua agency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2704/24]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Education if she will respond to matters raised in a correspondence (details supplied) from a teacher regarding the teaching of sraithpictiúir as part of the Leaving Certificate curriculum for Irish; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2705/24]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on school building projects (details supplied). — John Lahart. [2715/24]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Education when the allocation of free school books will start to roll out to schools for the Junior Certificate cycle; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2770/24]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Education when a school place in second-level education for a child with special needs will be confirmed (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [2771/24]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Education when schools will be notified of the delivery of free school books for the Junior Certificate cycle; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2772/24]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide, as a matter of urgency, a finish date for completed works at a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [2784/24]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the recent ruling in the High Court which challenged the legality of the of the devolution of the NCSE's legislative responsibility for the assessment of children with additional needs on to schools; what steps she will take to address this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2823/24]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of concerns that bodies representing schools felt they were insufficiently consulted concerning the devolution of the NCSE's legislative responsibility for the assessment of children with additional needs on to schools; what steps she is taking to address these concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2824/24]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Education her views on teacher shortages; how many positions remain unfilled; what measures she is taking to address this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2825/24]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Education to reassess a school's application (details supplied) for a weather porch at their front door, given a senior architect from the buildings unit recently confirmed that the lack of weather porch and heavy front doors is an issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [2933/24]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Education when refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) will be completed. — Alan Kelly. [2942/24]



\*303. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the works being carried out at a school (details supplied). — Denise Mitchell. [2970/24]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to increase the number of ASD units in Dublin 5, 13 and 17, respectively for the academic year beginning September 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [2971/24]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Education 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 she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [2972/24]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school project (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if she will clarify whether responsibility has been devolved to the KWETB as of 17 January 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [2974/24]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a schedule of all school expansions and new build projects in Kildare; and if she will indicate the stage and whether devolution has occurred in respect of their delivery. — Catherine Murphy. [2983/24]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Education if there any plans to provide similar funding to all schools who applied to develop projects to engage pupils in science, technology, engineering and maths in preparation for the changes to the curriculum in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [2984/24]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to extend teacher training in the Technological University of the Shannon, Athlone. — Sorca Clarke. [2991/24]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Education whether north Kildare schools have their full complement of ASD units, given the distress of families who are searching right to the borders of the county for a schoolplace for their autistic child, on the basis that an 'ASD unit has not yet been sanctioned' for particular schools; if not, to provide the timeframe in which this will be achieved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [2992/24]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Education to confirm that under Project Ireland 2040, her Department is investing in excess of €5 billion over the period 2021 to 2025, to add capacity and develop and upgrade school facilities across the country for the almost one million students and over 100,000 staff that learn and work in our schools every day; if this level of investment will be revised upward in light of rapidly escalating population growth particularly since March 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [3014/24]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the development of a new school building (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3058/24]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Education to provide, in tabular form, a list of second level education institutions aided by her Department, indicating the school roll number and school planning area in each case. — Patrick Costello. [3072/24]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Education to provide, in tabular form, a list of the 170 second level education institutions in Ireland whose students were assessed in the PISA 2022 survey,

indicating the school roll number in each case; and to provide lists of the second level education institutions whose students were assessed in the PISA 2018, PISA 2015, PISA 2012, PISA 2009 and PISA 2006 surveys. — Patrick Costello. [3073/24]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify whether the transfer of data and/or records from her Department that is transferred to other departments, State bodies and local authorities is in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records are provided. — Catherine Murphy. [3078/24]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 590 of 17 January 2024, if she will urgently review the decision by her Department not to include a school (details supplied) in the school capital buildings programme. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [3098/24]

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

\*317. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans for the UK tourism market in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2369/24]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 89 of 5 December 2023, to provide a further progress update on the convening of the film industry stakeholder forum; how the terms of reference for the forum will be formulated; to list the categories of stakeholders that will be invited to attend; whether representatives of political parties from either Dáil Éireann or the Oireachtas Budgetary Oversight Committee will be invited to attend; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2402/24]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if content which promotes or hosts fraudulent ads or scams is defined as harmful online content under the Online Safety and Media Regulation Bill; and whether there are provisions under the legislation for such content to be regulated in line with harmful online content defined under the legislation with similar enforcement provisions. — Pearse Doherty. [2546/24]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a schedule of official flights and costs of same taken by her in 2023; if a schedule will be provided of all hotels she stayed in in 2023, including hotel name and cost per night while on official State business; and if the same information will be provided in respect of all accompanying staff and advisors. — Catherine Murphy. [2653/24]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if funding will be provided for an event (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2763/24]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media whether she agrees that one-year's advance notice should be provided for the location of both the home and overseas National Famine Commemoration Day, as is the norm for days of importance in the national calendar. — Paul Murphy. [2926/24]



\*323. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media whether she agrees that both the national and international/twinning National Famine Commemoration Days should be held on the same day, on the third Sunday in May. — Paul Murphy. [2927/24]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media whether she agrees that there should be a National Famine Commemoration Day on the island of Ireland, to include all of the people across Ireland, North and South. — Paul Murphy. [2928/24]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2973/24]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media whether he is aware of the issues in Edenderry where the public swimming pool was recently badly damaged in a fire, whether there are long or short term plans to provide a public alternative facility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [2997/24]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of hotels across the country that closed between 2014 and 2024, by county and by year. — Alan Kelly. [3024/24]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of new hotels registered across the country between 2014 and 2024, by county and by year. — Alan Kelly. [3025/24]

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

\*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of all projects that required capital funding in progression through the emergency refurbishment (Ukraine) programme; and the amount provided in respect of the programme to date. — Catherine Murphy. [2570/24]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how a developer (details supplied) was able to bulk buy homes, despite Section 28 of Guidelines for Planning Authorities “Regulation of Commercial Institutional Investment in Housing” which prevents bulk buying homes; the steps he will take to prevent the same from happening again in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [2880/24]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if guardianship payments are assessable income for social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2887/24]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the first meeting of the ‘Sustainable Hunting of Wild Birds Stakeholder Forum’ will take place; the details of the forum membership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [2929/24]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason Waterways Ireland does not supply electricity to boats moored in Lough Derg over the winter months; if there are plans to change this protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2348/24]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will undertake a review of the high-status objective catchment area and area for action in accordance with the River Basin Management Plan which excludes homeowners with problematic septic tanks from inspection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2372/24]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the new criteria for applicants under the new domestic wastewater treatment systems grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2373/24]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the first home shared equity loan can be combined with a local authority mortgage for the purchase of a new build property and if so, if he will outline the rules. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2424/24]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of private rented accommodation inspections that were carried out by all local authorities in 2023; the number of inspections in which further enforcement action was taken in all local authorities, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [2434/24]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason a person is required to provide a PPS number for the voting register; how this information is processed; and whether failure to provide a PPS number will result in removal from the electoral register. — Thomas Gould. [2443/24]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will advise on the availability of financial supports for homeowners with asbestos in their roof; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [2450/24]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to embed ageing in place options for older people into the planning system, since the establishment of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2465/24]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he is aware of the backlog of applications within the Land Registry Office; whether he can engage with Tailte Éireann to ensure staffing is increased to improve efficiency of service delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2488/24]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the rationale for requesting a date of birth and PPS number when registering people to vote. — Pa Daly. [2489/24]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm that it will not be obligatory to provide a PPS number and date of birth information to vote or to register to vote; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2496/24]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what provision is made for divorced or separated couples in the Fresh Start initiative. — Ivana Bacik. [2516/24]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to set out in tabular form the number of new applications to the enhanced defective block redress scheme; the number of transfers from the old scheme; where these applications are at in terms of the stages of the

process; the number who have drawn down funds to date; and the number who have drawn down their full grant, broken down by local authority area and year. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2523/24]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the NSAI review of IS 465. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2524/24]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the review of the qualifying criteria for well-water grants administered through local authorities; if an instruction can be issued to allow for the inclusion of applications for premises that are soon to be lived in following renovation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [2564/24]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to examine the existing qualifying criteria for the septic tank grant; if an instruction can be issued to allow for the inclusion of applications for premises that are soon to be lived in following renovation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [2581/24]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to examine the existing qualifying criteria for the domestic lead remediation grant scheme; if an instruction can be issued to allow for the inclusion of applications for premises that are soon to be lived in following renovation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [2582/24]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a schedule of official flights and costs of same taken by him in 2023; if a schedule will be provided of all hotels he stayed in in 2023, including hotel name and cost per night while on official State business; and if the same information will be provided in respect of all accompanying staff and advisors. — Catherine Murphy. [2647/24]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a planning permission application is required where a windfarm owner seeks to renew wind turbines and extend the life of the windfarm through the installation of new generators or turbine propellor blades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2657/24]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider extending the grant scheme for refurbishment of houses to include voluntary organisations such as GAA clubs, where they are the owners of such derelict houses. — John McGuinness. [2661/24]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to provide grants to refurbish houses which are not vacant, for the purposes of the vacant homes grant, but which require substantial repair in order to be habitable and energy efficient, given that in many cases the current SEAI better homes grant are not sufficient to cover the costs of this refurbishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [2668/24]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an approved housing body (details supplied) or Dublin City Council has been in communication with his Department regarding a proposed social housing development in Dublin 5; if grant assistance will be provided for a residential development at this location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [2682/24]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he is taking to restrict the practice of bulk purchasing of houses by institutional investors; if a particular case in Dublin 17 has been brought to his attention (details supplied); if the new measures are applicable in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [2706/24]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for housing the up-to-date position with the housing aid and adaptation grants; the plans for reforming the grant; when will such reforms be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [2850/24]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is any update of relief for those currently living in cost rental accommodation and paying up to 50% of their income on rent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [2851/24]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the full complement of emergency accommodation centres in use by local authorities, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2861/24]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the direct competition between his Department and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in securing emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2862/24]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the oversight applied to the third parties who manage emergency accommodation centres on behalf of local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2863/24]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a summary of the defective concrete block sub-group on mortgage related matters meeting that took place in January; what actions are outstanding in relation to the group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2889/24]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what lands are presently owned by Kerry County Council in the Corca Dhuibhne LEA, that could be used subject to planning permission to build social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2939/24]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding his Departments study on Transit-oriented Development on Waterford, Galway, Limerick and Cork, its publication date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [2957/24]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on using the transport-oriented development principle approach for spatial equity-proofing strategic planning in Ireland, in order to achieve true balanced regional development and alleviate pressure on the east coast; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [2958/24]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the policies he is putting in place to decarbonise Ireland's built environment; whether he supports the objectives of

the Building a Zero Carbon Ireland roadmap (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [2985/24]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local suppliers of white goods can be used to furnish local authority homes; if so, how this works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [2999/24]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on plans to introduce right-sizing for homeowners; if this will include options for private homeowners who wish to downsize; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3000/24]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when an organisation (details supplied) will provide clarification on the structural reliability of a building following remediation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [3061/24]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify whether the transfer of data and/or records from his Department that is transferred to other departments, State bodies and local authorities is in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records are provided. — Catherine Murphy. [3085/24]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many counties have established a housing forum in their counties; whether his Department recommends the establishment of a forum in each county; if additional funding is likely for counties that have established forums; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3095/24]

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

\*371. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to request her Department to offer a solution to the issue outlined (details supplied), ensuring that this person is given access to their weekly allowance entitlement. — Paul Murphy. [2439/24]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the unemployment levels amongst social groups, that is, men, women, young people, people with disabilities, and migrants; what specific plans her Department has to support these groups and increase employment across all; the success of these plans to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [2842/24]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what percentage of people on partial capacity benefit are in receipt of the benefit at 25%, 50%, 75% and 100%, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [2351/24]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent of required social welfare contributions to qualify for ophthalmic benefit in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2352/24]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of WTE network cyber security-ICT specialist at the grade of executive officer working in her Department as of 15 January 2024; if she will provide same figures as of 31 December 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [2368/24]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated revenue which will be generated in 2024 and 2025 by the increases in PRSI which were announced as part of Budget 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [2377/24]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on a domiciliary care allowance appeal for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [2379/24]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline the process through which a person (details supplied) can defer their pension and extend their employment. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2388/24]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how a person can become registered as a marriage solemniser; if such positions are open to non-Departmental staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [2411/24]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the history of contributions made by a person (details supplied) is sufficient to qualify the person for invalidity pension. — John McGuinness. [2425/24]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a working family payment application submitted by a person (details supplied) in September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [2430/24]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a jobseeker's application submitted by a person (details supplied) in September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [2431/24]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) had their rent allowance withdrawn and if she can make arrangements for the reinstatement of same. — Michael Creed. [2448/24]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is considering the excluding of maintenance payments made by social welfare recipients in the calculation of weekly means in determining eligibility for the free fuel allowance; if she considers it fair and reasonable to include such regular outgoing payments as means; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [2453/24]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a domiciliary care allowance review in respect of a person (details supplied) a in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2522/24]

\*386. 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. [2534/24]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the working family payment application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2565/24]



\*388. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for full payment of disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2567/24]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the working family payment application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2579/24]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a history of contributions will be provided for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [2583/24]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on an application for a disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [2586/24]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Social Protection; what arrangements, if any, she has made with private bus operators such as CityLink to ensure that there are no charges, such as booking on-line charges to be paid by passengers with free travel passes from her Department and to ensure that a free travel pass means "free travel"; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2630/24]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a schedule of official flights and costs of same taken by her in 2023; if a schedule will be provided of all hotels she stayed in in 2023, including hotel name and cost per night while on official State business; and if the same information will be provided in respect of all accompanying staff and advisors. — Catherine Murphy. [2651/24]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the rollout of hot school meals to all DEIS schools; the percentage of DEIS schools that have applied and have programmes up and running; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [2655/24]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the rollout of hot school meals to non-DEIS schools; if it is on schedule to commence in April 2024; how schools can apply to be included in the rollout once it is operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [2656/24]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to review correspondence (details supplied); if she will provide an update on this case and ensure parking is provided for staff in her local Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2666/24]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has undertaken any assessment of the number of families who may be eligible for the working family payment, but who fail to apply and if she has considered making arrangements with the Revenue Commissioners to transform this payment into a form of credit which could be more easily claimed or automatically accrued by an eligible family. — Richard Bruton. [2692/24]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will indicate the number of people who qualify for the carer's support grant and how many of these receive it automatically because they are already in receipt of a carer's payment or domiciliary care allowance; how many qualify through a specific application for the grant and whether she has made any estimate of the

numbers of eligible families who may overlook applying for this entitlement. — Richard Bruton. [2693/24]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will indicate the number of persons in receipt of the household benefits package who receive this along with their social welfare entitlement and the number who apply separately for them without having an entitlement to a weekly social welfare payment; if she has any estimate of the numbers over 70 years of age on non-social welfare payments who may be entitled to the payment, but do not apply. — Richard Bruton. [2694/24]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for further information regarding the case of a person (details supplied). — Denise Mitchell. [2720/24]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of the disability allowance means review for a person (details supplied), and when she could expect the payment to increase; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [2811/24]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the underemployment levels amongst social groups, that is, men, women, young people, people with disabilities, and migrants; what specific plans her Department has to support these groups and increase employment across all; the success of these plans to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2841/24]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a child was refused to domiciliary care allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2859/24]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients of disability allowance and State pension (contributory) as of December 2023; and the total spend on each payment in December 2023. — Alan Kelly. [2951/24]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has considered providing a reduction or payment assistance in relation to domestic waste charges for disabled people particularly to persons who have excess charges because they suffer from incontinence or other similar issues that incur extra waste disposal charges. — Frankie Feighan. [2954/24]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on the review of an invalidity pension application in respect of a person in County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2967/24]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting 14 weeks for a decision on their invalidity pension claim. — Kathleen Funchion. [3062/24]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify whether the transfer of data and/or records from her Department that is transferred to other departments, State bodies and local authorities is in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records are provided. — Catherine Murphy. [3089/24]



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

\*409. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department intends commissioning a health impact assessment in respect of the Government's proposed extended opening hours for licenced premises; and if so, when. — Charles Flanagan. [3065/24]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of WTE network cyber security- ICT specialists at the grade of executive officer working in her Department as of 15 January 2024; if she will provide same figures as of 31 December 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2355/24]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of incidents that Garda air support unit were requested to attend in the years of 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2356/24]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of in-person Garda mountain bike training courses held for gardaí within Kilkenny-Carlow division in the years of 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2357/24]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of Ukrainian citizens who also hold Hungarian passports as a result of the 2010 Hungarian Citizenship Act and who were living in Transcarpathia, Zakarpattia Oblast, (reference the 1921 Treaty of Trianon), who travelled to Ireland as a result of the Russian invasion of Ukraine using a Hungarian passport; if these people are recognised under the Temporary Protection Directive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [2383/24]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Justice to make a statement on any reforms to conveyancing law she has planned.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2394/24]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider law reform in the area of summary judgements, and in particular if she will consider removing ordinary household mortgage holders from being affected by same. — Pa Daly. [2395/24]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Justice when the 10% increase in the criminal legal aid payment will be introduced, as committed to in Budget 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2396/24]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Justice if there will be an increase in the criminal legal aid payments rates so that full re-instatement can be achieved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2397/24]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the procedure for managing the application of persons applying for asylum who have no documentation when they land; whether the carriers retain records of the documentation presented when boarding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [2404/24]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she will take to address the cost of litigation through the Irish courts; if she accepts that this cost is denying many access to justice; if she will introduce legislation to allow for third party litigation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [2409/24]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of physical family visits to prisons that took place in 2023, by the number of visits per prison and the number of visits with a child present, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [2433/24]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Justice the supports available to enable international protection applicants, long-time resident in direct provision centres, to undertake courses of study to acquire skills that will be useful to enable them to find employment if their applications are approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [2440/24]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and expected position in relation to his application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2447/24]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of vetting applications processed by the Garda National Vetting Bureau in 2023. — Alan Kelly. [2482/24]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 559 of 12 December 2023, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this PQ answered. — Alan Kelly. [2483/24]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of vehicles reported stolen to gardaí within the Tipperary division in 2023. — Alan Kelly. [2484/24]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on Garda Operation Tairge; the number of persons arrested and charged under this operation; if this operation is still active; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2498/24]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí in each division who are trained in drone legislation, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2499/24]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Justice the date of her last meeting with the Chief Superintendent of the DMR North division; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2500/24]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount that An Garda Síochána spent on replacing musical instruments for the Garda band in 2023; if these musical instruments are insured for loss or damages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2501/24]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated full-year cost if 1,600 new gardaí were recruited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2502/24]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of sergeants, inspectors and superintendents within Dublin that are trained in public order, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2503/24]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cases that the Garda National Immigration Bureau dealt with in 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2504/24]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda cars and vans attached to each Garda district within the DMR as of 8 January 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [2505/24]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí, by rank, attached to the divisional drugs unit as of 9 January 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [2506/24]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cases dealt with by the Dublin north divisional protective services bureau in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [2507/24]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new marked Garda cars and vans that joined the Garda dog unit in 2023; the number of those vehicles that withdrew from the dog unit during 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [2508/24]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Justice when each of the boats currently in the Garda water unit are next scheduled to be replaced, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [2509/24]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of full-time civilian staff working in the Garda mounted unit as of 9 January 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [2510/24]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to difficulties with the application of court orders in divorce cases by banks where issues arise with mortgages post-divorce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [2517/24]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to introduce regulations to allow for persons serving determinate sentences to become eligible for parole review by the Parole Board as per section 24(3) of the Parole Act 2019; the status of the policy review for the potential introduction of these regulations, as detailed under action 15 in the Review of Policy Options for Prison and Penal Reform 2022-2024; whether additional staffing and resources will be provided to the Parole Board for the operation of these regulations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [2550/24]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Justice for information on the total number of decisions for release made by the former Interim Parole Board relating specifically to determinate sentence prisoners in 2019, 2020 and 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [2551/24]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Justice for clarification on concerns raised by an organisation (details supplied) in relation to recommendations by the Firearms Expert Committee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2588/24]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí stationed in Finglas for past five years broken down per unit, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [2608/24]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí stationed in Ballymun for past five years broken down per unit, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [2609/24]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí stationed in Santry for past five years broken down per unit, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [2610/24]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Justice the current status of IIP applications that were submitted in advance of the February 2023 deadline; and the timeline for sports clubs that have submitted valid applications to be informed about the success or otherwise of their applications. — Dara Calleary. [2620/24]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a schedule of official flights and costs of same taken by her in 2023; if a schedule will be provided of all hotels she stayed in in 2023, including hotel name and cost per night while on official State business; and if the same information will be provided in respect of all accompanying staff and advisors. — Catherine Murphy. [2648/24]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Justice if a visa appeal lodged almost two years by a person (details supplied) who has been granted a work permit will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [2726/24]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline in tabular form the number of fixed penalty notices for speeding that were issued per county in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [2871/24]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline in tabular form the number of fixed penalty notices for speeding that were paid per county in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [2872/24]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline in tabular form the number of fixed penalty notices for speeding that went to summons stage per county in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [2873/24]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline in tabular form the number of fixed penalty notices for speeding that went to summons stage and were served per county in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [2874/24]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of CBD Level 3 Training courses held for gardaí within the Tipperary division in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [2944/24]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Justice if each Garda division has large property seizure holding capacity to hold property items pending legal proceedings; and the average size of the holding capacity, per division, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [2945/24]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of occasions on which prisoners slept on mattresses, by prison, during Q4 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2998/24]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of integrated sentence management (ISM) coordinators allocated to each prison across the Prison Service; and the average caseload per ISM coordinator. — Pa Daly. [3023/24]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of reports submitted to her office by the Office of the Inspector of Prisons that have not yet been published; the date of submission of each of these reports; when such reports will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [3074/24]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will clarify whether the transfer of data and/or records from her Department that is transferred to other departments, State bodies and local authorities is in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records are provided. — Catherine Murphy. [3086/24]

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

\*459. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a proposal (details supplied) to ban electric dog collars; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2398/24]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a copy of the satellite images used by his Department in making the decision that a person (details supplied) was not eligible to apply for the Shannon callows compensation scheme on the parcels listed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [2414/24]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a copy of the satellite images used by his Department in making the decision that a person (details supplied) was not eligible to apply for the Shannon callows compensation scheme on the parcels listed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [2415/24]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a copy of the satellite images used by his Department in making the decision that a person (details supplied) was not eligible to apply for the Shannon callows compensation scheme on the parcels listed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [2416/24]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a copy of the satellite images used by his Department in making the decision that a person (details supplied) was not eligible to apply for the Shannon callows compensation scheme on the parcels listed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [2417/24]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a copy of the satellite images used by his Department in making the decision that a person (details supplied) was not eligible to apply for the Shannon callows compensation scheme on the parcels listed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [2418/24]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a copy of the satellite images used by his Department in making the decision that a person (details supplied) was not eligible to apply for the Shannon callows compensation scheme on the parcels listed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [2419/24]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the name and location of all salmon farm sites in Ireland currently certified as organic; if any salmon farm sites either lost their organic certification or if any operators voluntarily withdrew from the organic certification bodies since 1 January 2022 to date in 2024; if so, to outline the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2420/24]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he considers the position of a person (details supplied) to be any longer tenable, given that the organisation over which they preside allowed an individual to continue to own and race greyhounds at tracks around this country for up to ten months after the said individual had been banned from owning, keeping or breeding a dog following a conviction for cruelty under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [2441/24]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is going to allocate funding to a pier which is widely used for fishing and water sports by the local community (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2470/24]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the food trade mission to Malaysia during November 2023; and the meetings he had during this visit. — Alan Kelly. [2486/24]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline, as of 15 January 2024, the capital work projects under the 2023 fishery harbours and coastal infrastructure development that are still under construction; and when each of those projects will be completed, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [2487/24]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a person (details supplied) has not received their ACRES scheme payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2513/24]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will detail, in tabular form, the net area of Sitka Spruce afforestation in Ireland each year from 2010 to 2023 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [2573/24]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to confirm the number of afforestation licences on hand within his Department yet to be issued; the number of afforestation licences issued in 2023 and the weekly number of afforestation licences his Department estimates will issue for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [2574/24]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will clarify his Departments intentions regarding an issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [2591/24]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he believes that the current method of replacing owners names with the wording ‘GRI-SALES’ on a greyhound’s page on the Greyhound Racing Ireland website is to conceal the export of Irish greyhounds to countries where there are inadequate animal welfare protection laws as in the case of greyhounds (details supplied) and if he considers this to be a sufficiently rigorous level of traceability for Irish greyhounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brid Smith. [2605/24]



\*476. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how a greyhound (details supplied) is accounted for in RCETS considering that their last race in Ireland was 31 March 2023 at Shelbourne greyhound track; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [2606/24]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how an Irish greyhound (details supplied) is accounted for in RCETS considering that their last race in Ireland was 15 September 2023 at Tralee greyhound track; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [2607/24]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine he will provide a schedule of official flights and costs of same taken by him in 2023; if a schedule will be provided of all hotels he stayed in in 2023, including hotel name and cost per night while on official State business; and if the same information will be provided in respect of all accompanying staff and advisors. — Catherine Murphy. [2637/24]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he would consider starting the process again to contact fishers directly when grants become available as fishers may not see the updates on the website; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2686/24]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a decision will be made on an ACRES appeal; the reason for the delay in finalising this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [2687/24]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will convene a meeting of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Bord Bia, BIM, the fishing producer organisations and co-ops (details supplied) at the earliest opportunity to plot a course for the urgent rejuvenation of the seafood industry in Ireland following the stark findings of the recent Bord Bia report “2023-2024 future focused” that the value of Irish seafood exports declined by 14% over the past year and how this compares with another European country and coastal states such as Norway with a similar population to the Republic of Ireland. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [2751/24]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the exact date he will pay all outstanding ACRES and ACRES co-operation payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2864/24]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will pay interest to those who receive delayed ACRES and ACRES co-operation payments; if so, what metric will be applied to calculate the rate of interest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2865/24]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of ACRES and ACRES co-operation payments outstanding, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2866/24]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a person (details supplied) has had such a significant reduction in their farm payments this year. — Michael Creed. [2891/24]



\*486. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps his Department will take domestically and internationally to meet the commitments outlined in the UAE Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems and Climate Action, to which Ireland signed up to at COP28; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [2930/24]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether he has read the preferred results response to a report by a person (details supplied) about the greyhound industry; and whether he considers its findings should result in a change in Government policy on public support for the greyhound industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [2959/24]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what steps are taken to ensure that the required storage facilities for chicken litter are in fact built after chicken farms are established. — Paul Murphy. [2960/24]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of hectares under water covered by the Shannon Callows flooding scheme; the percentage number of hectares that has been paid on under the scheme to date; if he will outline the criteria for selecting 15 hectares and determining such a cut off; the specific provisions made for farmers who have more than 15 hectares; the basis for this calculation, how was it verified/approved, and who selected the number of 230 eligible farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3007/24]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of eligible farmers under the Shannon Callows flooding scheme; the number who submitted an application; the number paid to date; the number awaiting payment. — Denis Naughten. [3008/24]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine with regard to Shannon Callows flooding scheme, if this is only covering the Shannon Callows special area of conservation; the reason there was there no reference to this when the scheme was announced; if he can justify why one farmer is being paid compensation and the adjoining farmer is not eligible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3009/24]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine with regard to Shannon Callows flooding scheme, if he is aware of farmers with ten hectares or more flooded but they have only been paid for a proportion of these lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3010/24]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine with regard to Shannon Callows flooding scheme, the reason the farmers along the Suck Callows, Cross River and the little Brosna River have been excluded from the scheme despite the fact that the lands have been flooded due to the upstream flow of waters from the River Shannon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3011/24]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine with regard to Shannon Callows Flooding Scheme, if the Sentinel satellite data aerial monitoring system is incapable of picking up images of water in the middle of the Callow land if grass is growing 3/4 ft high; the reason other open source satellite data which could identify water in such circumstances was not used; if any on the ground checks were performed by his Department to verify the data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3012/24]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will clarify whether the transfer of data and/or records from his Department that is transferred to other departments, State bodies and local authorities is in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records are provided. — Catherine Murphy. [3075/24]

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

\*496. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on plans to provide a community neurorehabilitation team in all nine CHOs; the timeline he is working towards for each CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2422/24]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting on an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2452/24]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if any plans are in place to replace, or to find a temporary replacement for, the psychologist currently on long-term maternity leave from a centre (details supplied). — Johnny Guirke. [2467/24]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are plans to set up a community neuro-rehabilitation team in CHO9; if he could provide a timeline for the establishment of a neuro-rehabilitation team in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [2554/24]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the level of respite services available in Cavan and Monaghan for children and for adults; the proposals to extend and improve the range of such services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [2895/24]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the procedures in place relative to the oversight of services being provided by property owners housing Ukrainian families and international protection applicants to ensure that all aspects of the contract are being adhered to; and if he is satisfied that the procurement process and oversight are robust and transparent. — John McGuinness. [2953/24]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when Ireland will ratify the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [2380/24]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide a clear account of the measures taken to ascertain the services available locally in Roscrea to facilitate the location of international protection applicants at the Racket Hall, Roscrea; the measures taken to bring those services in line with the availability needed; the engagement his Department had with Tipperary County Council on the matter; to provide a clear account of the level of engagement the department had with community groups, representatives or organisations regarding such plans in advance of decisions made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [2400/24]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide a clear account of the measures that are taken by his Department to audit whether the services available in areas being considered to house international protection applicants have the capacity to deal with increased demand; to provide a clear account of how any deficiencies in those services is addressed to cater for an anticipated additional demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [2401/24]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); when this will be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2406/24]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps being taken to ensure the full range of therapies and community care treatments are available to children in the Galway area of CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1269/24]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to review correspondence (details supplied); if she can provide an update on this appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2533/24]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a minor (details supplied) will receive a medical appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [2536/24]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number and capacity of buildings that were identified as not suitable for accommodating persons that are seeking international protection and those that are beneficiaries of temporary protection in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024; and the number and capacity of buildings were identified as being suitable for accommodating persons that are seeking international protection and those that are beneficiaries of temporary protection in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [2568/24]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of buildings that were identified as suitable for accommodating persons that are seeking international protection and those that are beneficiaries of temporary protection that have inactivated contracts in place as of 16 January 2024 and the reason for same; and if he will provide the capacity of each building. — Catherine Murphy. [2569/24]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of properties it has activated contracts on for accommodating persons seeking international protection and beneficiaries of temporary protection that required change of use planning permissions, required works to comply with fire safety regulations; if they are subject to enforcement notices by local authorities; and if he will provide this information in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [2571/24]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of officials who are dedicated to the evidence gathering and sign-off for use of an accommodation for persons seeking international protection and those that are beneficiaries of temporary protection. — Catherine Murphy. [2572/24]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department carries leased property by his Department on its risk register; and the contingent liability that he has set for his Department in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [2575/24]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are any plans for the relocation of people seeking international protection to a building (details supplied) on the Main Street in Edgeworthstown, County Longford. — Sorca Clarke. [2584/24]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide a copy of all communication between his Department and An Garda Síochána in relation to events in Roscrea between 11 and 16 January 2024; if his Department requested the assistance of An Garda Síochána to deliver international protection applicants to the Racket Hall, Roscrea while the community was involved in protests; who made the decision to bring women and children to the hotel while a protest was ongoing; what efforts were made to engage with the community and those engaging in a protest to relieve tensions prior to the arrival of these applicants to avoid introducing them to a tense environment; the reason a decision was not taken to mediate with the community prior to the arrival of applicants to ease tensions to report on assurances given by him during a meeting of Roscrea community representatives in relation to the number of IP applicants and Ukrainians already being accommodated in Roscrea; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [2601/24]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason a person (details supplied) is unable to receive respite care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2623/24]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth he will provide a schedule of official flights and costs of same taken by him in 2023; if a schedule will be provided of all hotels he stayed in in 2023, including hotel name and cost per night while on official State business; and if the same information will be provided in respect of all accompanying staff and advisors. — Catherine Murphy. [2638/24]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when transport to a rehab day service will be restored in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [2664/24]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider funding the use of therapy pools for individuals that suffer a disability and require this type of therapy but do not have access to a public facility and cannot afford private sessions; if such an arrangement will be put in place for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [2665/24]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many asylum seekers have been asked to leave IPAS accommodation since the beginning of 2022, broken down by county and month, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2667/24]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline what his strategy is for unaccommodated asylum seekers during the winter cold spells; whether he has worked with Dublin Region Homeless Executive on this strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2672/24]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to examine the issue of disability supports in Kildare North (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [2681/24]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on plans relating to a building (details supplied) earmarked for accommodation for international protection applicants. — Cathal Crowe. [2688/24]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the lack of services available in the CDNT7 area in 2024 due to the shortage of staff and specialists; to provide a schedule of the staff in place and a schedule of the staff levels required to run the level properly; when the full complement of staff will be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [2703/24]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will commence the provisions of the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [2707/24]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 135 of 14 December 2023 and 65 of 7 November 2023, when the mother and baby institutions redress scheme will be open for applications; the timeline for when payments will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2719/24]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the closure of child-care facilities (details supplied) will be examined and addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2723/24]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps taken and planned following the publication of a report (details supplied); if a report has issued from his Department further to the publication of this report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2761/24]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child will receive an assessment of needs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2856/24]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child will receive an assessment of needs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2857/24]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a child will receive an assessment of needs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2858/24]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if TUSLA can make representations on social housing applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2860/24]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a person (details supplied) will receive the urgent overnight respite care they and their family need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [2881/24]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unaccompanied minors or separated children currently seeking asylum in the State; and the types of care settings they are in, that is foster care, residential care, emergency accommodation, and so on. — Peadar Tóibín. [2882/24]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons currently in State care who are in special emergency accommodation; the number who were in such settings at the end of each week for the past two years; and if a breakdown can be provided on the number of whom are separated children/unaccompanied minors and those who are not, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [2883/24]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of special emergency accommodation companies that have been set up, or contracted by Tusla in Ireland in each of the past ten years, for the purposes of accommodating children in State care; the names of such companies; and the amounts paid to each company, per child per year, in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [2884/24]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children referred to Tusla in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [2885/24]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children referred to Tusla last year 2023, and if a breakdown can be provided on the referral reason; and the occupation of the person who made the referral. — Peadar Tóibín. [2886/24]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason funding was cut to an organisation (details supplied) recently; if he is aware that this means that the service will now cease to operate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2890/24]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on proposed closure plans for a service (details supplied) which operates across Donegal providing not-for-profit child and adult counselling services; the status of plans to ensure these services are retained in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [2911/24]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current number of Tusla beds occupied in residential centres; for a breakdown on this figure, to show the number of beds occupied in special care centres, voluntary centres, private centres and centres for separated children seeking international protection. — Peadar Tóibín. [2932/24]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of therapists working in children's disability network teams who are responsible for undertaking of assessment of needs determination. — Alan Kelly. [2950/24]



\*543. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [3017/24]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for a breakdown by local election area (LEA) across the country on the number of Ukrainian refugees and international protection applicants, respectively housed in each LEA as of 18 January 2024. — Alan Kelly. [3022/24]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the breakdown of the number of Ukrainian refugees housed in Ireland by the Government and international protection applicants, respectively housed in Ireland, by county, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [3026/24]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of modular homes housing Ukrainian refugees by county in place as of 18 January 2024, by county and number of modular units, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [3039/24]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will he provide funding for a campaign to raise awareness of parental mental health, the impact on children, and the provision of information relating to local parenting support services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3042/24]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will take the necessary steps to establish a network of local peer support groups, utilising the Parent Peer Support Fund, in communities for parents and families dealing with parental mental health issues within the home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3043/24]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ringfence funding for the provision of targeted intensive supports for parents facing mental health issues, such supports to be tailored to meet the specific needs of each family; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3044/24]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will engage with the relevant bodies to allow the parenting status of all adults engaged with mental health services to be recorded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3045/24]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to take the necessary steps to ensure that all adults with children under 18 who are engaging with adult mental health services should be offered a referral automatically to local family/parenting support services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3046/24]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the report and survey by a group (details supplied) on pregnancy loss at the workplace will be published; and the reason for the delay in its publication. — Ivana Bacik. [3064/24]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will clarify whether the transfer of data and/or records from his Department that is transferred to other departments, State bodies and local authorities is in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records are provided. — Catherine Murphy. [3076/24]



*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*554. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to ensure that older people who are at greater risk of fuel poverty and the respiratory illnesses associated with air pollution be prioritised in climate action and climate-mitigation plans, since the establishment of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2464/24]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric endocrinologists at University Hospital Waterford in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2360/24]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE now charges public patients a fee for a MRI scan following a referral; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2361/24]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE provides assistance or free transportation for older persons without transport options needing to attend hospital appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2362/24]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the Breastfeeding in a Healthy Ireland Action Plan the framework for progressing help and assistance for breastfeeding in Ireland; if there is policy for the protection of infant and young child feeding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2363/24]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Health the average ambulance turnaround time at St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny emergency department in each month of 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2364/24]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Health if a report can be made available to a person urgently (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2385/24]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated timeline for delivery of each of the six surgical hubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2386/24]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Health the aftercare provided to people who received the incorrect formulation of a vaccine (details supplied); the information provided to those impacted; if any adverse effects were reported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2387/24]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Health why access to withdrawal of funding for vital diabetic services by the HSE was suddenly withdrawn for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [2389/24]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Health if an application for a full medical card by a person (details supplied) can be fully re-examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [2405/24]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be given an urgent date for surgery. — Chris Andrews. [2408/24]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Health how do Ireland's hospitals, public and private, deal with radioactive waste; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [2423/24]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Health if plans for the proposed ADHD clinic in the CHO7 area are progressing and the date by which they expect operation to commence. — Seán Crowe. [2428/24]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) was denied a place on the CAMHS waiting list and was instead referred to charitable organisations; and the reason representations made on his behalf were not answered until the individual had passed their 18th birthday. — Seán Crowe. [2429/24]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Health the new services that are available at the surgical hub at Mount Carmel Hospital, Churchtown Dublin 14 which he recently opened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [2432/24]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the progression and the timeline for the establishment of a commission on care for older people and the establishment of a commissioner for ageing and older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2454/24]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the expansion of community-based care, bringing it closer to home, in line with the Sláintecare Implementation plan since the establishment of the current Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2455/24]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Health to provide on update on the Programme for Government commitment to develop and increase access to talk therapies and improve access to specialist expertise, when it is required, in line with Sharing the Vision – a Mental Health Policy for Everyone, across each of the CHO areas, since the establishment of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2456/24]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Health to provide on update on the Programme for Government commitment to develop a plan aimed at tackling loneliness and isolation, particularly among older people, as outlined in the Roadmap for Social Inclusion, across each of the CHO areas, since the establishment of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2457/24]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Health to provide on update on the Programme for Government commitment to further support the nursing homes support scheme (the fair deal) to provide assistance when staying at home may no longer be an option, since the establishment of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2458/24]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Health to provide on update on the Programme for Government commitment to ensure that no nursing homes support scheme resident is charged for services they do not use, since the establishment of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2459/24]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Health to provide on update on the Programme for Government commitment to ensure that the best possible safeguards are in place to protect our friends and

family in nursing homes, since the establishment of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2460/24]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Health to provide on update on the Programme for Government commitment to increase the number of specialist palliative care beds countrywide over the five years of government, ensuring that there will be a hospice serving every region in the country, since the establishment of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2461/24]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Health to provide on update on the Programme for Government commitment to support community specialist palliative home care teams in all HSE areas, fund designated homecare packages, and resource specialist palliative care provided in hospices, since the establishment of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2462/24]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Health to provide on update on the Programme for Government commitment to increase resources for the children's palliative care programme since the establishment of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2463/24]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Health the actions being taken by his Department to deliver transgender health services in Ireland; if his Department has considered the 'informed consent' model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2466/24]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the expected timelines on the establishment of a new statutory home support scheme; how he plans to scope and plan for such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2472/24]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a progress update on the expansion of community intervention teams to prevent unnecessary hospital admissions and to support the timely discharge of patients to their homes, since the establishment of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2473/24]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Health to provide on update on the Programme for Government commitment on the target of community services assigning a case manager for older people with chronic conditions to assist them with accessing the care they need, since the establishment of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2474/24]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Health to provide on update on the Programme for Government commitment on the development of the role of advanced nurse practitioners in older person services and chronic disease management, since the establishment of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2475/24]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Health to provide on update on the Programme for Government commitment on the development and targeted expansion and availability of step-down facilities across each of the CHO areas, since the establishment of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2476/24]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Health to provide on update on the Programme for Government commitment to develop and support eHealth and the increased use of assistive technologies,

supporting people to live independently, across each of the CHO areas, since the establishment of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2477/24]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to develop and deliver a 'carers guarantee' proposal that will provide a core basket of services to carers across the country, regardless of where they live, across each of the CHO areas, since the establishment of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2478/24]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE Staff by grade working in the pharmacy department of Nenagh General Hospital as of 12 January 2024; and if he will provide same figures as of 1 January 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [2479/24]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE ENT registrars working in Tipperary University Hospital in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [2480/24]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Health if an implementation budget has been earmarked for the recommendations that will come from the Rare Disease Strategy Steering Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2490/24]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the implementation of Electronic Health Records in Ireland; and if he will clarify why Ireland is so far behind its European counterparts in this regard. — Cathal Crowe. [2491/24]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be a rare disease clinic at the new National Children's Hospital. — Cathal Crowe. [2492/24]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify why the Midwest is the only CHO without a Model 3 hospital. — Cathal Crowe. [2493/24]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the locations of the centres of excellence identified in the 2016 Rare Disease Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2494/24]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the timeline for the implementation of the European Reference Networks standards for ensuring data from all health settings is captured with regard to rare disease, i.e., community healthcare up to hospital settings. — Cathal Crowe. [2495/24]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department or any of the other relevant bodies will issue a formal authoritative request to a representative body to issue a notification to its members regarding the recall of products (details supplied); the reason this has not been done; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2515/24]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Health the status of funding for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2537/24]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Health whether the former Baggot Street Hospital could be used as a State owned nursing home for elderly people in the vicinity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2544/24]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2549/24]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to approve skylarys (omaveloxolone) for Friedreich's ataxia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [2552/24]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Health if a commitment will be given by the HSE for the key requirements that were committed to within the SIA report to be fully and immediately funded for services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2590/24]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can be allocated a GP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2592/24]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that the only child and adolescent counselling service in Donegal is to close in March; if he is aware of how important this facility is for young people in Donegal; if his Department will make up the shortfall in funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2593/24]

\*604. 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. [2594/24]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Health if repairs will be expedited on hearing aids for a person (details supplied) given the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2602/24]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Health the level of collaboration between his Department and the HSE to streamline the process whereby aids and appliances provided through HSE resource allocation groups for children with disabilities in order to avoid and remove barriers as outlined in the case of a child (details supplied), to ensure they have timely access to mobility aids to optimise their and their family's independence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [2611/24]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Health who the notified body is for medical devices in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [2612/24]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Health if it is a requirement for a doctor who is seeking to be issued with a GMS registration that he/she must agree to an allocation of (public) patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [2619/24]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Health if funding is available for families who have to go private to see a psychologist when no services are available to them with CAHMS (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2622/24]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive treatment for their condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [2628/24]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a schedule of official flights and costs of same taken by him in 2023; if a schedule will be provided of all hotels he stayed in in 2023, including hotel name and cost per night while on official State business; and if the same

information will be provided in respect of all accompanying staff and advisors. — Catherine Murphy. [2646/24]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the possible acquisition of a parcel of land (owned by the HSE) adjacent to a location (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [2658/24]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Health what progress is being made to introduce animal testing replacements in favour of non-animal methods; what transparency exists in animal testing under the Health Products Regulatory Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2659/24]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Health with regard to a person (details supplied) who is waiting for a hospital bed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2663/24]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Health the expected uptake for the GP visit cards after the increase in income limits and the actual uptake as of January 2024; his plans to promote the uptake of GP visit cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [2671/24]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Health if he will indicate the number of families who are in receipt of GP cards now and how that compares to the level before the means limit was increased to the median wage; if he will indicate how this increase compares to his estimate of how many extra families would become eligible as a result of the change in the means test, and if he considers that a large number may be failing to claim their entitlement. — Richard Bruton. [2695/24]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Health if he will indicate the date from which the rental earnings on the home of a person receiving support under fair deal will cease to be assessed for the resident's contribution to the cost of nursing home care, and the estimated cost that is being budgeted for this change in the method of assessment. — Richard Bruton. [2696/24]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of money reimbursed to GPs under the PCRS for performance of abortions in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [2712/24]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of money spent on abortion provision in 2023, broken down by category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [2713/24]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Health when a person in County Cork who was referred on 22 December 2022 will have a date for cataract surgery assigned to their (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [2717/24]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a date for rehab; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [2782/24]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the model of care for dual diagnosis; the funding given to the model of care; the rollout plan for the model of care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2847/24]



\*623. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider a request (details supplied) regarding a GP service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [2849/24]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Health how he intends to implement the 49 recommendations identified in a report (details supplied) in respect of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2868/24]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people under 18 years of age who have presented to accident and emergency at University Hospital Limerick with mental health issues and/or at risk of suicide or self-harm each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2869/24]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Health if he will comment on the increase in recent years of children with medical referrals being refused support from Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2870/24]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Health if all primary care eye teams (PCETs) are in full operation nationally, and to set out in tabular form all PCETs that are in operation and all PCETs that are not in operation as of 17 January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2875/24]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Health if a community ophthalmic physician lead, reporting directly to the CHO Chief Officer, has been appointed to provide overall clinical governance for primary care eye services within the CHOs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2876/24]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department would engage with the HSE to review the current position where there are no psychotherapists employed by them, in view of the fact that it is well recognised that they provide a valuable service to vulnerable patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2877/24]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Health what action his Department is taking to ensure that the minimum qualification threshold for entry to the register for psychotherapists is set at a level which meets international and European standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2878/24]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Health what action his Department is taking to ensure that the minimum qualification threshold for psychotherapists would be adopted for registration by CORU which would include a minimum number of hours of placement under supervision prior to registration being completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2879/24]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric emergency beds currently available in Cork; and the number that will be available after facilities have moved to CUH. — Thomas Gould. [2892/24]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Health whether paediatric haematology and oncology units will be moved from the Mercy University hospital to CUH; when this will happen; and the engagement with parents to support them in this move. — Thomas Gould. [2893/24]



\*634. To ask the Minister for Health whether paediatric staff in the Mercy University Hospital have been reallocated within the same hospital pending the move to CUH; whether this will happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [2894/24]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long on getting his hip replacement in Cappagh Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2901/24]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the plans to close the paediatric unit in Mercy University Hospital which would leave Cork University Hospital as the only hospital in the area which covers care for under 16 years-olds; and to provide a rationale for this change. — Pat Buckley. [2902/24]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of concerns regarding the additional strain on services at Cork University Hospital due to the planned closure of MUH paediatrics unit; and to outline plans to address these concerns including increased resources, beds and staff. — Pat Buckley. [2903/24]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that sufficient parking will be in place for Cork University Hospital if plans are true to make it the only hospital serving under 16-year-olds which will have an inevitable increase in patient load. — Pat Buckley. [2904/24]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm if accident and emergency care will still be provided to under-16 year-olds at Mercy University Hospital after the conclusion of the plan to move paediatric care exclusively to Cork University Hospital. — Pat Buckley. [2905/24]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of concerns that accident and emergency services at Cork University Hospital will be overwhelmed following the closure of the paediatric services at Mercy University Hospital; and what resources will be put in place to expand capacity and avoid the prospect of children on trolleys in waiting areas. — Pat Buckley. [2906/24]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that highly qualified and experienced paediatric staff in Mercy University Hospital Cork, some of whom have 20+ years service in paediatrics are being ask to move to Cork University Hospital or apply for different roles due to the closure of the paediatric unit in MUH. — Pat Buckley. [2907/24]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Health to outline plans for paediatric care in Cork city and the surrounding area following the closure of Mercy University Hospital paediatric unit. — Pat Buckley. [2908/24]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Health if capacity for on-site administration of infusions at Cork University Hospital paediatric unit will be provided following the closure of MUH paediatric unit where such a service was available; and what consideration, if any, has been made for the consequences for families and young patients if such a service is not available onsite following the change in services. — Pat Buckley. [2909/24]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Health to act to stop the closure of paediatric services at Mercy University Hospital until such time as a full and adequate paediatric wing is in place at Cork University Hospital in order to avoid overwhelming services and reducing quality of care and outcomes for children in the Cork city area. — Pat Buckley. [2910/24]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent staff currently working in the pricing and reimbursement system across the NCPE, HSE's corporate pharmaceutical unit and the national cancer control programme; whether or not there are any plans to increase this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [2917/24]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding spent on new medicines in 2023 and new uses of existing medicines in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [2918/24]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the services and access so far provided by the new mobile health unit run by the social inclusion team from CHO Dublin north city and county. — Mick Barry. [2920/24]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Health what LGBTQI+ health services are provided by the new mobile health unit run by the social inclusion team from CHO Dublin north city and county. — Mick Barry. [2921/24]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Health for a report on the staff vacancies in the Clondalkin mental health services, efforts to fill vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2924/24]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Health what the nurse-to-patients ratio in the Clondalkin mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2925/24]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Health whether the group considering expanding the role of community pharmacists has reported to him; and if he is considering increasing the fees for existing work or introducing funding for new activities, which could see improvements in service. — Richard Bruton. [2934/24]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting to see a consultant vascular surgeon at Cork University Hospital. — Alan Kelly. [2947/24]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of Clinical Status 1 ECHO and Clinical Status 1 Delta incidents responded by a patient carrying ambulance in 18 minutes and 59 seconds or less for December 2023, by ambulance region, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [2948/24]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the procurement and oversight process which was used by his Department/HSE when renting or leasing hotels for use during Covid; If he is satisfied that the systems were robust and transparent and delivered value for money respecting the fact that it was an emergency situation; if his Department or the HSE have received any complaints about contractors and the operation of the contracts; and if a look-back is being undertaken by his Department/HSE. — John McGuinness. [2966/24]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to upgrade facilities at St. Dymphnas Hospital, Carlow; if a contractor has been appointed; the expected start date for refurbishment; the impact on services for service users; the timescale for delivery on these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2976/24]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans for an expanded CareDoc operated service developing an injury clinic for Carlow; if he has had any engagement with stakeholders

willing to provide this service; if his Department has undertaken a public service need survey of this in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2977/24]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department plans to reopen the x-ray clinic and dental clinic in St. Dymphnas Hospital, Carlow which have been closed for remodelling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2978/24]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite the allocation of home help hours for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [2986/24]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the fair deal application of a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [2987/24]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a full update regarding the development of the 42 bed unit extension to Sligo University Hospital; the timelines around tender closing dates and expected construction commencement and competition; and if he will update regarding other capital developments in and around the hospital campus in Sligo. — Frankie Feighan. [2993/24]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Health to provide information on why the public fertility treatment system does not provide for male fertility specialists, despite the fact that infertility affects both men and women equally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2994/24]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take the necessary steps to ensure that policy related to the public fertility treatment system in Ireland provides equal treatment and care for both men and women; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2995/24]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Health to detail what measures are being taken to acknowledge and address male fertility issues in order to improve the overall success rates of fertility treatments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2996/24]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1740 of 17 January 2024, when he will publish 'Monitoring and Evaluating the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018: A report from the Public Health Alcohol Research Group 2020-2022'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3001/24]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a current policy document or procedure outlining the HSE's stance on feeding in the community with regard to an elderly individual in receipt of home support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [3015/24]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Health if feeding is required by a service user in the community home help system, the expected waiting time for a service user to be assessed; what this assessment comprises; if it includes speech and language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [3016/24]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give due consideration to setting up a diabetes task force composed of healthcare professionals, researchers and patient advocates for the purposes of developing a ten-year diabetes strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3040/24]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ringfence dedicated funding to widen access to continuous glucose monitoring for people with Type 1 diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3041/24]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Health if it is the policy of the National Oral Health Office that funding provided for orthodontic treatment for under-18s categorised at the highest category 5 level is being used instead to treat in the private sector under-18s who are categorised in the 4 category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [3048/24]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the number of new medicines reimbursed in 2023; the number of extended uses of existing medicines in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3049/24]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the newly reimbursed medicines and new uses of existing medicines in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3050/24]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the roll-out of fertility treatment; what is the waiting time for an appointment; how many people are on the waiting list for an appointment; whether the regional hubs are operational; whether any IVF treatments have been performed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [3059/24]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify whether the transfer of data and/or records from his Department that is transferred to other departments, State bodies and local authorities is in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records are provided. — Catherine Murphy. [3084/24]

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

\*674. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the need to review his Department's policies in relation to animal-free research and testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [2629/24]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science he will provide a schedule of official flights and costs of same taken by him in 2023; if a schedule will be provided of all hotels he stayed in in 2023, including hotel name and cost per night while on official State business; and if the same information will be provided in respect of all accompanying staff and advisors. — Catherine Murphy. [2645/24]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the Horizon Europe consortia linkages between Irish universities and Israeli institutions, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2714/24]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how many instructors are employed by the Tipperary Education and Training Board to conduct commis chef apprenticeship training in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [2952/24]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2975/24]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider extending the SUSI grant scheme to recipients of the back-to-work education allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3047/24]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will clarify whether the transfer of data and/or records from his Department that is transferred to other departments, State bodies and local authorities is in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records are provided. — Catherine Murphy. [3083/24]

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

\*681. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the up-to-date position with the delivery of an infrastructure project in south Kildare (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [2854/24]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the current progress and eventual timeline for the provision of an extension for Carlow library (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2613/24]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the plans for the provision of a community hub in Carlow on the Tullow Road (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2614/24]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for a status update on the provision of a water activity hub in Carlow town; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2615/24]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a schedule of official flights and costs of same taken by her in 2023; if a schedule will be provided of all hotels she stayed in in 2023, including hotel name and cost per night while on official State business; and if the same information will be provided in respect of all accompanying staff and advisors. — Catherine Murphy. [2650/24]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 362 of 23 November 2023, in respect of the drawdown of a grant for a project in Kerry, the outcome of discussions by her officials with the local authority regarding efforts and timelines to complete this process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2711/24]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 1868 of 17 January 2024, if she will provide the date that she expects the process to select the Local Action Groups (LAGs) to deliver the 2023-2027 LEADER Programme will be completed. — Mairéad Farrell. [3066/24]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will clarify whether the transfer of data and/or records from her Department that is transferred to other departments, State bodies and local authorities is in aggregated form or on an individual basis; and the reason the data and/or records are provided. — Catherine Murphy. [3088/24]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
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**Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach.**

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the legislative programme. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3055/24]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will develop a national security strategy and functioning security agency to deal with future security event. — Alan Dillon. [2791/24]