



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*1. To ask the Taoiseach the number of overseas visitors to Ireland for each year since 2018; to provide a breakdown of the country of origin of these visitors and the estimated revenue generated by each category of visitor, in tabular form. — Brendan Griffin. [4940/24]

\*2. To ask the Taoiseach to provide details on Ireland's annual drowning rate; the way this compares with other countries in Europe; and to provide a breakdown of drowning rates by county. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5178/24]

\*3. To ask the Taoiseach the number of times he embarked on visits to foreign countries on behalf of the State since the formation of the Government; the geographical location of each visit; the number of days he spent abroad on such trips; the dates upon which each trip took place; and the associated travel and accommodation costs which were incurred by his Department in relation to each trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5250/24]

\*4. To ask the Taoiseach the amount spent on traditional and online advertising by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5357/24]

\*5. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department has spent money or sought external assistance with Departmental, Ministerial public relations; if so, the cost; and the name of the agencies, consultants and companies involved in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5375/24]

\*6. To ask the Taoiseach the amount spent by his Department on legal costs or legal services in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5393/24]

\*7. To ask the Taoiseach the amount spent by his Department on the procurement of office space and furniture and office IT equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [5411/24]

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

\*8. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will make a statement on the provisional ruling of the International Court of Justice on 26 January 2024. — Ivana Bacik. [4958/24]

\*9. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when the EU-Israel Association Agreement is due to be renewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5050/24]

\*10. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to report on his efforts to ensure that international funding to UNWRA is protected and increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5051/24]

\*11. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [5064/24]

\*12. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what progress is being made on the detailed assessment of whether there is a risk that genocide is being committed in the context of the war in Gaza as a first step towards fulfilling Ireland's duty to prevent genocide under the Genocide Convention of 1948; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5079/24]

\*13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what progress has been made in working with the European Commission to suspend the EU-Israel Association Agreement given that Israel is in flagrant breach of its obligations under the agreement (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5080/24]

\*14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of times he embarked on visits to foreign countries on behalf of the State since the formation of the Government; the geographical location of each visit; the number of days he spent abroad on such trips; the dates upon which each trip took place; and the associated travel and accommodation costs which were incurred by his Department in relation to each trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5242/24]

\*15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount spent on traditional and online advertising by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5349/24]

\*16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department has spent money or sought external assistance with Departmental, Ministerial public relations; if so, the cost; and the name of the agencies, consultants and companies involved in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5367/24]

\*17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount spent by his Department on legal costs or legal services in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5385/24]

\*18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount spent by his Department on the procurement of office space and furniture and office IT equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [5403/24]

\*19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to expedite a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [5503/24]

\*20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to seek another round of tough sanctions to be applied to Iran at the next EU Foreign Affairs Council meeting. — Paul Donnelly. [5536/24]

\*21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when an application for a passport renewal will be completed (details supplied); the reason for the delay in issuing said passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5549/24]

\*22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has met with or received any correspondence from representatives of South Africa in regards to their case against Israel in the International Court of Justice; and if so, if he would provide details of the correspondence. — Holly Cairns. [5589/24]

\*23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason why paper passport applications are taking eight weeks and longer to process; the percentage of applications received that are paper based; the reason why such applications cannot be prioritised in urgent cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5659/24]

\*24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is aware that on 7 January 2024, in an interview with RTÉ radio, that the Taoiseach made explicit mention to the Armenian genocide, and if this reference marks a change of course by Ireland in officially recognising that the Armenian people suffered a genocide during the First World War. — Gary Gannon. [5722/24]

\*25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when next the EU-Israel Association Agreement is due to be renewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5737/24]

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

\*26. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps an energy bill holder (details supplied) should take when neither they nor their late father received the energy credit on their household account; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [5653/24]

\*27. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for an update on action 33 of Ireland's second National Implementation Plan for the SDGs, which requires his Department to lead on the undertaking of Ireland's first Voluntary Local Review on the SDGs, and which was due to be completed in Q3 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [4972/24]

\*28. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current status of reporting on energy poverty; the actions being taken to alleviate it as required under the EU clean energy package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [4996/24]

\*29. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the timeline for publication of a public consultation on the National Adaptation Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [5001/24]

\*30. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 11 of 17 January 2024, if he will report on the findings of Department officials who visited the Sellafield site in July 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5048/24]

\*31. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when ESB pensions can expect him to sign off on their planned pension increase. — Louise O'Reilly. [5054/24]

\*32. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if EU Directive 2009/28/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the promotion and use of energy from renewable sources applies in full at present in Ireland; if so, to list the State agencies to which the Directive applies; the way that the Directive has been amended in the meantime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [5071/24]

\*33. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of times he embarked on visits to foreign countries on behalf of the State since the formation of the Government; the geographical location of each visit; the number of days he spent abroad on such trips; the dates upon which each trip took place; and the associated travel and accommodation costs which were incurred by his Department in relation to each trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5240/24]

\*34. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware that Ireland has dropped six places on the climate change performance and is now 43rd amongst 63 countries; to report on the factors to that contributed to Ireland falling down the list; what steps he is taking to improve Ireland's performance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5255/24]

\*35. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount spent on traditional and online advertising by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5347/24]

\*36. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has spent money or sought external assistance with Departmental, Ministerial public relations; if so, the cost; and the name of the agencies, consultants and companies involved in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5365/24]

\*37. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount spent by his Department on legal costs or legal services in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5383/24]

\*38. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount spent by his Department on the procurement of office space and furniture and office IT equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [5401/24]

\*39. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to report on the findings by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine study of the warmth and wellbeing pilot scheme; if a report has been published or will be published in the future; how the finding of the study will inform the SEAI retrofitting scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5430/24]

\*40. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 168 and 169 of 25 January 2024, his views on the particular cases in questions and whether or not they are eligible payment for the microgeneration support scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5466/24]

\*41. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when full fibre broadband will be provided to a location (details supplied), given new estates have been built adjacent to this housing estate who have access to the fibre network but this housing estate does not; if all efforts will be made to ensure access as soon as possible given current demands of working from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5468/24]

\*42. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the review of two bye-laws (details supplied) will commence; if the Office of the Attorney General will participate in the review; the terms of reference for the review; the timeframe for the review to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [5783/24]

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

\*43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of trainees in the military medicine training programme who voluntarily left the Defence Forces and were required to refund the cost of such training, including the cost of pay and allowances paid to them during the period of attendance in the programme, in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Neasa Hourigan. [4951/24]

\*44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of Defence Forces personnel stationed in each barracks/facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5047/24]

\*45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of members of the Australian Defence Forces that have attended the Military College since 2018; the number currently attending the Military College. — Pauline Tully. [5184/24]

\*46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of times he embarked on visits to foreign countries on behalf of the State since the formation of the Government; the geographical location of each visit; the number of days he spent abroad on such trips; the dates upon which each trip took place; and the associated travel and accommodation costs which were incurred by his Department in relation to each trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5237/24]

\*47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the estimated cost of a new naval ship in Cork; and whether this has been reviewed in light of cost of similar ships to be purchased in Portugal. — Thomas Gould. [5340/24]

\*48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the amount spent on traditional and online advertising by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5344/24]

\*49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department has spent money or sought external assistance with Departmental, Ministerial public relations; if so, the cost; and the name of the agencies, consultants and companies involved in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5362/24]

\*50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the amount spent by his Department on legal costs or legal services in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5380/24]

\*51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the amount spent by his Department on the procurement of office space and furniture and office IT equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [5398/24]

\*52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence, further to Parliamentary Question No. 179 of 30 January 2024, the value of the contracts currently in place with companies (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5428/24]

\*53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will consider awarding 1916 commemorative medals to veterans of the Defence Forces (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [5713/24]

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

\*54. To ask the Minister for Transport if Bus Éireann's €10 charge for transporting bicycles by bus is in line with Government policy; and if he will make a statement on the need to promote cross-modal commuting and interchangeable public and active transport methods. — Ivana Bacik. [4957/24]

\*55. To ask the Minister for Transport if he could provide an annual breakdown of the total cost incurred to date of the Metrolink North project; to detail the measures put in place to ensure costs are moderated and controlled; if he can offer a forward-looking statement on envisaged expenditure in the coming years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [4964/24]

\*56. To ask the Minister for Transport if he could please outline the key policy achievements realised and new initiatives taken by his Department in Waterford during 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [4967/24]

\*57. To ask the Minister for Transport in relation to the proposals to introduce later opening hours for pubs and clubs; what work has his Department carried out to assess the potential impact on night time transport; what plans have been put in place to address its potential impact; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [4980/24]

\*58. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will make a statement on data sharing restrictions in respect of statutory authorities under his Department; and, in particular, if he will make a statement on the National Transport Authority's ability to share anonymised information about speeding and other traffic offences with residents associations. — Ivana Bacik. [5002/24]

\*59. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has engaged with the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform in relation to reducing public transport fares for pensioners who have not yet reached the State pension age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [5019/24]

\*60. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for increased public transport bus fares from Dublin to Cavan by 21%; if he will review this increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [5020/24]

\*61. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the rationale for the policy shift that resulted in the closure of existing roadside lay-bys on the motorway network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [5057/24]

\*62. To ask the Minister for Transport to detail, in tabular form, by local authority, for the years 2021 to 2024, the budget allocated by his Department to the NTA to fund maintenance of active travel schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [5060/24]

\*63. To ask the Minister for Transport to detail, in tabular form, by local authority, for the years 2021 to 2024, the number of accidents related to cycle lane delineators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [5061/24]

\*64. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 187 of 5 December 2023, when a detailed reply will issue; the protocol agreed with CIÉ in relation to replies to Parliamentary Questions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5072/24]

\*65. To ask the Minister for Transport when funding will be provided to Donegal County Council from the Climate Adaption Fund 2024 for works to a road (details supplied) in order to prevent further flooding to properties in Donegal; when the funding will be released; the amount of funding that will be made available for the proposed works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5096/24]

\*66. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the EU Just Transition Fund community facilities EV charging point scheme; when an announcement will be made on this scheme and can he ensure an application (details supplied) is approved for funding. — Robert Troy. [5099/24]

\*67. To ask the Minister for Transport if permanent speed cameras and driver feedback signs can be erected on the main N84 in Cloonboo village, County Galway to try to reduce speeding in the 50km/h zone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [5131/24]

\*68. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will direct the Road Safety Authority to release road safety collision data for the Crumlin Road area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [5134/24]

\*69. To ask the Minister for Transport to clarify whether the Road Safety Authority is able to release local area-specific collision data, as it has previously been stated that the RSA cannot provide this data due to GDPR concerns, but an alternative view has also been expressed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [5135/24]

\*70. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people on the waiting list in each NCT test centre in the state; if he will provide additional details on waiting times in those centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [5141/24]

\*71. To ask the Minister for Transport what measures are in place to protect motorists from a legal perspective who cannot access NCT tests due to the backlog; if consideration has been given to motorists who could be subjected to non-payment of claims by insurance companies in the event of expired NCT tests; if consideration has been given to suspending inspections on

newer cars until the backlog is cleared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5166/24]

\*72. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that the 220 and 220X bus service in Ballincollig, Cork is experiencing significant delays, with buses only turning up every 90 minutes regularly on what is supposed to be a 15 minute interval service at peak times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [5175/24]

\*73. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of permanent staff employed by the Road Safety Authority as driver testers by testing centre; to provide an updated account of the waiting times for driving test applicants by testing centre; to provide a breakdown of the number of contract staff employed as driver testers; the retention rate of both permanent and contract staff employed as driver testers in the RSA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5180/24]

\*74. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are any financial supports available to a driver who currently has a D1 licence and is looking to undertake training to obtain a D licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [5198/24]

\*75. To ask the Minister for Transport how a person can acquire a driver number if they have lost their driving licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5208/24]

\*76. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of times he embarked on visits to foreign countries on behalf of the State since the formation of the Government; the geographical location of each visit; the number of days he spent abroad on such trips; the dates upon which each trip took place; and the associated travel and accommodation costs which were incurred by his Department in relation to each trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5252/24]

\*77. To ask the Minister for Transport when the rollout of QR code train tickets on all rail routes in Ireland will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5310/24]

\*78. To ask the Minister for Transport the infrastructure upgrades that will be required at Ennis train station to allow for the use of QR code/digital tickets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5311/24]

\*79. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the N52 Tullamore to Kilbeggan link road; when funding will be allocated to progress matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [5319/24]

\*80. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent on traditional and online advertising by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5359/24]

\*81. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has spent money or sought external assistance with Departmental, Ministerial public relations; if so, the cost; and the name of the agencies, consultants and companies involved in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5377/24]

\*82. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent by his Department on legal costs or legal services in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5395/24]

\*83. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent by his Department on the procurement of office space and furniture and office IT equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [5413/24]

\*84. To ask the Minister for Transport when funding allocations will be made by his Department for the County Road Programme for 2024; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5469/24]

\*85. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the business case for the Waterford Airport runway extension (details supplied) within his Department; if the Department has had sight of same; if so, the reason he has not been included in reviewing it to date, understanding the extremely tight construction timelines pertaining to the project; the expected timeframe he envisages his Department will require to arrive at a recommendation of the project; if he will give a guaranteed timeline so that the proposal can begin construction this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [5489/24]

\*86. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No.354 of 24 March 2021, if registering a vehicle in a false name and address is illegal; his plans to implement this section (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [5517/24]

\*87. To ask the Minister for Transport the Irish Rail stations that currently have sheltered covered storage capacity for bicycles; and the capacity of each storage area, by station, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [5523/24]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Transport if all new buses coming into the Dublin Bus fleet from 2024 will have an automatic ramp at the exit side doors in addition to the existing automatic ramp at the front of each bus. — Paul Donnelly. [5524/24]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Transport if he or his officials have spoken with the Commissioner of the United States Customs and Border Protection; and if so, the dates in 2023 and to-date in 2024. — Paul Donnelly. [5525/24]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of installing noise reflecting ridges in Dublin airport to combat aircraft noise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5545/24]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on progress on the long-awaited driving test centre for Drogheda; what sites have been considered or investigated; the expected timelines for the opening of the centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [5581/24]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide in tabular form, the number of people on the waiting list for driving tests in each of counties Meath and Louth; the length of time that they have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [5582/24]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Transport the current wait times for driving theory tests and driving tests in each test centre; and the number of people currently booked in for each in each test centre, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [5590/24]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Transport if he would consider eliminating or reducing the €10 charge for taking bicycles on Bus Éireann buses or if the charge could be dropped on off-peak hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [5600/24]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on progress to ensure that the RSA is not prohibited from releasing information on road traffic accidents by GDPR; if he has sought the rationale for ceasing to release such information due to the regulation; and, if so, if he is satisfied that the rationale is reasonable. — Ivana Bacik. [5686/24]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Transport with regard to the recently announced expansion of the Dublin commuter zone reduced fares scheme, if he will consider granting Monasterevin commuter town status, allowing people to benefit from the reduced fares. — Patricia Ryan. [5703/24]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Transport what engagement he or his Departmental officials had with the NTA regarding any upgrading of Monasterevin and Athy Train stations, with a view to improving their infrastructure and increasing carriage capacity to facilitate more people using public rail transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [5704/24]

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

\*98. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has any plans to further expand the inheritance thresholds in the next budget, particularly where it relates to the estates of single individuals; if he would acknowledge that single people with no children are at a particular disadvantage while estate planning given that their estate will likely be gifted to those in the ‘stranger in blood’ bracket, and therefore a large portion of their estate will be eroded by Inheritance tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [4966/24]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Finance if ACRES payments, both under the general and co-operation projects, are subject to income tax and USC; his views on same; if he will comment on scenarios where an individual receiving two ACRES payments in 2024 will be subject to a greater level of taxation than would otherwise have been the case had ACRES payments been paid in 2023 and 2024, as previously announced, and, as a consequence, will receive a lower level of after-tax support under ACRES; if he is considering action to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5023/24]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Finance if ACRES payments, both under the general and co-operation projects, are subject to income tax and USC, his views on same, if he will comment on scenarios where an individual receiving two ACRES payments in 2024 will be subject to a greater level of taxation than would otherwise have been the case had ACRES payments been paid in 2023 and 2024 as previously announced, and, as a consequence, will receive a lower level of after-tax support under ACRES, if he is considering action to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5025/24]

\*101. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 72 of 25 January 2024, if he will report on his engagements with the Minister for Foreign Affairs in relation to the

Illegal Israeli Settlements Divestment Bill 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5049/24]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider reducing the VAT rate for the tourism and hospitality sectors back down to 9%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [5068/24]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has been made aware of issues regarding the issuance of cheque books by Irish banks; if steps are being taken to address the issue; if there is a problem with the supply of cheque books due to issues with the printing companies; if so, the measures being taken to resolve this issue to ensure that customers of Irish banks are not adversely affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [5070/24]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 212 of 30 January 2024, if the initial information requested will be provided in the manner in which it was initially sought, in tabular form with the variables specified therein; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [5232/24]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of times he embarked on visits to foreign countries on behalf of the State since the formation of the Government; the geographical location of each visit; the number of days he spent abroad on such trips; the dates upon which each trip took place; and the associated travel and accommodation costs which were incurred by his Department in relation to each trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5241/24]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Finance if it can be clarified as to whether a person (details supplied) received any recent communications from the Revenue Commissioners given he received notification of same but could not find the document on his ROS account; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5254/24]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount spent on traditional and online advertising by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5348/24]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has spent money or sought external assistance with Departmental, Ministerial public relations; if so, the cost; and the name of the agencies, consultants and companies involved in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5366/24]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount spent by his Department on legal costs or legal services in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5384/24]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount spent by his Department on the procurement of office space and furniture and office IT equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [5402/24]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department intends to take steps to ensure that the public will have access to the Central Register of Beneficial Ownership which was recently restricted as a result of a judgment by the Court of Justice of the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [5432/24]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider as part of his planning for Budget 2025 re-introducing the tax relief at €2,000 for persons paying tax in the State who have private health insurance and have experienced the dramatic price rises in their premiums in recent months. — Frankie Feighan. [5441/24]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons that have applied for the renters tax credit (details supplied); the number of individuals who are eligible to apply for this tax credit; the reasons for persons who are not applying for this credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [5497/24]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of reducing the VAT rate to 9% for tourism and hospitality sector from 1 March 2024 to 30 November 2024. — Paul Donnelly. [5520/24]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the review of the tax debt warehousing scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [5560/24]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Finance for assistance with a Revenue Commissioners issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [5564/24]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Finance the expected impact on Exchequer revenues of a reduction in VAT on zero alcohol beers from 23% to 13.5%; the expected impact of such a change on consumption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [5631/24]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Finance when the rent tax credit of €750 will be paid out to those who have listed the tax credit on their Revenue Commissioner's account on or before 1 January; and the length of time a person will have to wait to receive their payment if they were to list their rent tax credit now or on any given day. — Gary Gannon. [5724/24]

*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.*

\*119. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to detail efficiency reforms agreed as part of the new public sector wage agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [5035/24]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an overview of the works, including costs incurred, undertaken at the State-owned Shannon 153 building in Shannon, County Clare as plans were being developed to transform it into an accommodation centre for international protection applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [5231/24]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the number of times he embarked on visits to foreign countries on behalf of the State since the formation of the Government; the geographical location of each visit; the number of days he spent abroad on such trips; the dates upon which each trip took place; and the associated travel and accommodation costs which were incurred by his Department in relation to each trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5247/24]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the AEV and REV, including details of all individual spending programmes under each subhead for 2023 and 2024 for the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5256/24]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount spent on traditional and online advertising by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5354/24]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department has spent money or sought external assistance with Departmental, Ministerial public relations; if so, the cost; and the name of the agencies, consultants and companies involved in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5372/24]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount spent by his Department on legal costs or legal services in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5390/24]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount spent by his Department on the procurement of office space and furniture and office IT equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [5408/24]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the position of the memorandum of understanding between an organisation (details supplied) and the Office of Public Works in relation to flood insurance; and if his attention has been drawn to instances where consumers have been unable to avail of flood insurance due to a non-acceptance of the memorandum of understanding by insurance companies. — Ivana Bacik. [5422/24]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on any recent engagements with the inter-Departmental Period Poverty Implementation Group; and the details of any progress that has been made to implement the recommendations of the discussion paper. — Sorca Clarke. [5463/24]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the projected cost of the revised Coirib go Cósta flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5474/24]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will retain the current link between pensions of retired members of An Garda Síochána with pay for serving members, which was previously agreed with all staff associations and was scheduled to change at the end of January 2024 to a link between pensions and the Consumer Price Index; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [5482/24]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the additional flood relief measures his Department can put in place to alleviate flooding of 20 acres of land which occurs each year from August 2023 to January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [5484/24]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he acknowledges that the changes made to the pension conditions for post-2012 members has caused retention problems; if this matter is being examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [5502/24]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to examine why FEMPI measures are not unwound for an individual (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [5649/24]

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

\*134. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on action 39 of the second National Implementation Plan for the Sustainable Development Goals (details supplied) regarding business engagement with the SDGs and, in particular, which existing business forum the SDGs now exist on as a fixed agenda item, an item which was due for completion in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [4970/24]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the cost of doing business grant will be available for businesses; the criteria, and how many businesses will be supported through it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [5022/24]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there are any further orders or agreements pertaining to increased rights, pay and conditions, for workers in the security sector that he has to sign off on; and when they can expect these to be signed off. — Louise O'Reilly. [5056/24]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will expand the emergency humanitarian support scheme to include damage caused by storms during a red alert event; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5089/24]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of WTE, by job title, working for Enterprise Ireland office based in Melbourne, Seattle and Montreal as of 24 January 2024. — Pauline Tully. [5191/24]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports, if any, available to persons who plan to set up counselling services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [5193/24]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of times he embarked on visits to foreign countries on behalf of the State since the formation of the Government; the geographical location of each visit; the number of days he spent abroad on such trips; the dates upon which each trip took place; and the associated travel and accommodation costs which were incurred by his Department in relation to each trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5239/24]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he hopes to publish the report of the Finance for Scaling Working Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [5341/24]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount spent on traditional and online advertising by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5346/24]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has spent money or sought external assistance with Departmental, Ministerial public relations; if so, the cost; and the name of the agencies, consultants and companies involved in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5364/24]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount spent by his Department on legal costs or legal services in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5382/24]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount spent by his Department on the procurement of office space and furniture and office IT equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [5400/24]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department will include mechanics on the critical skills given the urgent need to help expedite the roll-out of BusConnects. — Patrick Costello. [5425/24]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to review correspondence as regards increases in costs for SMEs (details supplied); and if he will outline what supports are available from his Department to assist struggling SMEs. — Niamh Smyth. [5447/24]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment given that employers, security officers and trade unions had up to 2 January 2024 to enter submissions and that almost one month has elapsed since; when he plans to sign the Security Industry Joint Labour Committee Employment Regulation Order draft proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5467/24]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the implementation of the white paper on enterprise; the status of the second update report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5471/24]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the timeline for the publication of his Department's report into the impact of recent policy changes on businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5472/24]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 74 of 22 November 2023, the status of the report by the Implementation Group to address the recommendations of the March 2022 Department of Justice Report on the Review of the Atypical Working Scheme for non-EEA Crew in the Irish Fishing Fleet; the timeline for the publication of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5473/24]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the countries overseas where IDA Ireland has hired out a business development consultant to carry out work on its behalf in 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [5521/24]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the countries overseas where Enterprise Ireland has hired out business development consultants to carry out work on its behalf in 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024 in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [5522/24]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how many businesses in south County Dublin are likely to qualify for the increased cost of business grant; what discussions his Department has had with south Dublin County Council in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [5586/24]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans for the development of the co-operative sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [5587/24]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of IDA backed companies currently located in counties Cavan and Monaghan, in tabular form; the number of IDA backed companies located in counties Cavan and Monaghan in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; the number of site visits that were conducted by the IDA in each county in 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; the amount of funding that was expended by the IDA in each county in 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [5601/24]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to outline what assurances were given to a company (details supplied) in relation to a plant prior to its construction and to publish any letters containing such assurances. — Paul Murphy. [5633/24]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated number of workers who benefitted from the increase in the minimum wage in 2024; the number of workers who will benefit from the second step in moving towards the living wage in 2025; and the number of workers who will benefit from the third step in moving towards the living wage in 2026. — Pearse Doherty. [5689/24]

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

\*159. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to support and promote the provision of home economics teacher training courses in the greater Dublin area; if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5264/24]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the required infrastructure enhancements needed to enable growth at a school in Enniscorthy County Wexford (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [4916/24]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in securing a local school place in Naas for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4918/24]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to expand the provision of school bus transport to a school in Glanmire County Cork (details supplied); if she is aware of growing attendance at the school and interest in bus transport from surrounding areas, including Crawford Woods; how her Department intends to address this pressure on school bus transport to the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [4921/24]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Education when a school in County Carlow (details supplied) will receive the funding for two modular classrooms that it was granted in June 2023, but is still being processed. — Kathleen Funchion. [4923/24]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on progress with regard to a much needed extension to a school, for which sanction was received in 2022 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [4950/24]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the status of the proposed new post-primary school at St Farnan's, Prosperous, promised since 2015; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [4959/24]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on a much-needed extension to Scoil Mhuire, Clane; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [4960/24]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Education as per the cycle against suicide campaign, if she will consider reviewing schools' wellbeing curriculum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [4981/24]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a list of the schools in Cavan and Monaghan that applied for STEM grants in 2023 (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [4986/24]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Education when an individual transport service request arrangement for a person (details supplied) will be made available to them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [4987/24]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has scoped the resources and supports provided to teachers and schools in supporting children in care; how her Department promotes policy alignment relating to educational needs of children in care such as those outlined in National Standards for Foster Care (2003) and National Standards for Children's Residential Centres (2003); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [5014/24]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on a new school project (details supplied); the timeframe for when this project will move to stage 2B; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5021/24]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on earlier proposals for the provision of new school buildings at a site in Dublin 9 (details supplied); the stage at which these developments are; the likely timescale for the development of each building; the proposals to build two new multid denominational second-level schools at the site; the proposals to move a school to a new building located on the site in question; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5040/24]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Education for details of grant aid for insulation for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5042/24]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the status of a school transport route (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [5046/24]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Education if the reintroduction of the allowance for teachers in Irish-medium and Gaeltacht schools formed part of the public sector pay negotiations and

agreement; her views on its reintroduction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [5052/24]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine the case of a child and provide a solution for same (details supplied); if she will provide a date for the provision of a prefab at school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [5084/24]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the review of the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5091/24]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Education if a school in County Donegal (details supplied) will be placed on the school capital building programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5092/24]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Education her policy on the opening of new reading classes in primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [5093/24]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Education when a ticket for school transport will issue to a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [5107/24]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on a school (details supplied) that is seeking additional school accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [5114/24]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Education the proposed date for the completed construction of the Dún Laoghaire Education Together National School; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5125/24]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Education how the Department is calculating the data which allocates special education teachers and the adjustments made based on complex needs; if the Department has received this data and will report on it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5126/24]

\*184. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén uair a chuirfear eolas chugam a gealladh i bhfreagra Cheist Pharlaiminte an 5/12/2023 (sonraí tugtha); agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5137/24]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Education if she can advise what process was used to allocate STEM grants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [5142/24]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Education the person or body that has oversight of school completion programmes in DEIS schools; the budgets that were unspent under the SCP over the last five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [5143/24]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ASD places available in primary schools in Ballincollig, Cork for September 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [5145/24]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ASD places available in Scoil Eoin in Ballincollig, Cork for September 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [5146/24]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Education the reason funding has not been provided to Scoil Eoin in Ballincollig, Cork to increase the provision of ASD places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [5147/24]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Education if there is any option for a school secretary to change the option that they selected relating to onboarding and annualisation of pay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [5153/24]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Education the criteria for allocating SNA support to children in both primary and secondary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [5162/24]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Education what actions her Department is taking to support the families of children trying to access places in early intervention preschool units when there are no such units in their local area and their family home is outside of the catchment areas for the nearest early intervention preschool unit, such as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5204/24]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Education when the summer works scheme will open; if she is aware of how important the opening of the scheme is for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5219/24]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Education the number of times she embarked on visits to foreign countries on behalf of the State since the formation of the Government; the geographical location of each visit; the number of days she spent abroad on such trips; the dates upon which each trip took place; and the associated travel and accommodation costs which were incurred by her Department in relation to each trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5238/24]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Education if she will formally respond to the specific issues raised in relation to the situation of a teacher (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [5262/24]

\*196. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén uair a dhéanfar cinneadh maidir le hiarratas ó bhunscoil (sonraí tugtha) ar Chóiríocht Scoile Bhreise (foirm ASA) a cuireadh chuig an Roinn tamall ó shin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5270/24]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Education to set out the number of substitutable primary teacher absences overall, and on a county by county basis, which were not covered by a substitute teacher and those that were covered by an unregistered person, between 1 September 2023 and 31 January 2024. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [5281/24]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Education the cost per year of leasing modular or prefab classrooms/buildings, for each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [5301/24]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Education the amount spent on traditional and online advertising by her Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5345/24]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has spent money or sought external assistance with Departmental, Ministerial public relations; if so, the cost; and the name of the agencies, consultants and companies involved in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5363/24]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Education the amount spent by her Department on legal costs or legal services in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5381/24]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Education the amount spent by her Department on the procurement of office space and furniture and office IT equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [5399/24]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Education if an application for a school extension (details supplied) will be considered favourably; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [5414/24]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Education how many additional teachers have been employed (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5461/24]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 687 of 17 January 2024, the funding provided per fee paying school for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; if she is aware of funding to fee-paying schools from other Government Departments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5470/24]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Education if an update on a case of expulsion (details supplied) can be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5495/24]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Education the funding or grants available to schools to insulate attics and walls and to provide new windows and doors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [5501/24]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Education the STEM grant funding process for schools, following the recent announcement of €4.7 million; how unsuccessful schools can ensure that STEM is made a key learning area in the curriculum without the adequate STEM resources; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [5557/24]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made on funding for temporary modular accommodation for a school (details supplied) given works on the school extension, including demolition works are to begin in September and the temporary accommodation needs to be in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5583/24]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Education in relation to education issues for a person (details supplied) why it was decided by the Education Welfare Officer that they did not meet the criteria for home tuition; can this decision be appealed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [5584/24]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on a school (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [5591/24]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the development of schools (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [5596/24]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Education her intentions to urgently intervene in the school transport crisis at a school (details supplied); her plans to hire sufficient drivers to meet the demand for school transport services in Limerick; if she is considering alternatives to school transport in high demand areas where school transport cannot be provided, such as utilising existing public transport with the school transport ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [5652/24]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Education if he can provide a detailed timeline for building works including estimated completion for the delivery of a new school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [5716/24]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Education what options are available to students living in the Beaumont, Coolock D5 school planning area to access Educate Together or other multi/non-denominational primary school education, given that there is no educate together provision in their school planning area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [5717/24]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Education the amount the actors/ “ed influencers” were paid to take part in a campaign (details supplied); and the amount that was spent to promote the campaign in general. — Gary Gannon. [5723/24]

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

\*217. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media whether any contact has been made by Dublin City Council with her officials, or applications made by them to the sports capital grant scheme, in relation to addressing the lack of sports facilities, in particular grass or synthetic full size pitches in the Liberties area of Dublin, as highlighted by the Sporting Liberties collective; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [4920/24]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she can seek assistance for Irish Ice Hockey for their upcoming trip to the Scotiabank junior hockey tournament in Nova Scotia, Canada in April (details supplied); if the Minister can enquire or advise if any funding would be available to assist the organisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [4929/24]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the position regarding plans to regulate platform short-term lets; and if delays imposed on the Registration of Short-Term Tourist Letting Bill by the European Union have been lifted. — Ivana Bacik. [4956/24]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on a project (detail supplied); if she will provide the expected timeline for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5150/24]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps Fáilte Ireland is taking to promote fishing tourism throughout Ireland. — Pauline Tully. [5190/24]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5203/24]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of times she embarked on visits to foreign countries on behalf of the State since the formation of the Government; the geographical location of each visit; the number of days she spent abroad on such trips; the dates upon which each trip took place; and the associated travel and accommodation costs which were incurred by her Department in relation to each trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5251/24]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount spent on the Global Greening initiative by Tourism Ireland each year since it was established; and the breakdown of cost, by monument or landmark lit up in green. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [5261/24]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if it would be possible, given an RTÉ documentary on Spike Island suggesting there are unmarked Famine graves there, that the island be considered as the venue for the 2025 National Famine Commemoration Day; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [5323/24]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount spent on traditional and online advertising by her Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5358/24]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has spent money or sought external assistance with Departmental, Ministerial public relations; if so, the cost; and the name of the agencies, consultants and companies involved in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5376/24]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount spent by her Department on legal costs or legal services in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5394/24]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount spent by her Department on the procurement of office space and furniture and office IT equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [5412/24]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the plans she has to reduce the inequalities that exist between male and female players in an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [5415/24]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the progress that has been made to balance the total number of male and female athletes participating in gaelic games, balanced media coverage, the attendance levels at matches and equal representation across county boards; the amount of funding that has gone towards this in the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [5416/24]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of women and men accredited to the Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games in key network operation centre leadership roles (details supplied) in 2016, and 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [5417/24]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if he will provide emergency State aid, for a club (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5431/24]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the review of the selection/election process in relation to the Board of Údarás na Gaeltachta, as promised in the Programme for Government; and the next steps in the process. — Jim O’Callaghan. [5445/24]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason local councillors are ineligible for appointment to the Board of Údarás na Gaeltachta. — Jim O’Callaghan. [5446/24]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for support on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5490/24]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline Tourism Ireland’s strategy and budget to market Brigid 1500 abroad, to include the locations in Ireland and the number of any press or promotional trips for journalists or influencers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5688/24]

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

\*238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a breakdown of figures for housing delivered by Mayo County Council in 2023 compared to targets set by Mayo County Council in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [4924/24]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a breakdown of the number of planning applications lodged and approved by Mayo County Council in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [4925/24]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the number of commencement orders for housing developments and the number of housing units delivered both publicly and privately in Mayo in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [4926/24]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a breakdown of the number of houses delivered both publicly and privately in Mayo in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [4927/24]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of planners recruited by the Land Development Agency from An Bord Pleanála; if he acknowledges that recruiting staff from the already overstretched An Bord Pleanála only undermines further the Government’s planning strategy and exacerbates current waiting times; if there are any plans to

outsource recruitment to avoid reducing the staffing levels at An Bord Pleanála; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [4928/24]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he could provide details relating to the Cork Event Centre; the estimated costs of constructing the Cork Event Centre during the project timeline; an annualised breakdown of actual direct costs or grant aid supplied in respect of this project; a timeline of the project's advancement through the public spending code, or similar key milestones; the current estimated final cost to the exchequer and the current estimated opening date; detail of any negotiations and lobbying by Cork City Council, other interested parties and his Department with respect to the delivery of this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [4965/24]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to detail the statistical measures and controls used across Government Departments to ensure balanced regional development, and that the four largest cities outside Dublin grow at the twice the rate of the capital. — Matt Shanahan. [4968/24]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what steps a landlord needs to take to avail of the landlord guarantee scheme (details supplied); how long the scheme will operate when a tenant does not make their contribution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [4976/24]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the number of vacant social homes brought back into active use under the voids programme in County Wicklow for 2021, 2022 and 2023 broken down in tabular form by local electoral area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [4992/24]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a timeline for when Government will conclude its consideration of sites recommended for transfer to the Land Development Agency; if he anticipates the former Cork Prison site to be included among these; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [4993/24]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify the body that has responsibility to ensure that all fire hydrants are working and fit for purpose, whether Uisce Éireann or the local fire services; if he is satisfied that the responsible body is ensuring that they meet their responsibilities to keep all fire hydrants working and operational across the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [4998/24]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 347 of 23 January 2024, a timeline for the completion and publication of the Departmental review of well water grants; if this is being prioritised by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [4999/24]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will consider reviewing the current position where local authorities are not entitled to sell properties to tenants where there are less than three bedrooms in the property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [5005/24]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views and his proposed response to the recent decision of the European Court of Justice ruling that the level

of specific compounds in Irish drinking water exceeds EU safety levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [5030/24]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify whether a successfully awarded defective concrete block grant for a home is available to an individual who inherits the affected home or if they need to reapply as a fresh applicant (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [5069/24]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 332 of 14 December 2023, for an update on the Department’s examination of the creation of a system of holding rental deposits, which was meant to be concluded in Q3 of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [5078/24]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if income eligibility limits for social housing will be reviewed again in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5129/24]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Louth County Council has drawn down the €570,000 additional funding for the housing adaptation grant scheme that was allocated to them last year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [5139/24]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number for the total housing adaptation grant funding provided to Louth County Council for 2023 and if he can provide a breakdown of the spending of this funding under the various schemes under the housing adaptation grant, in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [5140/24]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the types of funding allocated to local authorities in Cavan and Monaghan for the upkeep of public lighting and new installation of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5151/24]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the types of funding allocated to local authorities in Cavan and Monaghan for the taking in charge of housing estates where the developer is no longer managing lighting and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5152/24]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the erection of industrial size wind turbines that exceed 150 metres in height; and the minimum distance such structures should be erected in proximity to homes. — Peadar Tóibín. [5173/24]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has any figures in relation to the number of croí cónaithe applications made to the various local authorities, in particular Cavan and Monaghan, in tabular form, since its inception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5194/24]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a timeline on the referendum on the right to housing. — Patrick Costello. [5228/24]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a timeline on a deposit protection scheme. — Patrick Costello. [5229/24]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has made any funding allocations to Clare County Council in order that a Section 180 application (Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended) made by the residents of an area (details supplied) to have their housing estate taken into public charge by the local authority, can be advanced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [5233/24]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of times he embarked on visits to foreign countries on behalf of the State since the formation of the Government; the geographical location of each visit; the number of days he spent abroad on such trips; the dates upon which each trip took place; and the associated travel and accommodation costs which were incurred by his Department in relation to each trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5245/24]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total expenditure in 2023 on social and affordable housing funded through SHIP, CALF, CAS, AHF, CREL, AHB borrowing and LDA expenditure. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5257/24]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is preparing legislation to address issues of habitual residency and social housing support eligibility; and if so, the purpose and potential scope of the legislation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5258/24]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of owners' management companies that have applied for the interim emergency funding for buildings with defects that was open for application in December 2023. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5259/24]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what subvention is available to the Land Development Agency to help them ensure that their rents are at least 25% below market rent; the number of applications received by the LDA for any such subvention; and the amount committed to date for this subvention. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5260/24]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he has received any reports/briefings from Uisce Éireann, in relation to the timeframe for water connections to new housing developments and one-off houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5263/24]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 414 and 415 of 12 December 2023, for an update in respect of his consideration of the business case; if it has passed decision gate 1; and the amount that has been drawn down to date in respect of the progression of the project. — Catherine Murphy. [5272/24]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the up-to-date number of applications for vacant homes grants in each of the 31 local authority areas; and the number of applications for the additional derelict homes grants per local authority. — Brian Stanley. [5330/24]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount spent on traditional and online advertising by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5352/24]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has spent money or sought external assistance with Departmental, Ministerial public relations; if so,

the cost; and the name of the agencies, consultants and companies involved in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5370/24]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount spent by his Department on legal costs or legal services in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5388/24]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount spent by his Department on the procurement of office space and furniture and office IT equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [5406/24]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to a series of issues in relation to council tenants (details supplied) who were not allowed a discount on the price of their house under the tenant (incremental) purchase scheme 2016 for the material improvements carried out on same; if he will consider modifying the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5429/24]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will make changes (details supplied) to exempted development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [5486/24]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of possible instances where the Sustainable Residential and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities policy may be in conflict for local authority development plans; if there are such conflicts, how can they be resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [5491/24]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is providing supports for older renters who are unable to retire due to the high cost of their rent, particularly those whose incomes put them over the threshold for social housing support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [5498/24]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it is envisaged that the urban development zones proposed in the Planning and Development Bill 2023 could be used to support areas designated for developments of strategic national economic, social or environmental importance which do not consist of dwellings, where such developments are in line with objectives set out within the national planning framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5537/24]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to indicate if the new focused area plans proposed in the Planning and Development Bill 2023 could extend to areas of non-residential activity, which previously could have had a local area plan prepared for them under the Planning and Development Act 2000; whether the new focused areas plans, such as a priority area plan are to be prepared in respect of ‘settlements’, thereby preventing their preparation for certain strategic areas which do not consist of dwellings, which may not qualify as a ‘settlements’ as set out in the Bill; if this is to be the case, whether such strategic areas are to form part of development plans only in future under the Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5538/24]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address issues raised in a case (details supplied); and if the situation referred to is consistent with Government policy on the tenant purchase scheme. — Ivana Bacik. [5567/24]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the number of vacant and derelict properties to enter the compulsory purchase order activation programme in each local authority area in tabular form including the number of compulsory purchase orders or acquisitions to commence in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5634/24]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable purchase and cost-rental homes, respectively, that will be delivered through LDA investment in 2024; and the estimated amount of expenditure it has allocated to deliver same. — Ivana Bacik. [5681/24]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an itemised breakdown of his Department's voted capital and current expenditure 2023 and 2024; and if he will itemise the actual expenditure for each of these programmes for 2023. — Ivana Bacik. [5682/24]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable cost rental homes delivered by AHBs and the LDA in 2023; the breakdown, by local authority area; the number of units in each scheme; and the average rent being charged. — Ivana Bacik. [5683/24]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regard to the application process for the housing adaptation grant, if he will consider simplifying the application process to make it more user friendly for older people. — Patricia Ryan. [5705/24]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the approximate timeframe from beginning to completion of the process where local authorities purchase properties under the tenant in-situ-scheme; and how many such purchases were completed in County Kildare in 2023. — Patricia Ryan. [5709/24]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of common green/grass areas in council/local authority estates comes under the remit of the local authority/county council; if not, if it is the responsibility of the various residents' associations. — Patricia Ryan. [5711/24]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a series of matters in relation to the detrimental impact that invasive pike have on the freshwater pearl mussel's reproductive cycle by extirpating native juvenile salmonid populations (details supplied) will be examined and rectified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [5782/24]

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

\*291. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 371 of 23 January 2024, if she can offer further advice in relation to a person (details supplied) obtaining official ID. — Paul Murphy. [4936/24]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many employee applications for clarification on PRSI and pension class have been made to scope section; how many are awaiting a decision; and how many decisions have been held due to An Post withholding service histories. — Peadar Tóibín. [4990/24]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a review of means for an increase on a State pension (contributory) for a qualified adult will be decided (details supplied); the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4997/24]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider increasing the minimum income threshold for working people in receipt of disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [5031/24]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider increasing the minimum income threshold for people in receipt of disability allowance if their spouse, civil partner or cohabitant works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [5032/24]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether it is appropriate that persons in receipt of disability allowance can lose their allowance as a result of marriage or cohabitation, thus increasing their reliance on their partner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [5033/24]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider allowing persons in receipt of disability allowance to not take into account the cost of their monthly rent when doing disability allowance means test assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [5034/24]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether contributions made from working in a country (details supplied) can be used to calculate entitlements to a contributory pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [5036/24]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is a way to have contributions for self-employed persons working the requisite number of hours to qualify for carer's benefit where they do not pay contributions in class A, B, C, D, E and H; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [5039/24]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware of a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [5066/24]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost to increase the number of advocates in the National Advocacy Services for People with Disabilities to 50. — Pauline Tully. [5192/24]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in determining an appeal (details supplied); when a final determination is likely to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5217/24]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for invalidity pension in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5218/24]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of times she embarked on visits to foreign countries on behalf of the State since the formation of the Government; the geographical location of each visit; the number of days she abroad on such trips; the dates upon which each trip took place; and the associated travel and accommodation costs which were incurred by her Department in relation to each trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5249/24]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her total Departmental headcount; the headcount for staff dealing with social assistance claims; the corresponding figure for social insurance claims; the average processing time for each social assistance and social insurance scheme respectively; the number of applications under each scheme in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [5338/24]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount spent on traditional and online advertising by her Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5356/24]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has spent money or sought external assistance with Departmental, Ministerial public relations; if so, the cost; and the name of the agencies, consultants and companies involved in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5374/24]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount spent by her Department on legal costs or legal services in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5392/24]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount spent by her Department on the procurement of office space and furniture and office IT equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [5410/24]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a jobseekers payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5426/24]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review a case (details supplied); if she will provide advice on same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5504/24]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to reassess the criteria around the duration a person can be in receipt of partial capacity benefit, in the case of both someone moving from illness benefit and someone moving from an invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5541/24]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite arrangements for the delivery of PPS numbers to EU applicants wishing to work here in the construction sector; if she is aware that the construction industry has indicated that its international recruitment efforts are being hampered by this delay of up to twelve weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [5561/24]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how many adults over the age of 66 years are in receipt of the increase for qualified adult under the State pension (contributory). — Paul McAuliffe. [5568/24]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for a breakdown in tabular form of the amount of carer's allowance applications that were appealed; and how many appeals were successful in the years: 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Paul McAuliffe. [5569/24]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will agree to a request (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [5654/24]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will make a statement on the SCOPE investigation into RTÉ; and if her Department is in a position to project when all cases will conclude. — Ivana Bacik. [5684/24]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5692/24]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason payment of mortgage interest supplement was stopped in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5694/24]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if assistance will be provided given the circumstances. — Patricia Ryan. [5710/24]

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

\*321. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason Tusla have not yet committed to a budget for the Donegal Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Centre for the following year, if she can provide any assurances to staff who still await confirmation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [4978/24]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Justice if all Ukrainian refugees are Garda vetted coming into Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [5086/24]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Justice the actions that are being taken to improve the retention and recruitment levels in An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [5502/24]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Justice if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5693/24]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Justice how her Department evaluates and determines whether a country of origin is deemed to be safe; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [4988/24]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Justice for details of the documentation that is acceptable to confirm that an applicant has fulfilled the necessary residency requirements to apply for a passport in the name of a child born in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [5037/24]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on how many applications are currently being processed by her Department under the Immigrant Investor Programme; what is the

timeline for assessing and processing them, and when are they all likely to be processed by; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [5063/24]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5087/24]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Justice if she plans to reduce the €950 cost to apply for citizenship, which is the highest in the EU and second to the UK and Switzerland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [5094/24]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans to increase the 12 month extension period to the residence permission for graduates with a level 8 qualification under the third level graduate scheme; if he has considered increasing it to 18 months and to 24 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [5103/24]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason graduates outside of Dublin cannot apply online for the 12 month extension period to their residence permission while graduates in Dublin can do so; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [5104/24]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans to increase the maximum limit of seven years for permission to remain in Ireland under the third level graduate scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [5105/24]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application by (details supplied) for a short-stay visa in Ireland in order that they can leave Gaza for their own personal safety and survival, and reside with and be financially supported by their family member in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [5115/24]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Justice for a status update on the application (details supplied) for a short-stay visa in Ireland in order that they can leave Gaza for their own personal safety and survival, and reside with and be financially supported by their family member in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [5118/24]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Justice for a status update on the application (details supplied) for a short-stay visa in Ireland in order that they can leave Gaza for their own personal safety and survival, and reside with and be financially supported by their family member in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [5119/24]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps that are being taken to address the continued delays in applicants receiving appointment dates at the Garda immigration section in Limerick with 18 week lead in times for such appointments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [5120/24]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on an application of a person (details supplied) for a short-stay visa in Ireland in order that they can leave Gaza for their own personal safety and survival, and reside with and be financially supported by their family member in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [5123/24]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Justice for a status update on the application (details supplied) for a short-stay visa in Ireland in order that they can leave Gaza for their own personal safety and

survival, and reside with and be financially supported by their family member in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [5124/24]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Justice for a status update on the application (details supplied) for a short-stay visa in Ireland in order that they can leave Gaza for their own personal safety and survival, and reside with and be financially supported by their family member in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [5127/24]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Justice for a status update on the application (details supplied) for a short-stay visa in Ireland in order that they can leave Gaza for their own personal safety and survival, and reside with and be financially supported by their family member in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [5130/24]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware of the case (details supplied); if there are plans to intervene on their behalf; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [5138/24]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Justice the rationale behind granting and then revoking temporary release for individuals in Shelton Abbey Prison in the month of December 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5165/24]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of WTE civilian forensic photographers employed by An Garda Síochána in 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [5185/24]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount that An Garda Síochána spent on vehicle recovery services within Cavan-Monaghan Garda division in 2023; and the timeframe for when this contract is due to expire. — Pauline Tully. [5186/24]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount that has been spent by the Legal Aid Board to personal insolvency practitioners, solicitors and barristers under the PIA Review of the Legal Aid Service for 2022 and 2023; the details of these payments; the companies and individuals that received same; the amount received by each company and individual; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5211/24]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount that has been accrued, but is as yet unpaid, by the Legal Aid Board to personal insolvency practitioners, solicitors and barristers under the PIA Review of the Legal Aid Service since its inception in 2016 to date; the details of these liabilities; the companies to which they are owed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5212/24]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a visa application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [5214/24]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applicants for international protection who have been called for their personal interview under section 35 of the International Protection Act 2015 while awaiting accommodation from IPAS since the Government announced that it would no longer be able to guarantee accommodation for single male applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5216/24]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times she embarked on visits to foreign countries on behalf of the State since the formation of the Government; the geographical location of each visit; the number of days she spent abroad on such trips; the dates upon which each trip took place; and the associated travel and accommodation costs which were incurred by her Department in relation to each trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5246/24]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the board of the new Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Agency; the progress to-date on appointing members to the board; the timeline for when the board will be in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5271/24]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 301 of 25 January 2024, if any of the Cuan safe homes referred to were delivered in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5304/24]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 301 of 25 January 2024, if any Cuan safe homes were delivered in County Clare; if not, will any housing supports be delivered to support Clare Haven services refuge in Clare for 2024/2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5305/24]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the establishment of a Garda Vetting Review Group to discuss proposals regarding potential amendments to vetting legislation to rectify the current situation whereby some people are having to apply for Garda clearance up to three and four times for work, voluntary activities and sports etc purposes. — Brian Stanley. [5321/24]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the establishment of a Garda Vetting Review Group to discuss proposals regarding potential amendments to vetting legislation with a view that one certificate clearance is adequate, once it is in date and has not expired; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [5322/24]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update regarding an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [5324/24]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a visa application (details supplied); the exact location of the application; when this application will be reviewed; the average processing times for such applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [5337/24]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount spent on traditional and online advertising by her Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5353/24]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has spent money or sought external assistance with Departmental, Ministerial public relations; if so, the cost; and the name of the agencies, consultants and companies involved in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5371/24]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount spent by her Department on legal costs or legal services in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [5389/24]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount spent by her Department on the procurement of office space and furniture and office IT equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [5407/24]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Justice the ratio of psychologists to prisoners, per prison at the end of 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [5419/24]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prisoners on waiting lists to access prison psychology services and addiction services in 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [5420/24]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of women's refuges across the island of Ireland, per county; the names of the services; the amount of funding that has been made available to these services in the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [5433/24]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of emergency phone calls received by An Garda Síochána relating to domestic violence in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [5435/24]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Justice the length of time it takes international protection applicants to be interviewed and their application processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5458/24]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Justice the length of time it takes for appeals against a decision to refuse refugee status or other permission to remain in Ireland to be heard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5459/24]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Justice how many international protection applicants are working in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5460/24]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Justice when the report following the public consultation on reform of the Coroner's Service in Ireland will be published; the number of submissions received to 'consultation part 1' and 'consultation part 2'; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5492/24]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide details on each EU immigration policy that Ireland has opted into, including the dates when the Government decided to opt in or out and when the measure was passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [5514/24]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons that have been criminally prosecuted under section 11 of the Immigration Act 2004 for arriving at an Irish port of entry, including Dublin Airport, without valid travel documents, which is an offence, in each of the years 2018 to 2023, and to date in 2024. — Mattie McGrath. [5515/24]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1077 of 17 January 2024, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this PQ answered. — Paul Donnelly. [5528/24]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of scramblers and quad bikes seized by gardaí in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [5529/24]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount that An Garda Síochána has spent on hiring out an external jewellery valuation service to carry out work on its behalf of in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [5530/24]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1088 of 17 January 2024, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to have this PQ answered. — Paul Donnelly. [5531/24]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Justice to comment on delays in the citizenship application process (details supplied); to provide proof that the backlog of applications from the old system are not being neglected now that the new system is in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [5550/24]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Justice if a person (details supplied) can now apply for citizenship on behalf of her daughter, who was born in 2019, whose husband is also seven years in Ireland on stamp 4 basis and has application for his naturalisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5558/24]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Justice the rationale used by her Department for categorising a country as a “safe country” in relation to international protection applications. — Holly Cairns. [5592/24]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Justice the reasoning for categorising Algeria as a “safe country” in relation to international protection applications; what has changed in Algeria to result in this change in status; and what human rights reports her Department used to reach this decision. — Holly Cairns. [5593/24]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Justice how many other EU countries categorise Algeria as a “safe country” in relation to international protection applications. — Holly Cairns. [5594/24]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Justice the up-to-date position on the single application procedure for a combined employment and residence permit; his engagement to date with the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment on progressing this application to be made available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [5701/24]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Justice the visa which would be appropriate for family members of dependents of Irish citizens currently in Gaza; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5727/24]

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

\*382. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an application form for the young farmer scheme will be finalised in respect of a person in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [4961/24]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if ACRES payments, both under the general and co-operation projects, are subject to income tax and USC, his views on

same, if he will comment on scenarios where an individual receiving two ACRES payments in 2024 will be subject to a greater level of taxation than would otherwise have been the case had ACRES payments been paid in 2023 and 2024 as previously announced, and, as a consequence, will receive a lower level of after-tax support under ACRES, if he is considering action to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5024/24]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if ACRES payments, both under the general and co-operation projects, are subject to income tax and USC, his views on same, if he will comment on scenarios where an individual receiving two ACRES payments in 2024 will be subject to a greater level of taxation than would otherwise have been the case had ACRES payments been paid in 2023 and 2024 as previously announced, and, as a consequence, will receive a lower level of after-tax support under ACRES, if he is considering action to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5026/24]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a person (details supplied) has not received their ACRES payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [5027/24]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter in relation to offshore fish farms (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5090/24]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what processes have been put in place by his Department to enforce the Regulation on deforestation-free products rules (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5108/24]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of registered non-coursing greyhound owners for each of the years 2013 to 2023 inclusive, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [5154/24]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on plans submitted to his Department concerning the redevelopment of Shelbourne Park and Kilkenny greyhound stadiums respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5171/24]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will extend the deadline for the spreading of lime, under the national liming programme beyond 31 March 2024 in light of the poor weather and poor spreading conditions in marginal land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [5195/24]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the expected date that farmers awaiting payment under the ACRES co-operation scheme will be paid on in view that he previously confirmed payments would commence in February 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5196/24]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of afforestation applications that were submitted in January 2024; how many were approved and the area covered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5197/24]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to advise with regard to slurry exports on monitoring mechanisms put in place by his Department to ensure limits around

nutrient distribution are met (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5209/24]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of times he embarked on visits to foreign countries on behalf of the State since the formation of the Government; the geographical location of each visit; the number of days that he spent abroad on such trips; the dates upon which each trip took place; and the associated travel and accommodation costs which were incurred by his Department in relation to each trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5235/24]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5269/24]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of recorded/confirmed dates of fireblight *erwinia amylovora* infections detections by his Department in 2023 per county; the scale of each detection in terms of linear metres or hectares, species infected and whether sites of infection were in an agricultural/forestry setting; the recommended best practice methods for preventing or eradicating the disease, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5325/24]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures that have been taken by his Department currently to eradicate fireblight *erwinia amylovora* infections in 2023, in the most significant outbreak believed to be throughout a Kerry townland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5326/24]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what advice and training is being provided to local authorities, landowners or contractors to assist his Departmental staff in suppressing regarding fireblight *erwinia amylovora* infections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5327/24]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a comprehensive disease risk analysis was carried out regarding fireblight *erwinia amylovora* infections by his Department prior to the November 2023 relaxation on the requirement for use of native provenance plants or plants of Irish origin under the ACRES scheme; and if so will he make a copy available. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5328/24]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount spent on traditional and online advertising by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5342/24]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has spent money or sought external assistance with Departmental, Ministerial public relations; if so, the cost; and the name of the agencies, consultants and companies involved in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5360/24]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount spent by his Department on legal costs or legal services in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5378/24]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount spent by his Department on the procurement of office space and furniture and office IT equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [5396/24]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider extending the fodder support scheme to include a farmer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [5483/24]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the application of PGI status for boxty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [5505/24]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of the footage shared of pregnant cows who are being exported to Algeria for the first time (details supplied); if he agrees that forcing a pregnant animal to travel from Ireland to Algeria, with all of the known health risks, is a desperate compromise in welfare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [5544/24]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the rationale for the nutrient values ascribed to chicken litter in Ireland; and the reason that figure differs considerably from the value used in Britain and elsewhere.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [5548/24]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of horses that were seized and or impounded for trespass and for non-compliance with chipping law and regulation by county in each of the years from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [5656/24]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that have been taken to create a centralised database of compliance notices on the failure of owners to chip their horses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [5657/24]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will approve emergency funding for urgent remedial works to the collapsing pier at Duncannon harbour in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [5658/24]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to explain the error in an ANC payment for a person (details supplied) from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5690/24]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the independent and external review committed to under the Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2023; the timeline for the review; which individual or body will carry out the review; the terms of reference for the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5695/24]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the monitoring mechanisms in place to prevent individuals who have been banned from keeping dogs from owning or dealing with dogs involved in the greyhound industry again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5696/24]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total cubic meterage of timber harvested by Coillte in County Clare for 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [5725/24]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the location by townland and hectareage associated with felling licences issued by his Department to Coillte for the County of Clare for 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [5726/24]

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

\*416. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of educational welfare officers within Tusla Education Support Services; the number of open cases they each have assigned to them; the backlog of case per officer; and the average time to close a file. — Catherine Murphy. [4917/24]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of the number, locations and level of State funding provided to youth clubs in the Tallaght area for each the past five years; if he will also provide the same information for 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [4930/24]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if respite and other supports will be provided to the parents of a persons (details supplied); if he will provide details of a plan for their care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [4995/24]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that in 2023 children in CHO9 were assessed as part of the assessment of need and or autism diagnostic observation schedule process by a clinician not qualified to conduct such assessment; if he has received a report from the HSE into this matter; if he can provide details of mitigation measures in place to ensure that this cannot be allowed to happen again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [5000/24]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the publication of the Special Rapporteur on Child Protection 16th Report; when he expects the report to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [5007/24]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide, in tabular form, the number of special derogations that have been sought and granted annually from 2018 to 2023, regarding the placement of a child under twelve years of age in a residential care setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [5008/24]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide, in tabular form, the number of children supported by Tusla under section 5 of the Child Care Act 1991 annually from 2018 to 2023 broken down by age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [5009/24]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason there is currently no publicly available disaggregation of data related to children in care and

young people in aftercare with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [5010/24]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason there is currently no publicly available disaggregation of data related to separated children seeking international protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [5011/24]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason there is currently no publicly available disaggregation of data related to children in care and young people in aftercare by ethnicity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [5012/24]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the publication of the National Equality Data Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [5013/24]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if assistance is available to provide a modular home/log cabin to adults with additional needs to help them to transition to independent living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [5038/24]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a facility (details supplied) can be assisted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [5043/24]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what capital funding has been allocated for 2023 to increase childcare places; if this funding will facilitate the building of purpose built childcare facilities; what specific plans his Department has through the NPD capital funding for expanding places for the zero to two years and eight months cohort when ECCE kicks in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [5044/24]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the costs associated with building a new community childcare facility, including associated costs; if any new facilities are being planned; if so, the location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [5045/24]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if she is aware that several childcare providers have ceased to provide half day and half week childcare; that this has a significant impact on parents and will cause parents to have to leave the workforce or to be underemployed; that this will particularly affect female employment, entrepreneurship, and cause female underemployment; and if she will ensure that childcare providers provide half day and half week childcare as part of the early childhood care and education scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [5053/24]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many audits of IPAS accommodation facilities have taken place during the period 1 January 2022 to 1 January 2024; to confirm the level of occupancy, and what measures are in place to safeguard public funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [5059/24]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department is considering any properties in Shannon or Newmarket-on-Fergus, County Clare for IPAS accommodation. — Cathal Crowe. [5075/24]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the current contract his Department has, in respect of an international protection applicant accommodation centre at a location (details supplied) expires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [5109/24]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 496 of 28 November 2023, if he will provide an update on implementing the arrangements under the Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme Act 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [5117/24]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the action that can be taken to ensure the availability of required childcare services in Straffan, County Kildare with particular reference to the increase of population the county; if is he aware of any plans to establish new facilities in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5136/24]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of the recent announcement by Tir Na Nóg preschool in Castlepark, Ballincollig that it will soon close; the steps his Department is taking to ensure that childcare provision will be retained at the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [5148/24]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of the current waiting times for children, as in the case of a child (details supplied) trying to access early intervention services with the Kildare West Wicklow children's disability network teams; and the steps that are being taken to shorten these waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5207/24]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding an application by an accommodation provider (details supplied) to provide accommodation for Ukrainian Refugees at a location approved by the local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5222/24]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when appropriate respite will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5230/24]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of times he embarked on visits to foreign countries on behalf of the State since the formation of the Government; the geographical location of each visit; the number of days he spent abroad on such trips; the dates upon which each trip took place; and the associated travel and accommodation costs which were incurred by his Department in relation to each trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5236/24]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of units of modular accommodation for temporary protection recipients that have been delivered to date, by location, number of units and average cost per unit of accommodation, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5265/24]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when information and guidance for programme income to be included in the context of reporting for core funding finance requirements for preschools will be issued to providers; how and where these reports should be filed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [5273/24]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 311 of 19 January 2023, if a business case proposal has been submitted to the HSE disability services for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [5329/24]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 461 of 30 January 2024, if he will list the eight local authorities which currently have LAITs in place. — Peadar Tóibín. [5331/24]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the final additional information for preschools regarding the submission of core funding finance requirements and programme income which needs to be submitted will be available from his Department to allow preschools to file in accordance with the guidelines issued on 22 December 2023 and in time for the filing deadline of the 22 March 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [5339/24]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount spent on traditional and online advertising by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5343/24]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has spent money or sought external assistance with Departmental, Ministerial public relations; if so, the cost; and the name of the agencies, consultants and companies involved in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5361/24]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount spent by his Department on legal costs or legal services in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5379/24]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount spent by his Department on the procurement of office space and furniture and office IT equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [5397/24]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current percentage of ELC SAC services that are contracted to provide ECCE only and ECCE/ NCS for 2023 and 2024, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [5423/24]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a proposal to use a property (details supplied) to provide emergency accommodation for persons seeking emergency protection or temporary accommodation has been received by his Department; If so the number of persons planned to be located at this property; the gender and age breakdown of the persons that are to be located at this property; when it is expected that they will be located at the property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [5424/24]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will increase the ECCE capitation grant to childcare providers to meet the additional cost of providing the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [5440/24]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for up-to-date figures on the number of people in County Mayo currently in the direct provision system; to list the type of accommodation international protection applicants are being housed in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5453/24]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number and location of each accommodation property in County Mayo for beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine; the occupancy and contracted capacity of each centre and location in each of the approved accommodation categories, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5454/24]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number and location of each accommodation property in County Mayo for international protection applicants; the occupancy and contracted capacity of each centre and location in each of the approved accommodation categories, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5455/24]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons from Ukraine who are being provided with accommodation by the State per county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5456/24]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of international protection applicants who are being provided with accommodation by the State per county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5457/24]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures in place to ensure that parents who have no alternative but to enrol their child in a non-participating provider, continue to benefit from the subsidy towards their childcare costs, in view of the prospect of childcare providers in the first instance refusing to enter the core funding model scheme, or in the second instance exiting the core funding model scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5496/24]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of social work staff who are employed by the Adoption Authority of Ireland and by TUSLA's National Adoption and Tracing Service, respectively, broken down by the number of staff at each grade. — Joan Collins. [5506/24]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures that are being taken to reduce the CDNT waiting list of the CHO5; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [5632/24]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will examine a matter in relation to the case of a person (details supplied); and if there are any other resources or assistance which can be offered to this person and their parent. — Patricia Ryan. [5708/24]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the information relating to programme income will be provided to preschools that are currently filling out their core funding applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [5714/24]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will look into a case of an assessment of need (details supplied) and corresponding complaint due to the statutory timeframe for an assessment not being met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [5715/24]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 486 of 30 January 2024, the position regarding any engagement that his Department has had with the owners of this childcare facility in relation to their financial position and proposed price increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [5736/24]

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

\*466. To ask the Minister for Health if he could provide an update on a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [5062/24]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Health to outline any work undertaken by his Department on the development of lung cancer screening for high risk groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [4922/24]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Health the average daily running cost of an in-patient hospital bed in a model 1 hospital based on data from the HSE healthcare pricing office; the total number of beds in each model 1 hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [4952/24]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Health the average daily running cost of an in-patient hospital bed in a model 2 hospital based on data from the HSE healthcare pricing office; the total number of beds in each model 2 hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [4953/24]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Health the average daily running cost of an in-patient hospital bed in a model 3 hospital based on data from the HSE healthcare pricing office; the total number of beds in each model 3 hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [4954/24]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Health the average daily running cost of an in-patient hospital bed in a model 4 hospital based on data from the HSE healthcare pricing office; the total number of beds in each model 4 hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [4955/24]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department is taking regarding the provision of a dedicated diabetes care unit at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [4962/24]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dedicated whole-time equivalents of consultant endocrinologists, dietitians, advanced nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists,

staff nurses, podiatrists and administrative support posts currently dedicated to the outpatient adult diabetes clinic in University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [4963/24]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department is taking regarding the recruitment of a dedicated diabetes physiologist for people with Type 1 diabetes in University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [4969/24]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department is taking to ensure that the HSE has the necessary funding to recruit and support the minimum number of staff, at University Hospital Waterford, required to manage the diabetes unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [4971/24]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Health if University Hospital Waterford, as a model 4 hospital, has contingency plans in place for the staffing of the diabetes unit to ensure adequate cover in the event of staff illness or leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [4973/24]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults attending UHW with type 1 diabetes who have requested insulin pump therapy, and when those patients can expect to avail of this diabetes technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [4974/24]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with diabetes who are awaiting an appointment to see an endocrinologist over the last five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [4975/24]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Health for a status update concerning an inquiry into the historical licensing and use of sodium valproate in women of child-bearing potential in the State; when the terms of reference for this inquiry will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [4977/24]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the current shortage in the medicine victoza; what measures are being taken to address this shortage; what alternative medicine can be prescribed to people due to this shortage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [4979/24]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who have started the new insulin pump, in all hospitals within the RCSI Hospital Group, aged between 0-17 years and those aged 18 years or older, for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [4982/24]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Health when the Sláintecare project on the development of a national diabetes register will recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [4983/24]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital admissions that occurred through the University Hospital Waterford accident and emergency or the acute medical assessment units due to diabetic ketoacidosis in people aged between 0-17 years and those aged 18 years or older in each of the years 2017 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [4985/24]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Health if he can expedite a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5004/24]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive their hospital appointment in Beaumont Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5006/24]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will be allocated a GP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5017/24]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds that are currently operational at the new 30-bed purpose build dementia unit in a nursing home (details supplied) in Drogheda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [5018/24]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Health why there is a significant delay to provide cataract surgery for a medical card holder (details supplied) aged 85 years who has been waiting for this operation for more than three years; what options are available to ensure the procedure is carried out as quickly as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [5041/24]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the annual budget for the school dental programme for children and to detail, in tabular form, the number of appointments in the years 2020 - 2023, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [5058/24]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on a National Ambulance Service base (details supplied), including details, in tabular form, of callouts during the years 2020 - 2023, staffing levels, the number of vehicles attached to the base and an update on any plans to expand the base; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [5065/24]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Health as part of the recently agreed public sector pay agreement, what payments, in addition to the previously agreed grants under section 39 of Health (Amendment) Act 2023, have been made to agencies which have staff paid for service provision through these grants; how the calculation was made for these additional payments; the planned process to provide the resources needed to meet the terms of the public sector pay agreement for these agencies in 2024 and into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [5067/24]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Health what assistance can be given to a person (details provided) who is living in full time care in a nursing home, registered disabled, non-verbal with no understanding, no family assistance and requires transport for various treatment at different hospitals; who is responsible for transport costs to and from medical appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5074/24]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a reply has not issued to Parliamentary Question No. 136 of 8 November 2024 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5076/24]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a reply has not issued to Parliamentary Question No. 1265 of 7 November 2024 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5081/24]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a reply has not issued to Parliamentary Question No. 1267 of 7 November 2024 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5082/24]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Health if HSE members currently on a career break are not able to return to work due to the HSE recruitment embargo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5083/24]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the €7.5 million allocated in Budget 2024 for “new services”, specifically the amount designated for expanding newborn screening; if plans for implementing SMA screening will be included in the HSE Service Plan for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5085/24]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the Cashel community nursing unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5088/24]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Health if a surgical appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [5110/24]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision for a new primary care centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [5116/24]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Health how much the HSE and Department of Health spent on personal protection equipment from China; to provide details of what stock was usable and what was not usable/not suitable; what monies have been recouped for unusable/unsuitable stock and what monies remain to be recouped; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [5121/24]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Health if all workers entitled to the pandemic bonus payment have been paid the bonus; if any workers have not yet been paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [5122/24]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for processing pensions for recently retired staff in the HSE, particularly in the CHO2 district; the steps being taken to speed up the processing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [5132/24]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Health if MRI scans on one hand has been removed from the general medical card scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5149/24]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider investigating whether urinary tract infections can be tested for by pharmacists rather than GPs to reduce costs on patients and ease pressure on general practitioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [5155/24]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Health how many speech and language therapists are working in CHO8, including figures for full time and part time positions, in tabular form and broken down by county; if he will provide a full schedule of staff requirements for speech and language therapists in CHO8; when the full complement of staff is expected to be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [5156/24]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children using the paediatric speech and language therapy services in CHO8, specifically in counties Louth and Meath. — Imelda Munster. [5157/24]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Health the numbers on waiting lists, and how long they have been waiting, for paediatric speech and language therapy in CHO8, specifically in counties Louth and Meath, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [5158/24]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Health for an update regarding the establishment of the promised inquiry on the historical licensing and prescribing of sodium valproate; when he expects the inquiry will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5163/24]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Health the services currently available to those diagnosed with foetal valproate spectrum disorder; how families can access these services within their communities following a diagnosis; the status of discussions between the HSE and his Department to improve access to services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5164/24]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can remain in Bantry hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5176/24]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultants in emergency medicine working in Cavan General Hospital in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [5188/24]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost to increase the number of adult critical care beds in the public health service to 400. — Pauline Tully. [5189/24]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person's appointment was cancelled for surgery (details supplied); when he will be called again in the Mater Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5199/24]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Health to review correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5201/24]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Health to review a case (details supplied); if he can arrange an alternative appointment urgently for this person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5202/24]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who was referred 12-months ago to the vascular unit at University Hospital Limerick and has yet to receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [5213/24]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for vascular surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5215/24]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Health to review correspondence (details supplied) and provide an update on an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5220/24]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Health how many speech and language therapists are currently working in each health district; how many positions are currently vacant; and how current number compare to each of the past five years. — Sorca Clarke. [5221/24]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive their urgent referral; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [5227/24]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times he embarked on visits to foreign countries on behalf of the State since the formation of the Government; the geographical location of each visit; the number of days he spent abroad on such trips; the dates upon which each trip took place; and the associated travel and accommodation costs which were incurred by his Department in relation to each trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5244/24]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Health if home help support can be provided for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal following an operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5253/24]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering adding the shingles vaccine to the adult immunisation programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [5268/24]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Health when the new dementia specific weekend day centres are intended to be operational; the locations of same and how carer's/those suffering with dementia can avail of this new and exciting service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [5283/24]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the names of the members of the National Termination of Pregnancy (TOP) Service Improvement Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5291/24]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Health to identify the ten work-streams identified by the National Termination of Pregnancy (TOP) Service Improvement Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5292/24]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Health what is meant by the term “digital wards”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5306/24]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Health if he can advise on a tender process (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5307/24]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 11 of 18 January 2024, the number of homebirths by county for each of the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024, tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5309/24]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to provide a service at a hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5312/24]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to provide a service at a hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5313/24]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to provide a service at a hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5314/24]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take in 2024 to extend the opening hours of a unit (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5315/24]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take in 2024 to extend the opening hours of a unit (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5316/24]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Health if he will comment on the progress of a unit (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5317/24]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update and what services will be based out of a unit (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5318/24]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to amend the Health (Corporate Bodies) Act 1961 to expand the role of the National Treatment Purchase Fund so that they may facilitate a subvention of public funding to provide private assessments of need for the 20 children waiting the longest in each county each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [5320/24]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on traditional and online advertising by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5351/24]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has spent money or sought external assistance with Departmental, Ministerial public relations; if so, the cost; and the name of the agencies, consultants and companies involved in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5369/24]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by his Department on legal costs or legal services in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5387/24]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by his Department on the procurement of office space and furniture and office IT equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [5405/24]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Health when the required WTEs will be in place to open the new Nenagh community nursing home; and the date it is expected to be open. — Alan Kelly. [5418/24]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be seen for urgent treatment. — Sean Sherlock. [5421/24]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Health the supports that are available to people who are dealing with sudden and traumatic deaths of a friend or family member. — Sorca Clarke. [5436/24]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Health how a former HSE worker (details supplied) can apply for the pandemic bonus payment. — Robert Troy. [5444/24]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the HSE period poverty scheme. — Sorca Clarke. [5462/24]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Health the supports and funding available to those who are experiencing period poverty, particularly those who are homeless, those living with addiction, minorities including Travellers, Roma and refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [5464/24]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Health the reason care assistants working during the Covid pandemic with an organisation (details supplied) nationwide have been excluded from payment of the special recognition payment, despite doing the same work as all the other healthcare professionals who received the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5465/24]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Health if the Health Service Executive is actively enforcing the relevant provisions of the Public Health (Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill 2023 and the EU 2016 Tobacco Products Directive Regulations in non-traditional retail outlets such as mobile phone shops, computer repair centres, gift shops and discount stores which sell vapes; the number of HSE enforcement visits conducted in these non-traditional outlets in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5485/24]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Health the responses his Department received on the public consultation in respect of the Public Health (Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill 2023; when the results will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [5516/24]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CAMHS teams within CHO9 that offer family-based therapy, cognitive behavioural therapy and play therapy. — Paul Donnelly. [5526/24]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting to see a consultant in respiratory medicine at Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown. — Paul Donnelly. [5532/24]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Health the number of childhood flu vaccines distributed by GPs, pharmacists and walk in clinics in the winter of 2023-2024 period.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [5533/24]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE optometrists and opticians working in the Mater Hospital in 2021,2022,2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [5534/24]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons who attended lung rapid access clinics in each month of 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [5535/24]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the outcomes of having taxed sugar drinks; and whether any detailed research has been carried out into the outcomes. — John Lahart. [5539/24]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Health to seek information from the management of all acute hospitals as to whether third party companies are contracted to provide medical consultation, advice, reading of scans and so on, outside of normal working hours, where consultants are already employed and on call for the same acute hospital; if so, the reasons for same; if a lack of IT systems are to blame for such an occurrence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5540/24]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Health if the building utilised by Carrickmacross Social Services, located at Cloughvalley, Carrickmacross, County Monaghan was sold by the HSE to a third party organisation; the reason for such a sale; the details of such sale; the oversight involved and the individuals and structures that approved any such sale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5542/24]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Health if provision has been made to ensure that Carrickmacross Social Services can continue to use the building and facilities at Cloughvalley, Carrickmacross that is or was in the ownership of the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5543/24]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on a matter (details supplied); to note that despite Parliamentary Question response No. 3490 of 21 January 2024, referral has been received by the hospital on 12 December 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5585/24]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Health to provide detail on the planned closure of 16 beds across two units in Clonakilty Community Hospital in order to facilitate the opening of a new unit; whether concerns have been raised with the HSE by unions in regards to safe staffing levels in the hospital as a result of the new unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [5595/24]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Health whether an increase in the number of community beds in Bandon Hospital could be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [5597/24]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the scarcity of (details supplied); the measures being taken to ensure GPs are able to prescribe alternative medication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [5598/24]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Health what measures are being taken to provide up to date information to GPs of medication shortages and suitable alternatives, in order to prevent patients receiving prescriptions they are unable to fill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [5599/24]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list to see a consultant maxillofacial surgeon at St. James's Hospital; and the average waiting times to see the consultant. — Joan Collins. [5635/24]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dementia day centres located within CHO7; the capacity of each of these centres; and if each of the centres are opened five days a week. — Joan Collins. [5636/24]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE staff by job title working in the accident and emergency department of the Mater Hospital. — Joan Collins. [5637/24]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Health the number of student midwives offered a full-time contract with the HSE in the Coombe Maternity Hospital in 2022 and 2023; of the number of contracts offered; the number that were accepted, in tabular form. — Joan Collins. [5638/24]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE paediatric urologist registrars working in CHI Crumlin in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Joan Collins. [5639/24]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours provided in each CHO region, in tabular form; how these hours are provided for example by private provider contracted in or by HSE employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [5641/24]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours sanctioned or approved and waiting on a service provider in each CHO region. — Robert Troy. [5642/24]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Health to conduct a review on calculations made for the nursing home support scheme (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [5650/24]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Health to provide clarification on when the youth mental health pathfinder project will be implemented; when the Government will place a pathfinder unit on a statutory footing through section 12 of the Public Service Management Act, 1997 and provide budgetary allocations for the implementation of this project. — Alan Dillon. [5655/24]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Health if urgent orthodontic treatment will be expedited for a child (details supplied). — Patricia Ryan. [5706/24]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine a matter in relation to the case of a person (details supplied); and if there are any other resources or assistance which can be offered to this person and their parent. — Patricia Ryan. [5707/24]

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

\*577. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will make a statement on a report by an organisation (details supplied) in relation to construction labour shortages. — Ivana Bacik. [5687/24]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what efforts are being made by his Department to increase the number of professionals providing services for autism and special needs children; and how many college places have been made available in each of the past five years for students wishing to qualify as speech therapists,

occupational therapists, physiotherapists and specialist child psychologists in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [4989/24]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department have explored the creation of links between Higher Education Institutions access offices and Tusla aftercare services to ensure that students with care experience are linked in with on-campus supports to promote retention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [5015/24]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason an application for a course (details supplied) has been refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5095/24]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current numbers of apprentices waiting for off the job training in terms of phases 2, 4 and 6, broken down by those waiting 0-6 months, and those waiting more than 6 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [5133/24]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has considered recognising for grant purposes the British and Irish Institute of Modern Music.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [5234/24]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of times he embarked on visits to foreign countries on behalf of the State since the formation of the Government; the geographical location of each visit; the number of days he spent abroad on such trips; the dates upon which each trip took place; and the associated travel and accommodation costs which were incurred by his Department in relation to each trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5243/24]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when hourly-paid adult education tutors with the ETB will receive parity with their full-time equivalent colleagues in relation to the terms and conditions for their employment, particularly in relation to a public service contract and access to an incremental salary scheme (details supplied); what work he is undertaking to avoid further disputes with this sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [5282/24]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount spent on traditional and online advertising by his Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5350/24]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has spent money or sought external assistance with Departmental, Ministerial public relations; if so, the cost; and the name of the agencies, consultants and companies involved in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5368/24]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount spent by his Department on legal costs or legal services in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5386/24]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount spent by his Department on the procurement of office space and furniture and office IT equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [5404/24]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 528 of 29 November 2022, the actions he has taken since December 2022 to increase the supply of domestic medical graduates; and the number of domestic medical graduates in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Pauline Tully. [5493/24]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 528 of 29 November 2022, the actions he has taken since December 2022 to increase the supply of medical graduates from EU countries, excluding Ireland; and the number of medical graduates from EU countries other than Ireland in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Pauline Tully. [5494/24]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will report on collaboration between the Irish Institute of Higher Education with its counterparts in Spain. — Paul Donnelly. [5527/24]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the fire safety procedures and policies that university owned student accommodation must abide by; if this includes fire extinguishers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [5559/24]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of the different rates of pay given by SOLAS to apprentices who are undertaking the same off the job training programme, will get the same qualification and do the same work; if he will address the pay difference paid by SOLAS to electrical apprentices in the engineering industry and electrical industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [5602/24]

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

\*594. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she can confirm receipt of a request for an extension of the community centre investment fund project allocation from (details supplied) for six months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5077/24]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for details on grant aid for capital projects such as building community centres; if she will list the various schemes, deadlines and capital available under each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5200/24]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there are funding applications with her Department specifically relating to a building in Castleblayney (details supplied); if her Department have had any discussions on this derelict structure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5210/24]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of times she embarked on visits to foreign countries on behalf of the State since the formation of

the Government; the geographical location of each visit; the number of days she spent abroad on such trips; the dates upon which each trip took place; and the associated travel and accommodation costs which were incurred by her Department in relation to each trip, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5248/24]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount spent on traditional and online advertising by her Department in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5355/24]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has spent money or sought external assistance with Departmental, Ministerial public relations; if so, the cost; and the name of the agencies, consultants and companies involved in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5373/24]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount spent by her Department on legal costs or legal services in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [5391/24]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount spent by her Department on the procurement of office space and furniture and office IT equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [5409/24]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the grants that are currently available for women's sheds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [5640/24]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 2024**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how many businesses in Clare are likely to qualify for the increased cost of business grant; what discussions his Department has had with Clare County Council in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [5563/24]

2. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to detail his Department's plans to support the SME sector in Ireland, in 2024. — Alan Farrell. [5299/24]

3. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to outline the number of applications received, approved and rejected under the emergency business flood relief scheme administered by the Red Cross on behalf of his Department; the total spend to date on the scheme; the flexibility with regard to the administration of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [5576/24]

4. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on progress made to acquire an IDA Ireland purpose built facility in Longford town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [5508/24]

5. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what measures he is taking to support the SME sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [5566/24]

6. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 11 and 23 of 29 June 2023, if he is considering bringing forward measures to allow labour market access to the partners and spouses of intra-company transfer employment permits holders, similar to that of partners and spouses of critical skills employment permit holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [5575/24]

7. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been brought to a recently published report (details supplied), which outlined that over half of the 50 largest companies in the Irish economy scored 30% or less on corporate uptake of the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5479/24]

8. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of local enterprise office supported jobs in Cork at the end of 2023; how this compares to 2022, 2021 and 2020 respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [5556/24]

9. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the increased level of insolvencies in 2023. — Louise O'Reilly. [5573/24]

10. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans for strengthening the capacity of the LEO network to give specialist support to enterprises, with varying needs and regional specialisms, within their remit and to the development of regional centres of excellence. — Richard Bruton. [5741/24]

11. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what his role is in ensuring full compliance with employment legislation and workers right in the film TV arts and audio visual sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5801/24]

12. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to review correspondence (details supplied); and what supports are open from his Department to assist struggling SMEs like this. — Niamh Smyth. [5551/24]

13. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when is the rollout of the increased cost of business scheme going to happen and will he elaborate on the mechanics of the scheme; whether it has sufficient funding to address the crisis in small businesses and prevent a further raft of closures, especially among the hospitality businesses such as cafés and pubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [5439/24]

14. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on his engagement with the hospitality sector in 2024. — Martin Browne. [5673/24]

15. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the delayed actions that his Department is leading on as part of the climate action plan 2023; the proportion that are complete and the proportion that are delayed; if any are still outstanding from the 2021 climate action plan; the expected timeline for delivery for all delayed actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5668/24]

16. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for details of the increased costs of business grants announced in the Budget; the amount per grant and when the scheme will begin. — Brian Stanley. [5280/24]

17. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the increased cost of business scheme will be rolled out to business. — Louise O'Reilly. [5572/24]

18. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the increased cost of business scheme will be activated as part of Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [5546/24]

19. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to outline the funding and job creation measures his Department and bodies under the aegis of his Department have undertaken in Killybegs, County Donegal for each year of the lifetime of the current Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5781/24]

20. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the Minister has highlighted developing policy to approve new modular construction design technologies that could be deployed in Ireland; if he will outline progress in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [5749/24]

21. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to outline supports for the SME sector, particularly enterprises with less than ten employees, to assist with escalating operating costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [5756/24]

22. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of Carlow businesses that are likely to qualify for the increased cost of business grant; the discussions his Department has had with Carlow County Council in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [5509/24]

23. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of dual-use export licence applications in respect of end-users in Israel approved by his Department since 7 October 2023; the value of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5477/24]

24. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the engagement that has taken place to support workers in VMWare in Ballincollig who face redundancy. — Thomas Gould. [5669/24]

25. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for a progress update on his Department's actions under Climate Action 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [5757/24]

26. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 18 of 23 November 2023, the status of the implementation of the west regional

enterprise plan to 2024; the date of all meetings to-date of the steering group; to provide an update on the most recent meeting of the steering group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5481/24]

27. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the level of supports that are available to local authorities and community groups for the development of enterprise centres or workspace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5732/24]

28. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how many businesses in Tipperary are likely to qualify for the increased cost of business grant; what discussions his Department has had with Tipperary County Council in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [5565/24]

29. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the progress to develop an approach to the retrofit of the commercial stock as outlined in the climate action plan; the progress on the commercial built action roadmap; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5667/24]

30. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment given the new information from the ESRI on low pay work, if he will consider the abolishment of sub-minimum wage rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5799/24]

31. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current strategy in place to assistance small businesses; whether any further initiatives are contemplated in this regard in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5675/24]

32. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on his engagements regarding the Mercosur Trade Agreement. — Matt Carthy. [5744/24]

33. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 45 of 23 November 2023, for an update on his Department's engagement with the Department of Foreign Affairs with a view to developing a new business and human rights action plan and implementation body; the number of meetings held to-date by the stakeholder forum; the dates of same; the terms of reference of the stakeholder forum; the expected timeline for the new national plan on business and human rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5478/24]

34. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of Kildare businesses that are likely to qualify for the increased cost of business (ICOB) grant; the discussions his Department has had with Kildare County Council in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [5511/24]

35. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide an update on the number of IDA and Enterprise Ireland backed jobs and companies in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5730/24]

36. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the legislative programme. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3494/24]

37. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the work being done in his Department to promote the use of modern methods of construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5719/24]

38. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of County Cork businesses that are likely to qualify for the increased cost of business grant; the discussions his Department has had with Cork County Council in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [5555/24]

39. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will give and update on the work that is being done by his Department, with other Government departments and State agencies; to find solutions for those who live in the North and work remotely for southern-based companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5718/24]

40. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for a report on the implementation of the National AI Strategy: AI – Here for Good; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [5512/24]

41. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his Department's efforts to support the hospitality sector. — Alan Farrell. [5300/24]

42. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of IDA supported jobs in Clare at the end of 2023; how this compares to 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [5562/24]

43. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of new IDA, Enterprise Ireland jobs created in each county for the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [5286/24]

44. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the increased cost of business scheme will be rolled out to businesses and how local authorities will be advertising the scheme. — Mairéad Farrell. [5665/24]

45. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the Midlands Regional Enterprise Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [5449/24]

46. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will ensure that additional supports will be provided to local authorities and community groups to develop enterprise centres or workspace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5733/24]

47. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what measures he is considering to ensure that workers in the film industry who are subject to multiple successive fixed-term contracts, have their rights under fixed-term workers legislation fully vindicated, and have their service to the industry properly recognised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5798/24]

48. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how many dual-use licences were issued to exporters to trade in dual-use items with Israel since October 2023; if he has any concern that dual use items being traded with Israel are currently being used against civilians and civilian infrastructure in the Israel-Hamas war; and what actions his Department will be taking

under the Control of Exports Act 2008 to end this trade if these items are being used to target civilians and civilian infrastructure. — Louise O'Reilly. [5574/24]

49. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the work of the Artificial Intelligence Advisory Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [5443/24]

50. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on his engagement with the hospitality sector in 2024. — Louise O'Reilly. [5570/24]

51. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the roll-out of the increased cost of business scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5666/24]

52. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has liaised with the Garda Commissioner regarding safety measures for businesses employing members of the migrant community in the city centre following rioting in Dublin. — Gary Gannon. [53624/23]

53. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how many remote work places exist in each county in the country, for the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [5287/24]

54. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment position regarding the continuing decline in Irish overall exports over the past two years; what evaluation his Department is doing to understand any and what may be the main drivers of this export drop; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [5745/24]

55. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how many dual-use licences were issued to exporters to trade in dual-use items with Israel since October 2023; if he has any concern that dual use items being traded with Israel are currently being used against civilians and civilian infrastructure in the Israel-Hamas war; what actions his Department has taken under the Control of Exports Act 2008 to end this trade if these items are being used to target civilians and civilian infrastructure. — Martin Browne. [5674/24]

56. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the south east enterprise plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [5510/24]

57. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total amount of expenditure dispensed through the Red Cross to victims of flooding last year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [5547/24]

58. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the WRC 'Code of Practice' on remote working. — Louise O'Reilly. [5571/24]

59. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in Offaly that are likely to qualify for the increased cost of business grant scheme; what discussions his Department has had with Offaly County Council in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [5448/24]

60. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has analysed to the main sources of pressure on business costs at present, and how he believes these might best be addressed. — Richard Bruton. [5742/24]

61. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in South County Dublin that are likely to qualify for the increased cost of business grant scheme; what discussions his Department has had with South Dublin County Council in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [5450/24]

62. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for consideration with current financial operating difficulties experienced by SMEs to expand and provide direct financial supports to domestically focused retail, personal services, professional services and construction services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [5698/24]

63. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the position on the single application procedure for a combined employment and residence permit; his engagement to date with the Minister for Justice on progressing this process to be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [5697/24]

64. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment given that an increasing number of employers are in breach of national minimum wage laws, but the number of prosecutions is low, how is he going to enforce minimum wage law compliance and if there will be additional penalties to employers for minimum wage law breaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5797/24]

65. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on his engagement with the hospitality sector in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [5759/24]

66. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps his Department took to consult with Disabled Persons Organisations, in line with Article 4 (3) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD), in relation to the White Paper on Enterprise 2022-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [5758/24]

67. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans for the development of the co-operative sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [5451/24]

68. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the supports available to businesses with the rising cost of energy in running a business, particularly those in the hospitality sector which has seen a number of closures recently. — Niamh Smyth. [5552/24]

69. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 17 of 23 November 2023, for an update on plans to remove dental nurses from the ineligible occupation list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5480/24]

70. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in Dublin City that are likely to qualify for the increased cost of business grant scheme; what

discussions his Department has had with Dublin City Council in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [5442/24]

71. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of Longford businesses that are likely to qualify for the increased cost of business grant; the discussions his Department has had with Longford County Council in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [5507/24]

72. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment in light of the order of provisional measures of 26 January 2024 by the International Justice in the case of South Africa v. Israel, if he has conducted an analysis of Ireland's legal obligations regarding the granting of export licences for dual use commercial items with military applications; if he has sought input from the Department of Foreign Affairs regarding human rights implications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5743/24]

73. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department is aware of the significant pressures facing business in the restaurant and hospitality sector; the steps his Department is taking to address the challenges now being experienced in these sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [5747/24]

74. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the on the implementation of the non-financial reporting directive and what supports will be available to help businesses implement same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [5648/24]

75. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the recent round of collective bargaining has agreed a significant increase in wages across the public service sector which will guide private sector remuneration also; the reason the relative difference in average pay disparity between public sector remuneration versus SME sector remuneration in Ireland is now among the widest in the European union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [5748/24]

76. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the awarding of a tender for the construction of an advanced manufacturing factory at Marlinstown Business Park, Mullingar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [5647/24]

77. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to outline the funding and job creation measures his Department and bodies under the aegis of his Department have undertaken in County Donegal in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5780/24]

78. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he is taking to ensure small businesses can remain solvent given the increase in overheads including electricity, gas, insurance, wages, rates and supplies which if passed on to the customer would lead to a loss of business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [5438/24]

79. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment what progress he is making in addressing the concerns of actors, performers, writers and directors in the film and TV industry in relation to fully vindicating their intellectual property rights under the copyright directive and copyright legislation. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5800/24]

80. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the progress that has been made to date by his Department in respect of streamlining the employment permit applications process, whereby a single application process for employment permits and entry visa applications would be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [5645/24]

81. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the increased cost of business scheme payments will be made. — Thomas Gould. [5670/24]

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82. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform given the need for large supplementary estimates in health and education in 2023, the steps he will take to avoid underestimates of funding public services; how he is going to monitor the adequacy of funding provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5768/24]

83. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on the Crossmolina flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5763/24]

84. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform about delayed actions that his Department is leading on as part of the climate action plan 2023; what proportion are complete and what proportion are delayed; if any are still outstanding from the 2021 climate action plan 2021; the expected timeline for delivery for all delayed actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5679/24]

85. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his views on the recent ESRI report submitted to his Department 'The National Development Plan in 2023: Priorities and Capacity', the steps his Department will take to address the limitation of data to evaluate investment in infrastructure projects for balanced regional development as indicated in the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [5751/24]

86. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on the Blackpool and Glashaboy flood relief schemes in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [5519/24]

87. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he plans to bring forward a revised National Development Plan Departmental ceilings in order to account for the inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5764/24]

88. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when the agreed cost-of-living increase of 4% for ESB pensioners will be approved and paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5284/24]

89. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform what programmes of public expenditure will be subject to evaluation in the coming year and whether this process needs to be reformed. — Richard Bruton. [5739/24]

90. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide details of flood relief and river drainage works that the OPW will undertake in County Clare this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [5721/24]

91. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform his views on the concern raised in the recent ESRI report submitted to his Department 'The National Development Plan in 2023: Priorities and Capacity' that the Eastern and Midland region is experiencing a share of population growth beyond that envisaged in the 2040 target; the steps his Department will take to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [5750/24]

92. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to report on the progress being made to digitalise public services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [5332/24]

93. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform what reforms were negotiated as part of the new collective pay agreement for the public service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [5661/24]

94. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when works will commence on a Flood Relief Project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [5699/24]

95. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to list all the flood relief schemes nationally (county by county) and at what stage of development each is at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [5518/24]

96. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on his Department's priorities, with regard to the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [5333/24]

97. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the way continued reform of public services is reflected in the new public sector pay agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [5663/24]

98. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 27 of 28 November 2023, the status of the review by the Coirib go Cósta steering group of the draft revised programme incorporating the additional scope for the Coirib go Cósta flood relief scheme; the timeline for the publication of the revised project programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5487/24]

99. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform about the national development plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5680/24]

100. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on the proposed Crossmolina flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5728/24]

*101.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on the new public sector pay agreement talks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5729/24]

*102.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline predicted capital spend for delivery of projects contained in the National Development Plan 2021-2030 for County Donegal up to the end of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5774/24]

*103.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the reason an email to the OPW from this Deputy requesting the contact details of the official responsible for the management of An Grianán of Aileach has not been responded to, a month after it was sent and the reason emailed representations to the OPW are forwarded to the Minister for response. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [5702/24]

*104.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the expected timeline for the next public consultation day for the Coirib go Cósta flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5488/24]

*105.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an overview of works planned to alleviate coastal erosion in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [5720/24]

*106.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department will be conducting a spending review in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [5553/24]

*107.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on the National Development Finance Agency's examination of construction contracts won by construction firms that have been suspended from public contracts in Spain for bid-rigging; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5762/24]

*108.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the allocations made by his Department under the Brexit Adjustment Reserve; the Departments to which funds were allocated; and the purpose of such allocations. — Matt Carthy. [5755/24]

*109.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to the Topical Issue debate of 23 January 2024, to outline the progress made to date with the Midleton flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [5579/24]

*110.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which issues are being considered which are most likely to have an impact on improving delivery on the National Development Plan with particular reference to specific infrastructure which is now or likely to become in the near future critical to progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5677/24]

*111.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on the Government's review of the Standards in Public Office Commission

and the Freedom of Information Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [5303/24]

*112.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the funding available to Monaghan County Council for flood relief projects under Budget 2024. — Matt Carthy. [5754/24]

*113.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether the budgeting process operated by his Department promotes innovation to a sufficient extent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [5740/24]

*114.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on the progress of flood defences planned for Dundalk Bay, County Louth; to outline if additional funding will be made available for flood defences in north Louth following the damage done in November 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5285/24]

*115.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform how public expenditure in Ireland on social protection, on health and on education compares to other EU countries with similar demographic characteristics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [5664/24]

*116.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline the funding schemes under the remit of his Department that are available to assist local authorities with minor drainage schemes to alleviate flooding problems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5734/24]

*117.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the position on the tendering process to progress works for a Garda Station (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [5700/24]

*118.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform what considerations he has given to the proposed four day work week across the public sector as raised by multiple trade unions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5769/24]

*119.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to outline the capital spend in delivering National Development Plan 2021-2030 projects for County Donegal for each year of the lifetime of the current Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5773/24]

*120.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 378 of 17 January 2024, if his Department has received an updated application from Cork County Council for flood mitigation works in Castlemartyr; if so, the proposed works that are to be undertaken as part of the application; if an application for similar flood relief measures for Mogeely has been received by his Department in light of the damage caused by Storm Babet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [5580/24]

*121.* To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he continues to take action to expand and improve the public

procurement process in a way that is appropriate to the ongoing needs of the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5678/24]

122. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the outcome of recent discussions with the authorities in Northern Ireland in relation to flooding problems in Cavan and Fermanagh caused by the River Erne; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5735/24]

123. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the predicted timelines for delivery of projects contained in the National Development Plan 2021-2030 for County Donegal up to the end of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5772/24]

124. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if there is a plan or strategy in place for the Office of Public Works to reduce the reliance on leased properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5765/24]

125. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will consider inviting a representative of the Save our Shannon group onto the CFRAMS implementation group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [5662/24]