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QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the action plan on collective bargaining coverage to be presented to the European Commission as part of its transposition of the EU Directive on Adequate Minimum Wages. — Louise O'Reilly. [5921/24]

2. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason for a pause in the increase to the minimum salary threshold in respect of the non-EEA general employment permit scheme for healthcare assistants; if he will consider the introduction of a JLC/ERO system to apply to healthcare assistants in the private nursing homes and homecare sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [5990/24]

3. 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]

4. 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]

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OTHER QUESTIONS

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

5. 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]

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

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

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

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

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

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

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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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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.

84. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform how the finding of the recently published ESRI report on the National Development Plan in 2023: priorities and capacity will shape the review of NDP ceilings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5760/24]

85. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount spent on flood defence systems in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [5302/24]

86. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he has engaged with the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General on the potential of extending his remit to cover commercial public bodies in a dual audit capacity in order to ensure greater oversight and accountability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5766/24]

87. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the progress made in delivering National Development Plan 2021-2030 projects for County Donegal for each year of the life time of the current Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5771/24]

88. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the River Shannon Management Agency Bill 2020; if any preliminary assessments have been made as how the Agency will be funded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5919/24]

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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.

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

117. 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]

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

130. 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]

131. 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]

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts made to ensure that Irish passport cards are compatible with e-gates in other European and EEA states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [5775/24]

*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if his Department will engage with the family of the person in Ireland in order to ensure safe passage out of Gaza. — Holly Cairns. [5938/24]

*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason a US military aircraft (details supplied) was permitted to land and refuel at Shannon airport on 1 February 2024; to clarify the steps that were taken to ensure that this aircraft was not involved in US military operations in support of the Israeli attacks in Gaza; to clarify what steps were taken to check what this aircraft was delivering to Ramstein air base; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5992/24]

*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason a US military aircraft (details supplied) was permitted to land and refuel at Shannon airport on 1 February 2024; to clarify the steps that were taken to ensure that this aircraft was not involved in US military operations in support of the Israeli attacks in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5993/24]

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

*136. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider outlining the renewable electricity support scheme and offshore renewable electricity support scheme auctions to take place between now and 2030; the dates they will take place; how they will be sequenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5809/24]

*137. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the progress of the designated maritime area plans for offshore wind to date; if there are plans for a designated maritime area plan for the west coast; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5811/24]

*138. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the means through which designated maritime area plans are being identified; the timeline for completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5812/24]

*139. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the initiatives his Department is taking to increase the number energy customers to adopt a smart tariff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5818/24]

*140. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he gathers data on the number of households that are on a smart tariff following completion of a retrofit as part of the SEAI's schemes; if so, the proportion, that are on a smart tariff following a retrofit for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; if measures are used to encourage households that have had a retrofit of their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5819/24]

*141. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a reply will issue to the elected members of Monaghan County Council regarding their letter (details supplied) in relation to the route and undergrounding of the north south interconnector. — Pauline Tully. [5825/24]

*142. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications 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; what is the expected timeline for delivery for all delayed actions; what is the estimated emissions impact of delayed actions; what is the impact on carbon budgets; what measures he is taking to mitigate these impacts and make up any possible shortfalls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5909/24]

*143. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the work his Department is doing to ensure that Ireland will meet its 2030 target of 500,000 dwellings to B2 BER status 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5680/24]

*144. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 116 of 12 December 2023, if his Department has funding options for community and voluntary organisations to lead on climate action including training and awareness raising. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [5932/24]

*145. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures that are in place for the deposit return scheme for housebound or disabled persons who shop for groceries online and are unable to physically access the deposit return scheme in shops; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5943/24]

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

*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department has been contacted by local authorities interested in acquiring the decommissioned naval vessel, LÉ Éithne, to be turned into a naval or maritime museum; if so, to provide an update on these requests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [5884/24]

*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if his Department has carried out a feasibility study in relation to proposals to turn the decommissioned naval vessel, LÉ Éithne, into a naval or maritime museum; if so, to provide an update on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [5885/24]

*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update of LÉ Éithne; the stumbling blocks that were identified preventing it being turned into a naval or maritime museum as suggested by many local authorities and port companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [5881/24]

*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence for an update on the future of the decommissioned LÉ Ciara and LÉ Orla; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [5882/24]

*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to outline in detail the process that is carried out when considering how to dispose of former naval vessels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [5883/24]

*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence whether his Department considered the use of the decommissioned vessels LÉ Eithne, LÉ Ciara and LÉ Orla by the Irish Coastguard or the Irish Naval Reserve for training purposes or as a maritime museum ship located at Haulbowline Island in Cork Harbour, as noted in a scoping study (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [5952/24]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*152. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide his Department's approved budget figures for the purposes of road maintenance and new road developments infrastructure outlined by individual region totals over the past four years of Government; if he will clarify how regional equity is demonstrated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [5918/24]

*153. To ask the Minister for Transport if a reply will issue to the elected members of Monaghan County Council regarding their letter (details supplied) in relation to additional funding for the salting of roads and footpaths. — Pauline Tully. [5823/24]

*154. To ask the Minister for Transport if a reply will issue to the elected members of Monaghan County Council regarding their letter (details supplied) in relation to additional funding to expedite driver testing services and NCT car testing services. — Pauline Tully. [5824/24]

*155. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5879/24]

*156. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5880/24]

*157. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department and the NTA will review correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5916/24]

*158. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 459 of 21 April 2021 and 313 of 30 November 2023, the current steps being taken to address the proliferation of illegal vehicle registration plates on motor cars; whether sufficient legislation is in place for gardaí to apply a fixed charge penalty notice for this offence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5968/24]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*159. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagement he has had with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine regarding the revision of residential zoned land tax maps; if the revision will allow farmers whose land was previously zoned and whose land is actively in use for agricultural purposes will be able to seek exemption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5793/24]

*160. To ask the Minister for Finance with regard to the revision of residential zoned land tax maps, if the revision will allow farmers whose land was previously zoned and whose land is actively in use for agricultural purposes will be able to seek exemption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5820/24]

*161. To ask the Minister for Finance with regard to the revision of residential zoned land tax maps; how his Department is ensuring that accessible systems are in place to allow farmers to submit a request for exemption if their land is actively being used for agricultural purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5826/24]

*162. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount of unclaimed tax reliefs in each of the years 2019 to 2023; and a breakdown of the estimated amount by individual relief, that is, medical relief, rent relief, disabled child relief and so on, in tabular form. — Richard Bruton. [5816/24]

*163. To ask the Minister for Finance the last time a budget increased the blind persons tax credit. — Gino Kenny. [5835/24]

*164. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the blind persons tax credit was not increased in line with other tax credit increases in Budget 2024; and his plans to increase the credit in the future. — Gino Kenny. [5836/24]

*165. To ask the Minister for Finance when a person in County Cork (details supplied) will receive their VAT refund. — Michael Creed. [5934/24]

*166. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of complaints made with regard to the operation and services provided by the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively; and if he will consider the value of introducing an independent assessor in order to independently assess complaints and make recommendations to the FSPO and the Minister; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6013/24]

*167. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify the jurisdiction of the FSPO with respect to complaints made regarding entities that were not regulated by the Central Bank prior to a particular date, where the complaint concerns a time prior to that date; and if legislative provisions are possible to address this. — Pearse Doherty. [6019/24]

*168. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of complaints (case) handlers operating in the Financial Services and Pension Ombudsman in each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively; the number of current vacancies for the role of complaint (case) handler at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6020/24]

*169. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of complaints submitted to the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman which are yet to be allocated to a complaint handler, disaggregated by the number of weeks since they were first submitted; the number of complaints submitted to the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman which are yet to have a preliminary decision issued disaggregated, by the number of weeks since they were first submitted; the number of complaints submitted to the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman which are yet to have a final decision issued disaggregated by the number of weeks since they were first submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6021/24]

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.

*170. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on the legislative programme. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3500/24]

*171. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the first year cost of the recently announced and proposed public sector pay deal; and if, following its implementation, it will require a further revised estimate for 2024. — Pearse Doherty. [5897/24]

*172. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he is considering the high cost of accommodation as a significant factor in recruitment and retention challenges; and what considerations will be given to this. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5955/24]

*173. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will consider the establishment of a state-run construction company to assist in achieving the National Development Plan goals and particularly the urgent need to address the housing crisis and critical infrastructure development. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5956/24]

*174. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the degree to which reforms throughout the public sector remain in place to ensure accountability, collective responsibility and good value for money; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5981/24]

*175. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the degree to which his Department continues to monitor the impact of Brexit on the public and private sectors with a view to addressing such issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5982/24]

*176. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which he continues to rely on reform as a means of meeting public expenditure challenges ahead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5983/24]

*177. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent if any to which public expenditure and reform strategies need to be revised to

meet any challenges in the short to medium term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5984/24]

*178. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which his Department continues to monitor public contracts with a view to achieving optimum value for money while at the same time facilitating an expeditious process leading to increased efficiency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5985/24]

*179. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent, if any, to which various Government Departments can be rewarded for adherence to public expenditure and reform guidelines while maintaining maximum level of service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5986/24]

*180. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the degree to which value for money targets continue to be met by various Government Departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5987/24]

*181. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the extent to which targets in respect of public expenditure for the year 2024 remain in line with expectations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5988/24]

*182. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform whether he remains satisfied that levels of public expenditure here are adequately proofed to ensure best outcome for the Exchequer and taxpayer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5989/24]

*183. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform when he will publish legislation to modernise and update the Freedom of Information Act and ethics in public office legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [5994/24]

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

*184. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the level of employment created to date since the jobs announcement in 2019; the level of State funding provided to a company (details supplied) to create employment; the up-to-date position regarding this development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [5778/24]

*185. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding allocated to areas of expenditure (details supplied) in each of the years 2018 to 2023; if an underspend existed, by year; and the funding allocated for 2024, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [5805/24]

*186. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the projects under his Department that are being funded as part of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan that is funded under the European Union Recovery and Resilience Facility, by funding and project, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [5837/24]

*187. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total amount of funding provided to businesses for support digitisation over the past five years; and the funding allocated to support firms with digitisation in 2024. — Louise O'Reilly. [5838/24]

*188. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the expenditure base for his Department for the years 2024 to 2027, or as far as is projected, broken down for the expenditure base for the programme expenditure under 'jobs and enterprise development', 'enterprise innovation and commercialisation', 'regulation', listing all subheads within each, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [5869/24]

*189. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the expenditure base for IDA Ireland, Enterprise Ireland, Local Enterprise Development, InterTradeIreland, Science and Technology Development Programme, Disruptive Technologies Innovation Fund, Workplace Relations Programme, and the Health and Safety Authority for the years 2024 to 2027, or as far as is projected, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [5870/24]

*190. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the provisions of the Digital Services Act with respect to online platforms which platform fraudulent advertising on their channels, the requirements, obligations and sanctions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5899/24]

*191. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to review the key outcomes and key impacts for the LEO network in performance budgeting; his views on the introduction of key outcomes and impacts for green budgeting across all departmental programmes, as reported on in the annual Public Service Performance Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [5953/24]

*192. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to outline the targets for Green for Business take up in each county for 2024 and for an update, if available, on the applications approved, training attended or completed assessments broken down by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [5954/24]

*193. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which action is underway to meet staff shortages in the construction sector with particular reference to the need to meet such deficiencies in full in early date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5971/24]

*194. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of work permit-related visa applications currently awaiting process with particular reference to various aspects of the economy particularly affected by staff shortages; the extent to which this issue is being addressed in the shortest time possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5972/24]

*195. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the degree to which Irish people overseas can be encouraged to return in order to meet staff vacancies throughout industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5973/24]

*196. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which employment has fluctuated in this jurisdiction over the past four years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5974/24]

*197. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which working from home or working through digital hubs is being optimised and progressed with a view to ensuring the optimum results for employer, employee and the taxpayer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5975/24]

*198. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which Ireland's trade with EU countries has fluctuated over the past four years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5976/24]

*199. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the degree to which his Department continues to support small and medium sized enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5977/24]

*200. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment whether any further particular incentives are being considered to encourage the entrepreneurial skills of younger people throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5978/24]

*201. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which this country's workforce continues to have the increased skills necessary to meet modern market requirements; the extent to which this issue continues to be examined and addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5979/24]

*202. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of job opportunities for women likely to emerge in the manufacturing or services sectors over the next twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5980/24]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*203. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil cinneadh déanta maidir le líon na sraithphictiúir atá le déanamh ag daltaí atá ag ullmhú don Ardteist; an bhfuair a Roinn aon chomhfhreagras ó dhaltáí ag léiriú míshástacht faoin mbrú a chuireann an 20 sraithphictiúir reatha orthu; agus cén iarrachtaí atá ar bun aici chun an brú i measc an chúigiú agus an séú bliain a laghdú. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [5817/24]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) can expect to hear the outcome of their application to have their salary increments reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [5839/24]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education when a response will issue to communication regarding school transport for a child (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5891/24]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education if an environmental grant is available for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [6011/24]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give an update in relation to the development of upgrading/provision of new schools at primary and second level in Naas, County Kildare; the degree to which plans are in hand to cater for the expanding population with particular reference to September 2024; the extent to which a solution has been found to facilitate

the continuation of works on site at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6023/24]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which it has been found possible to meet the pupil accommodation requirements in all schools throughout Kildare north, an area of rapid population expansion with particular reference to the need to ensure an adequacy of school places in time for enrolment in September 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6031/24]

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

*209. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has she received a proposal from RTÉ for the removal of its plus one channels and its digital radio stations, as outlined in its New Direction strategy, as required under section 103 of the Broadcasting Act 2009 (details supplied); if he received RTÉ's proposal, when she plans to commence her decision making process under the Act; and if that process will include taking submissions from the public. — Robert Troy. [5850/24]

*210. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of summonses applied for, and the number of cases brought to court, respectively, with respect to non-payment of the TV license in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. — Pearse Doherty. [5895/24]

*211. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media where the results of the national swimming strategy survey of 2022 can be accessed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5960/24]

*212. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what follow-up she gave to correspondence relating to allegations of historic bullying within RTÉ (details supplied); if she or a representative has engaged with the individual with a view to resolving the matter; how she intends to deal with similar cases surfacing in relation to RTÉ; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5970/24]

*213. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the up-to-date weekly figures regarding TV licence renewal and purchase of TV licences for January 2024 versus January 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5996/24]

*214. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department contributes in any way to the monetary cost of the advertisement of the TV licence fee on platforms; if she will outline details of such expenditure; if she and her Department contribute to the formulation of messaging in any such advertising; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5997/24]

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

*215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline what action is being taken to implement the recommendation of the Citizens Assembly on Biodiversity

that Ireland adopt the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment and the recommendation that the legal rights of nature be recognised via a constitutional referendum. — Paul Murphy. [5957/24]

*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he intends to establish an expert group with resources to design and draft the potential question or questions on the rights of nature as recommended by the Joint Oireachtas Committee in its report on the Citizens Assembly on Biodiversity. — Paul Murphy. [5958/24]

*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the review conducted as part of the NDP review process and supply a list of villages and settlements in each county that do not currently have access to public wastewater infrastructure, including those specific for County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5789/24]

*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average wait time for a Residential Tenancies Board mediation session after application and the subsequent wait time for a dispute session when mediation ends in no resolution. — Patrick Costello. [5851/24]

*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure in the future that historically significant vessels, such as LÉ Éithne and the Naomh Éanna, will be evaluated and feasibility studies carried out by his Department to consider potential heritage options are fully considered before any decisions about their future are made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [5886/24]

*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide current guidelines and policy documents in respect of his Department's policy and advices to local authorities with regards to tenant transfers between local authorities on compassionate or exceptional grounds particularly with respect to elderly persons and senior citizen housing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [5896/24]

*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the delayed actions that his Department is leading on as part of the Climate Action Plan 2023; the proportion that have been completed; 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; the estimated emissions impact of delayed actions; the impact on carbon budgets; what measures he is taking to mitigate these impacts and make up any possible shortfalls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5905/24]

*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm that the proposed stakeholder forum on the sustainable hunting of protected wild birds will include all relevant stakeholders in its membership, including game conservation organisations (details supplied). — John Paul Phelan. [5914/24]

*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a breakdown in tabular form of the number of staff, and their grade currently, employed within An Bord Pleanála, highlighting if they are employed on a part-time or full-time basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [5935/24]

*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a breakdown in tabular form of the number of vacant staffing positions and their grade within An Bord Pleanála; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [5936/24]

*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that local authorities are establishing designated activity companies as special purpose vehicles, thereafter disposing of lands for the purpose of development under a service level agreement; if this is considered good practice; if he has concerns about such activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [6014/24]

*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects to bring forward the required amendments to the section 25 (2) (b) (II) of the Housing (Regulation of Approved Housing Bodies) Act 2019. — Louise O'Reilly. [6015/24]

*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the review of the rental accommodation scheme will be published. — Louise O'Reilly. [6018/24]

*228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will comment on concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [6022/24]

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

*229. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what progress has been made to realise recommendation 41.2 of Young Ireland: the National Policy Framework for Children and Young People (0-24) 2023-2028 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5795/24]

*230. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 828 of 13 June and 829 of 13 June 2023, what if any benefits accrued to Department of Social Protection employees who were former community welfare officers under the HSE and who paid a 5% levy on their incomes from October 2011 to December 2015; if no pension benefit has accrued in respect of these payments, if her Department will sanction the return of these payments to the employees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6010/24]

*231. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if foster carers will be included in the access to the State pension (contributory) measures (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5794/24]

*232. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a cohort of workers funded by her Department (details supplied) have not received a pay increase in 15 years; if any pay increases are planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [5813/24]

*233. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a review has taken place in relation to the issue concerning class S PRSI contributions arising solely from personal pensions and the implications for those who are applying for the benefit payment for 65 year olds; if it will be acknowledged that these potential claimants are not self-employed and that they should be considered for this payment provided all other criteria are met; if this payment can be made to claimants in these circumstance who reached 65 years in the last 12 months; the position regarding a particular claimant (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [5814/24]

*234. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 882 of 17 January 2024, if the case will be reviewed, given the person (details supplied) did not receive the payment.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [5831/24]

*235. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the entitlements under class P PRSI contributions; how long a person needs to pay class P contributions in order to benefit; if there are other qualifying requirements for persons to claim class P; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5840/24]

*236. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for the old age pension (contributory) by a person (details supplied) has been processed and awarded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5902/24]

*237. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person who is in receipt of an old age pension (contributory) and is now aged 67 years, but who continued in employment, which is now about to cease, is entitled to receive a redundancy payment, in such circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5903/24]

*238. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite a decision on a carers allowance application (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [5925/24]

*239. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite a decision on a domiciliary care allowance application (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [5926/24]

*240. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of a person (details supplied); whether they are entitled to an increase in the qualified adult payment in respect of their payment of invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6025/24]

*241. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) qualifies for a domiciliary care allowance in respect of her four year old child; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6026/24]

*242. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of eligibility for the fuel allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6028/24]

*243. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of eligibility for fuel allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6029/24]

*244. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of eligibility for disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6030/24]

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

*245. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on data protection issues in relation to CCTV which are funded by community groups and used by the gardaí; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5832/24]

*246. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1052 of 17 January 2024, when the question will be answered and the information sought be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [5873/24]

*247. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 996 of 17 January 2024, when the question will be answered and the information sought be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [5874/24]

*248. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda applicants in each of the years 2020 to 2023; the number that enrolled in the Garda college; the number of those that graduated in each of those years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [5893/24]

*249. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department is considering the establishment of a shared fraud information database to permit financial service providers to share information on accounts or payments which are suspected or known to result from fraudulent activity; if her Department is considering legislative provisions to give effect to the establishment of a shared fraud information database; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5898/24]

*250. To ask the Minister for Justice when a visa application by a person (details supplied) will be finalised; if all efforts will be made to process this visa as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [5931/24]

*251. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of visa applications for family reunification for immediate family members of Irish citizens that have not yet been decided upon; the number of weeks each application has been awaiting a decision; the business target for these applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [5937/24]

*252. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of people who have changed their name by deed poll for each of the last 10 years. — Peadar Tóibín. [5939/24]

*253. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons awaiting a decision from her pursuant to section 49 (4) of the International Protection Act. — Michael McNamara. [5944/24]

*254. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide the average and median length of time between the tribunal affirmation of a recommendation referred to in section 39 (3)(c) made in respect of an application, and the Minister's decision made under section 49 (4)(b) in respect of such decisions made since February 2020; and if she will provide that figure per month over that period. — Michael McNamara. [5945/24]

*255. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide the average and median length of time between the tribunal affirmation of a recommendation referred to in section 39 (3)(c) made in respect of applications from persons who come from countries designated to be safe countries of origin and the Minister's decision made under section 49 (4)(b) in respect of such decisions made since February 2020; and if she will provide that figure per month over that period. — Michael McNamara. [5946/24]

*256. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide the average and median length of time between the tribunal affirmation of a recommendation referred to in section 39 (3)(c) made in respect of an applications from persons who come from countries other than those designated to be safe countries of origin and the Minister's decision made under section 49 (4)(b) in respect of

such decisions made since February 2020; and if she will provide that figure per month over that period. — Michael McNamara. [5947/24]

*257. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons awaiting a decision from her pursuant to section 49 (4) of the International Protection Act, having received a tribunal affirmation of a recommendation referred to in section 39 (3)(c) made in respect of an application, at the end of each month since February 2020. — Michael McNamara. [5948/24]

*258. To ask the Minister for Justice to clarify what eligibility conditions must a prisoner satisfy before she approves temporary release; if such conditions are the same or different with respect to the gravity of the offence which led to imprisonment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5965/24]

*259. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of temporary release orders she has approved for persons within the Irish prison system for the years 2020 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5966/24]

*260. To ask the Minister for Justice to clarify if her Department collates data on the number of offences committed by persons while on temporary release; if so, will she provide that information for the years 2020 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5967/24]

*261. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware of the recommendations contained in the report the ‘human and financial cost of clinical negligence claims: the case for pre-action protocols’; the plans, if any, she has for tort reforms in the area of dental practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [5999/24]

*262. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the role and functions of the coroner in a case where a citizen resident in the State has died in suspicious or unexplained circumstances outside the State and his or her body has been repatriated here. — Ged Nash. [6008/24]

*263. To ask the Minister for Justice if she can enquire with the Garda Commissioner the number of registrations Henry Street Garda National Immigration Bureau office in Limerick city is processing each week; the wait time for appointments; the current backlog in registrations for the Limerick office; the plans to reduce the waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [6009/24]

*264. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the progress of Housing Policy Objective 25 in Housing for All, the review of the Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011; and when the review will be completed. — Louise O’Reilly. [6016/24]

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

*265. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5802/24]

*266. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how many hectares Coillte got permission to afforest in 2023, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [5821/24]

*267. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the support he is providing under the EMFAF (details supplied) to support the marketing of fishery and aquaculture products to allow for the creation of producer organisations, the implementation of production and marketing plans, the promotion of new market outlets and the development and dissemination of market intelligence; if he has engaged with the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform on this matter to explore flexible funding options; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [5841/24]

*268. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied that the decision making process that has led to the closure of the pollock fishery for bycatch only in ICES areas and 7 is as accurate as possible, given a new assessment approach was used as opposed to landings data which had been used in previous years; if other measures for catch have been considered like minimum size or a seasonal fishery had been considered rather than an outright ban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [5842/24]

*269. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is considering any changes to the approach when allocating a quota for the annual mackerel hook and line fishery in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [5843/24]

*270. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the annual budget for the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; the projected budget for 2024; how much of this budget annually is funded through the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund; how much is funded directly from the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [5844/24]

*271. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2023 eco payment will issue to a person in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5890/24]

*272. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the delayed actions that his Department is leading on as part of the Climate Action Plan 2023; the proportion that are have been completed; 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; the estimated emissions impact of delayed actions; the impact on carbon budgets; what measures he is taking to mitigate these impacts and make up any possible shortfalls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5904/24]

*273. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a young farmer payment will issue to persons (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [5908/24]

*274. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of herd owners who were on a list of farmers (details supplied) within the Shannon Callows who had not been issued with an original letter from the Department for the Shannon Callows flooding scheme; that have now been issued with such a letter; if he will confirm that all farmers on that list have been contacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [5949/24]

*275. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers who have sought a review or appeal under the Shannon Callows flooding scheme because they have not been paid on the full acreage of lands flooded, subject to the 15 hectare cap; the number of these which have been determined by the Department; the number issued with a revised payment; if he will outline what additional measures he intends to employ to resolve outstanding disputes under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [5950/24]

*276. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 494 of 23 January 2024; if he would overlay the sentinel 1 survey data with the OPW flood maps of the Shannon Callows to finally resolve disputes with regard to the scale of summer flooding due to grass cover; or alternatively if he would apply winter sentinel 1 survey data at the same water level at Banagher that existed during the reference period for the Shannon Callows flooding scheme which would provide for a better reflection of the scale of flood on farmland due to the fact that it is without visible growing meadow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [5951/24]

*277. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a payment under the ECO scheme will issue to a farmer in County Galway (details supplied); the reason for the delay in issuing said payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5959/24]

*278. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a payment under ACRES will be issued to a farmer in County Galway (details supplied); the reason for the delay in issuing said payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5995/24]

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

*279. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when an urgent assessment of need will be facilitated in the case of the son of a person (details supplied) whose application for same was submitted two years ago; when the application will be granted for the assessment of need to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5788/24]

*280. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when appropriate supports will be provided to the son of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5791/24]

*281. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what discussions he has had with his counterpart in the Department of Social Protection to realise recommendation 41.2 of Young Ireland: the National Policy Framework for Children and Young People (0-24) 2023-2028 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5796/24]

*282. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5806/24]

*283. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason an application for ECCE time extension exemption for a child (details supplied) was refused; whether the professional medical letter issued by the CDNT in support of the time extension was fully reviewed; whether this refusal will be reviewed and a time extension will be granted upon review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [5808/24]

*284. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 334 of 25 January 2024, if he intends to expand use of section 5 of the Child Care Act 1991 to overcome lack of informed consent which impedes care for a separated child seeking international protection; if his Department is exploring amending

provisions related to statutory care orders to give clear policy direction that allows for a separated child seeking international protection to be brought into care in the absence of informed consent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [5815/24]

*285. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 482 of 05 December 2023, when the question will be answered and the information sought be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [5875/24]

*286. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 469 of 14 December 2023, when the question will be answered and the information sought be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [5876/24]

*287. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if details on the filing needed from childcare providers to certify eligibility for core funding remain outstanding; and when the remaining information will be issued so that providers can comply with the deadline. — Richard Bruton. [5889/24]

*288. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated associated costs to reduce the national childcare scheme income threshold to €40,000; the estimated number of children that would potentially benefit from lowering the threshold and all other cost implications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [5907/24]

*289. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children's disability service regional assessment hubs that have been established as of 31 January 2024; which CHO areas these cover; and the timeframe for the establishment of the remaining regional assessment hubs. — Pauline Tully. [5933/24]

*290. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 468 of 30 January 2024, how many of the over 200 inspections confirmed to have been carried out of international protection centres and beneficiaries of temporary protection centres in 2023 were carried out in respect of centres before they were occupied; how many were carried out after the centres was occupied; in respect of those inspections of centres carried out after the centre was occupied, to clarify if an inspection had been carried out of said centre before it was occupied. — Michael McNamara. [5940/24]

*291. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to confirm if a funding application falls under the remit of his Department (details supplied); the steps he is taking to resolve this matter; the engagements he has had with the Department of Health and the HSE in respect of this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5964/24]

*292. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update following the commitment by the Minister of State at the Department of Health to cover assessments of needs for children with disabilities due to the continued delay of the six planned regional assessment teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5991/24]

*293. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth whether any property in Ballybane, Galway city is being considered as a centre for international protection applicants; if so, the details of the property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ó Cuív. [6007/24]

*294. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the essential criteria that an offer of accommodation does not meet (details supplied); if future Parliamentary replies will provide adequate such details to Deputies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6024/24]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*295. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) is waiting so long to get an appointment with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5777/24]

*296. To ask the Minister for Health what actions his Department is taking in relation to nitrous oxide gas; if research has been carried out by the HSE in relation to the potential dangers of taking this gas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [5790/24]

*297. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider a haemodialysis unit for Our Lady's Hospital Navan, given the most recent number of patients from Meath travelling outside the county for renal dialysis treatment as provided by the National Renal Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [5792/24]

*298. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5807/24]

*299. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant rheumatologists attached to each hospital part of the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Joan Collins. [5833/24]

*300. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the free contraception scheme is only available for the 17 to 31 years age brackets; and the rationale for limiting the scheme to this age group only. — Gino Kenny. [5834/24]

*301. To ask the Minister for Health whether any or all of the 80+ recommendations made in the report of the Covid-19 Nursing Homes Expert Panel published in August 2020 have been accepted; the progress made in implementing any of the recommendations to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5845/24]

*302. To ask the Minister for Health to provide further details in relation to the Budget 2024 allocation to the transgender model of care; the status of plans to develop an updated model of care and appoint a clinical lead for transgender services; the timeline he is working towards; to confirm if the new model will adhere to the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5846/24]

*303. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports of transgender patients resorting to self-medicating and self-administrating practices, as a result of inadequate trans healthcare services (details supplied); the steps he is taking to address issues with the

National Gender Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5847/24]

*304. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for an instruction to GPs from the National Gender Service (details supplied); the evidence base for this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5848/24]

*305. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the National Gender Service continues to take the position that transgenderism is a mental health disorder, despite the World Health Organisation's guidelines which state that it is not (details supplied); the evidence base for this position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5849/24]

*306. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of stepdown beds available in County Longford. — Duncan Smith. [5852/24]

*307. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant in respiratory medicine based at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda in the years of 2021, 2022 and 2023 in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [5853/24]

*308. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE plans to refurbish Raheny Health Centre, Dublin 5; and the current services being provided at this health centre. — Duncan Smith. [5854/24]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health the current repair times in place for wheelchair users when repairs are required to their wheelchairs in the Limerick City area; and the recommended and average timeframe for repairs to take place at present. — Duncan Smith. [5855/24]

*310. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant radiologist based in Portiuncula Hospital in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [5856/24]

*311. To ask the Minister for Health the locations outside of Dublin where inpatient peri-natal mental health units are located, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [5857/24]

*312. To ask the Minister for Health the number of orthopaedic registrars at Tallaght University Hospital in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [5858/24]

*313. To ask the Minister for Health the number of chest x-rays carried out at Louth County Hospital in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [5859/24]

*314. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE physiotherapists working in Wexford General Hospital in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [5860/24]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE speech and language therapists working in Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown in the years of 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [5861/24]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health the number of national and international health recruitment fairs staff from CHI Temple Street were in attendance to seek to recruit additional nurses, doctors, physiotherapists and so on in the years of 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024; and the number of recruitment fairs where staff were present the number of jobs offered per fair. — Duncan Smith. [5862/24]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in County Kerry that have requested additional homecare hours; and the average waiting times for receiving additional care. — Duncan Smith. [5863/24]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that visited the neurofibromatosis clinic at CHI Tallaght in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [5864/24]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health the capital investment and refurbishment by the HSE at St Joseph's Hospital, Stranorlar, County Donegal in each of the years 2020 to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [5865/24]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the chronic disease management hub in Ennis in respect of services currently provided; and the roll-out of additional services and staffing details of the hub. — Duncan Smith. [5866/24]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant in intensive care at St. James's Hospital, Dublin in the years of 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [5867/24]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1595 of 17 January 2024, when the question will be answered and the information sought be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [5871/24]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1492 of 17 January 2024, when the question will be answered and the information sought be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [5872/24]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people that have availed of emergency contraception under the free contraception scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5878/24]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health his views on concerns raised (details supplied) in respect of the ongoing issues for children awaiting limb reconstruction.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5888/24]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the proposal to develop a 'surgical hub' in Limerick; when it is expected to be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [5892/24]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of an industrial relations issue (details supplied); if this is Government policy in relation to how the health service is going to treat all public service employees; his views on this tactic of threatening public servant union members with suspension and ignoring all national protocols in the workplace if they do not comply with orders without any national agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [5900/24]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health when the report of the oversight group on vaginal mesh surgery will be published; the recommendations of the group; and when his Department will have reviewed the recommendations in relation to vaginal mesh surgery. — Ivana Bacik. [5906/24]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long to get an appointment with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5912/24]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health the number of presentations to Cashel minor injuries unit each month in 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024; the number of direct presentations initiated by the patient and the number of presentations based upon referrals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [5913/24]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been refused funding to stay at a facility. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [5915/24]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not received a pension from the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5927/24]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will sanction an increase for GPs who are in receipt of district medical officer salaries, in view of the immense service that they provide in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [5928/24]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 44 of 18 January 2024, if he can provide an update on the publication of the National Review of Adult Specialist Cardiac Services; if the memo for Government has been completed; when the memo will be brought to Government; the timeline for publication and launch; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [5929/24]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that failure to publish the National Review of Adult Specialist Cardiac Services is negatively impacting cardiac imaging services and registry roll out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [5930/24]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health the reason approved home support was not delivered to a person (details supplied) in November 2023; if he will ensure that approved supports will be delivered; the steps he has taken to ensure such; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5961/24]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to correspondence (details supplied); if this funding application falls under the remit of his Department or the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth; the engagements he has had with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and the HSE in respect of this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5963/24]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health what action his Department is taking to address home support waiting lists in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [6000/24]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health what action his Department is taking to recruit more home care workers in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [6001/24]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of people in CHO4 currently waiting for home support; the current average length of time between approval of home support and

commencement of home support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [6002/24]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health what percentage of home support assessments in CHO4 were carried out using interRAI assessment in 2023; what progress has been made to date on rolling out the interRAI assessment tool in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [6003/24]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health how clients on waiting lists are prioritised for home support in CHO4; and how the waiting list is managed locally in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [6004/24]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of consumer directed home support (CDHS) home care packages currently being delivered in CHO4; if clients on home support waiting lists are being informed about CDHS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [6005/24]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration would be given to increase the number of hours delivered by private and non-profit home care providers in CHO4 in order to alleviate the home support waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [6006/24]

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

*345. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the contract negotiations of an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5776/24]

*346. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 200 of 31 January 2024, to outline the research and research processes that underpin this reply, particularly the general sentiment that recruitment, rather than applications in the TU sector is positive since their individual inception and the specific explanatory rationale for the recent decline proffered. — Matt Shanahan. [5941/24]

*347. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 200 of 31 January 2024, and the technological sector advancement fund referenced therein which is purported to provide €50 million to continue to assist new technological universities in their post-establishment phase; the amount of disbursed monies from this fund; the precise total funds amount approved to each TU to date, in tabular form; will the Minister comment as to where exceptionalism is being demonstrated by him and his Department in terms of this funding disbursement to recognise the unique deficit the southeast region suffers given that it has no National University institution to support third level delivery unlike the other regions of the country; his plans to further enforce exceptional funding to the southeast region because of this known deficit and regional imbalance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [5942/24]