



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

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

1. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2797/24]
2. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Paul Murphy. [2800/24]
3. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Bríd Smith. [2804/24]
4. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Mick Barry. [2898/24]
5. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Seán Haughey. [3809/24]
6. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Mary Lou McDonald. [5100/24]
7. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Mick Barry. [5335/24]
8. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his engagements at the World Economic Forum. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [6210/24]
9. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his meeting with the Chinese Premier Li Qiang. — Paul Murphy. [2809/24]
10. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent engagement with Chinese Premier Li Qiang. — Seán Haughey. [3810/24]
11. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent engagement with Chinese Premier Li Qiang. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [3957/24]
12. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his meeting with the Chinese Premier Li Qiang. — Peadar Tóibín. [3972/24]
13. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent engagement with Chinese Premier Li Qiang. — Mick Barry. [4127/24]

14. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent engagement with Chinese Premier Li Qiang. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [6211/24]

15. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his meeting with the President of China. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6660/24]

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

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

18. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his visit to the western Balkans. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [3958/24]

19. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his visit to the western Balkans. — Seán Haughey. [4171/24]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to the western Balkans. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [6212/24]

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

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will develop a national security strategy and functioning security agency to deal with future security events. — Peadar Tóibín. [5111/24]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will develop a national security strategy and functioning security agency to deal with future security events. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [6207/24]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Alan Farrell. [4000/24]

25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Mick Barry. [5336/24]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [5112/24]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5276/24]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [6208/24]

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6661/24]

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [6663/24]

31. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent discussion with Prime Minister Sunak. — Brendan Smith. [5226/24]

32. To ask the Taoiseach the extent of any discussions he has any with the British Prime Minister following their recent meeting. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6348/24]

33. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his meeting with UK Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak. — Alan Farrell. [6370/24]

34. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which he expects to develop the Shared Island Initiative in the context of the resumption of the Assembly. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6347/24]

35. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his engagements at the special meeting of the European Council on Ukraine and the EU budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [6369/24]

36. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the legislative programme. — Peadar Tóibín. [5113/24]

37. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the legislative programme. — Cian O’Callaghan. [5297/24]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the legislative programme. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [6306/24]

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the legislative programme. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [6209/24]

40. To ask the Taoiseach further to Parliamentary Question No. 44 of 23 January 2024, the precise date when the investigation was concluded and reported to the then Taoiseach. — Peadar Tóibín. [6506/24]

41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with transport will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6662/24]

42. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with transport will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [6664/24]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*43. To ask the Taoiseach the measures he is taking to ensure that organisations, including State bodies under the aegis of his Department as well as non-governmental organisations and charities that are in receipt of funding from his Department, do not use any portion of such funding to campaign or promote a position in favour or against any outcome of the forthcoming referenda on Articles 41.1.1, 41.2.1 and 41.2.2 of the Constitution, thereby breaching the McKenna principles. — Carol Nolan. [6769/24]

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

\*44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the measures he is taking to ensure that organisations, including State bodies under the aegis of his Department as well as non-governmental organisations and charities that are in receipt of funding from his Department, do not use any portion of such funding to campaign or promote a position in favour or against any outcome of the forthcoming referenda on Articles 41.1.1, 41.2.1 and 41.2.2 of the Constitution, thereby breaching the McKenna principles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [6761/24]

\*45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagements with the Colombian government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6922/24]

\*46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagements and initiatives undertaken by his Department in support of the Colombian peace process, including those regarding land reform and inclusion of marginalised communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6923/24]

\*47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the allocation within his Department in support of the Colombian peace process in the years 2020 to date; the initiatives supported through these allocations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6924/24]

\*48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if, during his engagements with representatives of the Colombian government, they discussed the fossil-fuel non-proliferation coalition; the role of climate justice in the Colombian peace process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6925/24]

\*49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if, during his engagements with representatives of the Colombian government, they discussed the labour reforms and the role of social justice in the Colombian peace process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6926/24]

\*50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the Government's view on the current status of the Colombian peace process; the immediate and longer term challenges and the proposed initiatives Ireland will take to assist overcome those challenges. — Matt Carthy. [6927/24]

\*51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagements with the government of Türkiye; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6933/24]

\*52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when election monitors from Ireland last attended a mission in Türkiye; if Irish election monitors will be taking part in a mission to Turkey regarding the 2024 local elections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6934/24]

\*53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has called upon the government of Türkiye to release a person (details supplied); if he has raised his prison conditions

with the government of Türkiye, European partners or at the Council of Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6935/24]

\*54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has engaged with the government of Türkiye regarding the conditions of political prisoners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6936/24]

\*55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the work of those on the Irish election monitoring roster; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6937/24]

\*56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the progress made regarding amending Regulation No 1/1958 to include Catalan, Basque and Galician in the EU's language regime; if Ireland will continue to support such an amendment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6957/24]

\*57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagements with the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6958/24]

\*58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagements with his European counterparts with regard to the ongoing civil strife in Myanmar; efforts to relieve the humanitarian situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6959/24]

\*59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagements with the government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6960/24]

\*60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if will report on his engagements with the government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6961/24]

\*61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the assistance available to Irish citizens who require repatriation via air ambulance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6969/24]

\*62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagements with the government of the Republic of Türkiye; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6988/24]

\*63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagements with his European counterparts and international partners regarding the ongoing occupation of part of northern Syria by the Republic of Türkiye; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6989/24]

\*64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will consider calling on the Israeli government to lift its restriction on supplies of insulin, other diabetes supplies and all other medications for long term conditions from entering Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [7017/24]

\*65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs when a person (details supplied) who applied to the foreign birth register will have their application processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [7082/24]

\*66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he can review an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [7088/24]

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

\*67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when infrastructure to ensure access to high-speed fibre broadband will be installed in the case of a property (details supplied); when assistance will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6706/24]

\*68. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of concerns that the deposit return scheme will discriminate against those with disabilities; how he plans to mitigate these concerns; if he will consider requesting that the CCPC conduct an examination of the roll-out of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [6709/24]

\*69. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what support can be offered to assist homeowners to change their heating systems to biofuel and HVO systems; if he recognises that heat pump systems are not suitable for many older houses or may be unaffordable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [6743/24]

\*70. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures he is taking to ensure that organisations, including State bodies under the aegis of his Department as well as non-governmental organisations and charities that are in receipt of funding from his Department, do not use any portion of such funding to campaign or promote a position in favour or against any outcome of the forthcoming referenda on Articles 41.1.1, 41.2.1 and 41.2.2 of the Constitution, thereby breaching the McKenna principles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [6759/24]

\*71. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what his plans are to reduce the average two-year waiting time for the free energy upgrades (warmer homes) scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [6795/24]

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

\*72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the measures he is taking to ensure that organisations, including State bodies under the aegis of his Department as well as non-governmental organisations and charities that are in receipt of funding from his Department, do not use any portion of such funding to campaign or promote a position in favour or against any outcome of the forthcoming referenda on Articles 41.1.1, 41.2.1 and 41.2.2 of the Constitution, thereby breaching the McKenna principles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [6756/24]

\*73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if there has been an increase in the amount of ammunition for automatic rifles expended at the Curragh and the Glen of Imaal army ranges



since the beginning of 2021; and whether any of this ammunition was used for training soldiers from NATO countries. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [6786/24]

\*74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of members of the Reserve Defence Forces; the establishment figure; the targeted number of recruits; the number of applications; the number inducted, by branch, in the years 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6940/24]

\*75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the establishment figure of each branch of the Defence Forces; the current number; the number targeted for recruitment, by branch, in tabular form; the number who left, for each of the years 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6941/24]

\*76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the number of women in the Defence Forces; the recruitment target; the number that have left, by branch and by year for the years 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6942/24]

\*77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the divisions and units that operate within his Department; the agencies that operate under its aegis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6964/24]

\*78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the states which have provided the Irish Defence Forces with assistance regarding air lift capacity since 2013; the detail thereof; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6965/24]

\*79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the three United Nations missions which Ireland has pledged \$469,000 in support of; the training pledges renewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6966/24]

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

\*80. To ask the Minister for Transport his engagement with the stakeholders of Cork Airport to increase connectivity and attract new routes to the airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [6949/24]

\*81. To ask the Minister for Transport to report on the progress made by the steering group to advance the flood mitigation works at Ballycar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [7093/24]

\*82. To ask the Minister for Transport what assurances he can give with regard to the timely delivery of battery electric and electric DART carriages, in light of supply and financial forecasts cited by the preferred bidder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [6676/24]

\*83. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will investigate the demand and requirement for an NCT centre and a dedicated driving test centre for north Wicklow; if any assessment of these services for residents in this area has been carried out by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [6687/24]

\*84. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be provided for changes to the N22 / R569 Cork- Kerry junction (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6695/24]

\*85. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine transport links between Tullamore and Athlone in view that since the termination of a route by a private bus operator there are only two Bus Éireann services per day linking these towns. — Robert Troy. [6700/24]

\*86. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions he is considering to support the transport industry in relation to fuel costs, ever increasing insurance premiums, cost of implementing Government decisions such as the minimum wage, extra holidays/bank holidays, and extra staff costs because of the cost of living increases and Government red tape. — John McGuinness. [6710/24]

\*87. To ask the Minister for Transport if private jet passengers are included in the passenger numbers for 2023 published by Dublin Airport; if he supports reducing the number of private jets using the airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [6734/24]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Transport if bus/coach contractors operating under the National Transport Authority are required to inform the authority of break downs; and if so, if the Minister can provide figures for 2023 for breakdowns/loss of service on National transport Authority routes servicing Limerick city and county. — Patrick O'Donovan. [6753/24]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to ensure that organisations, including State bodies under the aegis of his Department as well as non-governmental organisations and charities that are in receipt of funding from his Department, do not use any portion of such funding to campaign or promote a position in favour or against any outcome of the forthcoming referenda on Articles 41.1.1, 41.2.1 and 41.2.2 of the Constitution, thereby breaching the McKenna principles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [6771/24]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for the future expansion of Dublin Bus, in view of the need to encourage more people to use public transport and to ensure that the bus service is reliable and frequent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [6784/24]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Transport what steps he is taking to improve the coordination and communication between Transport for Ireland and Dublin Bus for the TFI App, in order that commuters can have access to timely and accurate information about their bus routes and schedules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [6785/24]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Transport with regard to nationality details on newly issued driver licences, why, given that those born in the North of Ireland would previously have been identified on their driver licence as Irish, for renewed licences for the same applicants, 'Northern Ireland' is now stated on the nationality section of the licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [6796/24]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a by-pass road for Killorglin and the implementation of a traffic management plan for the town, bearing in mind the 2015-2021 County Development Plan contains a commitment to such a bypass. — Pa Daly. [6894/24]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Transport the Bus Éireann routes that serve communities in County Monaghan; the total number of services scheduled to operate in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; the number delayed; the number cancelled, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6898/24]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will meet with the N2/A5/Ten-T Cross Border Committee, which comprises of representatives from Derry City and Strabane District Council, Donegal County Council, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Mid Ulster District Council and Monaghan County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6943/24]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions he has taken to increase the number of taxi operators in regional towns and rural areas; if he will meet with an organisation (details supplied) to discuss this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6986/24]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on discussions regarding the recognition of Argentinian driver licences for the haulage industry. — Robert Troy. [6997/24]

\*98. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider commencing negotiations with the Indian authorities on recognising their driver license. — Robert Troy. [6998/24]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with Transport Infrastructure Ireland and ensure necessary funding is made available to Delvin to address parking along the N51 in the interests of safety. — Robert Troy. [7008/24]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the development of Kishogue train station; when this can be expected to be completed; the additional cost to works caused by the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [7054/24]

\*101. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Mullingar town bus service. — Robert Troy. [7070/24]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Transport if the National Transport Authority will reinstate the extra capacity on a bus route in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7081/24]

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

\*103. To ask the Minister for Finance to address a query in respect of stamp duty (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7057/24]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Finance if the contact details for customers to contact Revenue by phone can be corrected (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [6707/24]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of farmers that make use of the income averaging mechanism available for farm income; the number of farmers that are taxed on an annual basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [6711/24]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he is taking to ensure that organisations, including State bodies under the aegis of his Department as well as non-governmental organisations and charities that are in receipt of funding from his Department, do not use any

portion of such funding to campaign or promote a position in favour or against any outcome of the forthcoming referenda on Articles 41.1.1, 41.2.1 and 41.2.2 of the Constitution, thereby breaching the McKenna principles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [6760/24]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 89 of 1 February 2024, if he believes it would send a signal to the international market forces, in line with Irish Government policy and priorities, were he to instruct the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund to divest from companies which they are aware derive profit from activities in the illegal Israeli settlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6899/24]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Finance if travel insurance policies are obliged to provide for the costs associated with medical care in the event that a person is in a critical condition in a medical facility in another jurisdiction covered by the policy, beyond the dates covered by the policy itself; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6972/24]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide statistics in tabular form (details supplied) for the years 2015-2023 relating to vehicle registration tax transfer or residence applications received by the Revenue Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [7059/24]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide statistics in tabular form (details supplied) relating to the Revenue Commissioners' seize and release' VRT enforcement procedure for January to December 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [7060/24]

*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.*

\*111. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform in view that Ireland has the fastest increasing aging demographic, predicted to hit 26% of the population being over 65 by 2051, if he considers the current 3% increase in budget to maintain existing levels of service in the health service, and in particular age related health services, to be sufficient when the aging demographic predicts increased demand on those services due to increases in the older population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [7023/24]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if his Department can review a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6686/24]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the measures he is taking to ensure that organisations, including State bodies under the aegis of his Department as well as non-governmental organisations and charities that are in receipt of funding from his Department, do not use any portion of such funding to campaign or promote a position in favour or against any outcome of the forthcoming referenda on Articles 41.1.1, 41.2.1 and 41.2.2 of the Constitution, thereby breaching the McKenna principles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [6766/24]

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

\*114. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of IDA sponsored companies per county; and the number of jobs in IDA sponsored companies, by county, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [6736/24]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of Enterprise Ireland sponsored companies per county; the number of jobs in Enterprise Ireland sponsored companies, by county, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [6737/24]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of LEO sponsored companies per county; and the number of jobs in LEO sponsored companies, by county, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [6738/24]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how many businesses in County Galway are likely to qualify for the increased cost of business grant; what engagement his Department has had with Galway City and County Councils in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6740/24]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures he is taking to ensure that organisations, including State bodies under the aegis of his Department as well as non-governmental organisations and charities that are in receipt of funding from his Department, do not use any portion of such funding to campaign or promote a position in favour or against any outcome of the forthcoming referenda on Articles 41.1.1, 41.2.1 and 41.2.2 of the Constitution, thereby breaching the McKenna principles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [6758/24]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of dual-use export licences issued in relation to Israel in 2023; the value in relation to such exports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6928/24]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of dual-use export licences applied for in relation to Israel since 1 January 2023; the number approved; if the Department of Foreign Affairs were consulted and if any concerns were expressed in relation to human rights; the value in relation to such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6929/24]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is aware of the statements of the Chief Financial Officer of a Japanese company (details supplied) in relation to their suspension of a memorandum of understanding with an Israeli military manufacturer and such action being taken in consideration of the ruling of the International Court of Justice of 26 January 2024 in the case of South Africa v. Israel; if he has considered suspending the granting of exporting licences to Israel in light of the judgement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6930/24]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if in light of suspension of two export licences in relation to the export of gunpowder to Israel by the government of Wallonia, he believes that the order for provisional measures of the International Court of Justice of 26 January 2024 in the case of South Africa v. Israel may have implications regarding the issuance of export licences for dual-use items to Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6931/24]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when details of the increased cost of business scheme grant will be announced; the number of businesses eligible for this scheme in Cavan and in Monaghan; if his Department has engaged with local authorities in relation to this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7100/24]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures that will be introduced to assist small and medium enterprises with increased costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7101/24]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if specific measures will be introduced to assist small and medium enterprises in the hospitality sector with increased costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7102/24]

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

\*126. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children in residential care who are without a school place, in tabular form; and the reason these children are without a school place. — Patrick Costello. [7071/24]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Education for a breakdown of children excluded from school, and the reason, for both residential and other types of care. — Patrick Costello. [7072/24]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Education how many section 29 appeals have been taken on behalf of children refused admission in 2023; the results of these appeals; and what educational provision has been made for the children where the appeals have not been upheld. — Patrick Costello. [7074/24]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Education if an EWO been assigned to children currently in State care but excluded from school. — Patrick Costello. [7075/24]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Education where an EWO has been assigned specifically to residential care, if they work on a case by case basis or if there is a larger strategic plan being implemented for this role; and what are the goals in this special assignment. — Patrick Costello. [7076/24]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Education in relation to the recently released numbers by TESS relating to prolonged school attendance issues, how many of these children are under Tusla care. — Patrick Costello. [7078/24]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will introduce a mechanism, or extend any mechanism extant, as in the case of special needs, to compel schools to accept children who have not been offered a place in secondary school in north Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [6690/24]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Education when she intends to bring the school transport review to Cabinet. — Sorca Clarke. [6708/24]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on an application for additional accommodation for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [6716/24]



\*135. To ask the Minister for Education the actions she has taken to ensure that individuals over 70 years of age certified as medically fit to drive are considered for bus driver positions under the school bus scheme; if the contract for the school bus service will be amended to include this condition; if she will further amend the contract to include the use of buses that are over 20 years old that have all of the required certification; if she will insist that the sub contractors to Bus Éireann delivering this service are treated fairly and paid an economic rate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [6720/24]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the case of a school (details supplied), and consider a request from the board of management and parents for support from her Department to establish an autism-specific special class in the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [6726/24]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Education the date for applications for the summer works scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [6745/24]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Education what works are accepted under the emergency works scheme in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [6746/24]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the case of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6748/24]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Education the measures she is taking to ensure that organisations, including State bodies under the aegis of her Department as well as non-governmental organisations and charities that are in receipt of funding from her Department, do not use any portion of such funding to campaign or promote a position in favour or against any outcome of the forthcoming referenda on Articles 41.1.1, 41.2.1 and 41.2.2 of the Constitution, thereby breaching the McKenna principles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [6757/24]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Education to report on the current oversubscription crisis in schools in County Kildare, and specifically Prosperous and Clane; what her Department is planning to ensure that all children will be educated in a school environment in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [6775/24]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the current status of the proposed new post primary school (details supplied); the current status of an extension to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [6776/24]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Education what plans/structures are in place to assist secondary school children that are currently being home schooled in securing a school place as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [6778/24]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided immediately for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [6779/24]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Education the amount of unused land in the ownership of her Department at a location (details supplied); if she will consider using the lands as a playing facility for the students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [6782/24]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Education the rationale for the removal of complex needs as a factor for the allocation of special education teaching hours; if she is aware that many children with complex needs do not sit standardised tests, and so are not represented in the results of standardised literacy and numeracy test scores in a school; if she will consider reinstating complex needs as a factor for allocating SET hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [6826/24]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Education the reason there are no grounds for appeal for schools with students with additional needs under the new model for allocating special education teaching hours; what avenues schools with pupils who are not receiving the educational supports they are entitled to can take in order to address these issues; and if she will consider reinstating a comprehensive appeals process for SET hours. — Holly Cairns. [6827/24]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools which have been allocated SET hours; and the number of schools which appealed their allocation; by county, from 2020 to date, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [6828/24]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review Circular 0011/2024, the Circular to the Management Authorities of Primary Schools, as schools (details supplied) are currently set to experience a reduction in their SET allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6831/24]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Education to ensure that (details supplied) will not experience a reduction in their SET allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6832/24]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a role for her Department in providing devices (details supplied) pursuant to Circular 0010/2013. — Gary Gannon. [6835/24]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Education whether, if a child is in receipt of assistive technology, this technology typically stays with the school; the procedure required for reapplication for such devices where the device does not follow the individual to the next setting, i.e., secondary school or new school; if parents have to provide a new professional report; if individuals automatically qualify and, if so, what this will look like in practice; and if a device does not follow a student, how long on average a student is waiting. — Gary Gannon. [6836/24]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) in County Donegal will be granted an ASD unit on its premises; if she is aware of the importance of this matter given that the closest school with an ASD room will no longer have spaces in September; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6841/24]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Education how many schools in Swords provide ASD units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6854/24]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Education how many schools in Portmarnock provide ASD units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6855/24]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Education how many schools in Malahide provide ASD units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6856/24]



\*157. To ask the Minister for Education how many schools in Donabate/Portrane provide ASD units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6857/24]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Education how many schools in Kinsealy provide ASD units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6858/24]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Education how long waiting lists are for ASD units in Swords; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6859/24]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Education how long waiting lists are for ASD units in Portmarnock; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6860/24]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Education how long waiting lists are for ASD units in Malahide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6861/24]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Education how long waiting lists are for ASD units in Donabate/Portrane; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6862/24]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Education how long waiting lists are for ASD units in Kinsealy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6863/24]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Education how many active applications there are for ASD units in Swords; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6864/24]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Education how many active applications there are for ASD units in Portmarnock; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6865/24]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Education how many active applications there are for ASD units in Malahide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6866/24]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Education how many active applications there are for ASD units in Donabate/Portrane; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6867/24]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Education how many active applications there are for ASD units in Kinsealy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6868/24]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Education what plans she has to improve the provision of ASD units in schools in Dublin Fingal east, and countrywide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [6869/24]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on an application for incremental credits submitted in June and July 2023 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [6990/24]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on a number of schools projects (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [7006/24]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has agreed to a duty of cooperation with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and Tusla in the

provision of education for children in care, as drafted by the new additions to the Child Care Act 1991. — Patrick Costello. [7077/24]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to increase the grant paid to schools to provide for transport assistants who work on buses assisting those with profound mental/physical disabilities, as these workers have not had an increase since 2020, which was only 26 cents per hour; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [7089/24]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Education the status of any proposal to establish a special school in County Monaghan. — Matt Carthy. [7112/24]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Education the primary and post-primary schools in County Monaghan that she intends to deliver new special classes and/ or ASD units in 2024 and 2025. — Matt Carthy. [7113/24]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider allowing drivers who reach 70 years the opportunity to continue driving subject to passing an annual medical even convened by a doctor chosen by her Department. — Danny Healy-Rae. [7125/24]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give consideration to allow persons over 70 years to continue driving in view of the continuous shortage of school bus drivers. — Danny Healy-Rae. [7126/24]

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

\*178. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the 2024 sports capital grants will be announced to the successful clubs and organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [6701/24]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she expects the reports of the two expert advisory committees on the ongoing at RTÉ will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6718/24]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has had discussions with RTÉ on the findings of the recently published reports on the voluntary exit programmes and a production (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6719/24]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the up-to-date position on a sports capital grant application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [6744/24]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the measures she is taking to ensure that organisations, including State bodies under the aegis of her Department as well as non-governmental organisations and charities that are in receipt of funding from her Department, do not use any portion of such funding to campaign or promote a position in favour or against any outcome of the forthcoming referenda on Articles 41.1.1, 41.2.1 and 41.2.2 of the Constitution, thereby breaching the McKenna principles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [6770/24]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the outcome of the preliminary report on the provision of a swimming pool in Loughrea, County Galway under the local authority swimming pool programme; the reason this project did not progress; if her Department's review of the large scale sport infrastructure fund has been completed; if a report of the review will be completed; if she intends to reopen the fund to provide for the development of public swimming pools in towns such as Loughrea; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [6774/24]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 623 of 13 June 2023, the status of the preparation of language plans in respect of the 16 towns identified as possible Gaeltacht service towns following the consultation process in 2014; for a breakdown of the language plans completed to date, the language plans approved to-date, the towns in respect of which language plans are currently in preparation and the towns in respect of which the preparation of language plans is yet to begin; the timeline for the completion of all language plans in respect of Gaeltacht service towns; the reason for the delay in delivering the plans; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6793/24]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 624 of 13 June 2023, the status of plans for the designation of additional Irish language networks; the details of the proposed additional networks; the details of the engagement between her Department and Foras na Gaeilge in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6794/24]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for persons who ceased paying their TV licence in protest following recent events related to RTÉ but who intended to renew, how they can resume paying of their licence; if arrears can be waived; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [6809/24]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has received accommodation audits from the National Tourism Development Authority; the resulting action she has taken to ensure that there is sufficient hotel accommodation in rural communities in order to enhance the economic potential of every region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6916/24]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of hotel rooms available in County Monaghan for the purpose of tourist visitor stays as of January 2019, January 2020, January 2021, January 2022, January 2023, and January 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6917/24]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of funding allocated to public service broadcasting in the years 2020 to 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6918/24]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of people prosecuted for TV licence fee evasion in the years 2020 to 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6919/24]

\*191. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán míniú a thabhairt ar cén fáth nár caitheadh ach €208,668 ar thogra amháin Gaeilge faoi Thionscnamh an Oileáin Comhroinnte i gcomparáid le os cionn €9 milliún ar thograí ealaíona

agus cultúir, agus an bhfuil sé i gceist aici an éagóir sin a cheartú trí breis infheistiú a chur isteach san earnáil Gaeilge go luath. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7120/24]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason 18% of the board positions for which she is responsible are vacant, as well as four chairperson positions; if a systemic issue is impeding her Department from filling these positions; and she plans to have a full compliment of appointees in place to deliver the accountability, oversight and decision-making required for the good governance of the different bodies involved. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7121/24]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she expects the Advisory Committee on the Restitution and Repatriation of Historically and Culturally Sensitive Objects in Ireland she announced in June 2023, which has had only one meeting, will produce the national guidelines and policy advice it is responsible for; and if she will commit our national cultural institutions to taking action now to restore heritage to its rightful owners, including the immediate return to the Xhosa nation of a sacred stick in the National Museum of Ireland which was taken from Chief Maqoma. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7122/24]

\*194. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cathain faoina mbeidh an grúpa oibre molta don tithíocht Gaeltachta bunaithe, agus sonraí a thabhairt faoin ról a bheidh acu, agus an mbeidh na treoirlínte don phleanáil Gaeltachta i bhfeidhm faoin am atá siad i mbun oibre. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7123/24]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the person or body responsible for monitoring compliance with the terms of the culture certificate for section 481 tax relief once the certificate is issued by her Department; and if the certificate has ever been withdrawn from a company for failure to comply with its terms. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7124/24]

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

\*196. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he is taking to ensure that organisations, including State bodies under the aegis of his Department as well as non-governmental organisations and charities that are in receipt of funding from his Department, do not use any portion of such funding to campaign or promote a position in favour or against any outcome of the forthcoming referenda on Articles 41.1.1, 41.2.1 and 41.2.2 of the Constitution, thereby breaching the McKenna principles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [6764/24]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 109 of 6 December 2023, the status of the development of the new rural housing guidelines; the timeline for the publication of the guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6790/24]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 108 of 6 December 2023, the status of the review by his Department of resources for the planning sector; the status of the development of the related Ministerial action plan; the timeline for the publication of the action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6791/24]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if NPWS farm plan scheme payments are delayed; if he will provide an update on payment processing timelines; how many participants are awaiting their payment under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [6810/24]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it is the Government's intention to seek representatives of his Department and/or the Department of Finance on the LDA board or whether the new board positions will be advertised via the PAS. — Eoin Ó Broin. [6820/24]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the establishment and use of a designated activity company by Clare County Council to deliver affordable homes in Ennis; his views on the use of DACs in such circumstances; and if their use required Ministerial or Departmental approval. — Eoin Ó Broin. [6833/24]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his proposals to disincentivise the bulk purchase of newly built housing by institutional investors. — Matt Carthy. [6914/24]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports available for the refurbishment or conversion of agricultural buildings for the purpose of residential housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6946/24]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on his engagements with his Cabinet colleagues in relation to the working paper to address challenges related to peat supply in the horticulture sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6947/24]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applicants for the housing adaptation grant for people with a disability, the mobility aids grant and the housing aid for older people grant in County Monaghan in each of the years 2018 to date; the number of people who received grants, and the allocation to County Monaghan, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6948/24]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the practice of county councils increasing differential rent rates of those who are in receipt of disability allowance due to the €13 increase in the flat rate; and whether, given the increase in cost of living and the documented cost of disability, assessment of disability allowance under means testing for differential rent rates can be reviewed. — Holly Cairns. [6994/24]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with specific regard to older renters in the private rental sector, the protections/measures, if any, that are in place to protect older people who now find themselves at the mercy of ever increasing rents, no security of tenure and facing huge income reductions, and if any consideration could be given to local authorities possibly expediting allocation of age appropriate housing, similar to Dublin City Council's policy. — Patricia Ryan. [7024/24]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if HAP is now only being paid to people who enter emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [7027/24]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the precise function and responsibilities he has in cases where complaints are made to his Department of alleged breaches of the Local Government Act by senior local authority officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7029/24]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will take the necessary steps to fully implement and fund the outstanding recommendations from the 2019 Joint Policy Statement, Housing Options for our Ageing Population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7037/24]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a revised timeline for the implementation of the outstanding recommendations from the 2019 Joint Policy Statement, Housing Options for our Ageing Population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7038/24]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the housing allocation model in relation to the development of any future specific housing schemes for older people; if he will take steps to ensure that a partnership approach is adopted between the HSE and the relevant local authority to identify the most suitable residents for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7039/24]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will work with other Departments and bodies to ensure that appropriate social and clinical supports programmes are put in place for older people within the private rental sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7040/24]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to take the necessary steps to ensure that eligibility for housing subsidies is based on available household income after deduction of essential household expenditure such as health expenses, energy and heating expenses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7041/24]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will fund a public awareness campaign to increase awareness of private residential tenancies legislation among older renters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7042/24]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will give due consideration to increased ring fencing of social housing for older people in light of the particular difficulties experienced by this cohort in the private rental market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7043/24]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he take the necessary steps to ensure that 25% of social housing is reserved for older renters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7044/24]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to take the necessary steps to increase investment and evaluation of and development of promising housing models for older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7045/24]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will allocate funding to invest in research for the purposes of collating age related, tenure specific data to



better understand and predict the needs of older renters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7046/24]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will liaise with the appropriate Departments for the purpose of establishing a distinct unit operating both within and across both the Departments of Housing Local Government and Heritage and Health to better plan for the growing needs of an ageing population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7047/24]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to increase investment in the housing adaption grant scheme and to provide incentives to private landlords to apply for same, similar to tax deductions granted to small scale landlords who undertake retrofitting works while tenants remain in situ; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7048/24]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to work with the relevant bodies to ensure higher levels of compliance with accommodation quality standards in the private rental sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7050/24]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to invest in alternative, secure and age appropriate housing for older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7051/24]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what steps his Department has taken to prevent the practice of full year compulsory lease lengths being imposed on students by private student accommodation providers in Dublin and Cork, such as a company (details supplied) that owns 11 properties nationally and is offering students leases that are 52 weeks long. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [7061/24]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that an organisation (details supplied) is reporting that students in private accommodation fear availing of their rights under the legislation for student specific accommodation as they fear the risk of not having their lease renewed at the beginning of the subsequent academic year; and what measures his Department can take to address those concerns. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [7062/24]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will use his powers to appoint an independent person to undertake a review of a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7068/24]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses in Ireland that are damaged by pyrite or mica and also had the cavities of the walls pumped with insulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [7090/24]

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

\*228. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it is possible for someone in receipt of a social welfare payment to leave the country for a period of longer than two weeks to support family in the time of bereavement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [6683/24]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the delay in supports being paid to residents in Cork following flooding (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [6729/24]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will extend children's allowance to cover children over 18 years of age ahead of planned date of next September (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [6730/24]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the policy her Department has regarding wages derived from a limited company and how they are assessed and treated in relation to means tested social welfare payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6732/24]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the policy her Department has regarding profits held in a limited company and how they are treated and assessed in relation to means tested social welfare payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6733/24]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if supports exist for self employed persons with children with special/additional needs; if so, the qualifying criteria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [6739/24]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures she is taking to ensure that organisations, including State bodies under the aegis of her Department as well as non-governmental organisations and charities that are in receipt of funding from her Department, do not use any portion of such funding to campaign or promote a position in favour or against any outcome of the forthcoming referenda on Articles 41.1.1, 41.2.1 and 41.2.2 of the Constitution, thereby breaching the McKenna principles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [6768/24]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Social Protection regarding a recent refusal of free travel to a person (details supplied), as the applicant is under the age of 66 years and is not in receipt of any of the qualifying payments, but rather on a widows pension, and given the medical evidence submitted with the application, if she will make an allowance in this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [6783/24]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware of any additional payments/scheme which may apply to persons who are in a house share and who qualify for a social welfare payment which would ordinarily entitle them to the fuel allowance, but have been denied due to the means of the other household members who are not related in any way and who live entirely separate lives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [6806/24]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [6842/24]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for the most recent figure on the number of carers in receipt of carer's allowance, excluding those on a half-rate carer's allowance; the number of carers who receive a reduced rate of carer's allowance due to means, categorised by recipients aged under 66 caring for one person, aged under 66 caring for two or more people, aged over 66 caring for one person and aged over 66 caring for two or more people; and a breakdown of these rates by the number of person's receiving a reduced rate carer's allowance



payment under €100, between €100 - €150, €151 - €200, €201 - €251, €252 - €302, €303 - €353, €354 - €392 and €393 - €443, in tabular form. — Marian Harkin. [6991/24]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide the most recent figure on the number of carers receiving a half-rate carer's allowance; the number of carers who receive a reduced rate of the half-rate carer's allowance due to means, categorised by recipients aged under 66 caring for one person, aged under 66 caring for two or more people, aged over 66 caring for one person and aged over 66 caring for two or more people; and a breakdown of these rates by the number of person's receiving a carer's allowance payment under €100, between €100 – €120, €121 – €141, €142 – €162, €163 – €183, €184 – €196 and €197 - €215, in tabular form. — Marian Harkin. [6992/24]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will give consideration to reviewing the housing assistance payment and rent supplement on an annual basis to ensure that the subsidy increases match increases in the private rental sector market; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7049/24]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will give due consideration to benchmarking the State pension, to ensure that older people do in the private rental sector do not experience undue hardship in the context of rent affordability and expenditure on critical items such as heating electricity and healthcare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7052/24]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of carers allowance/benefit, including half carers payments, in County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [7084/24]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of the carers respite grant in 2023 in County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [7085/24]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications received for carers allowance/benefit from residents in County Wexford in 2023; the number of those applications that were awarded and the number that were refused; the number of outstanding 2023 applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [7086/24]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will amend statutory sick pay criteria to align it with illness benefit in relation to PRSI, USC and employer's PRSI; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7092/24]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the up-to-date position in relation to the scope investigation being carried out by her Department into work practices and historic liabilities by an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7094/24]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in relation to the scope investigation being carried out by her Department into work practices and historic liabilities by an organisation (details supplied), the number of individual employee's cases being reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7095/24]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in relation to the scope investigation being carried out by her Department into work practices and historic liabilities by an organisation (details supplied), what the settlement figure paid back is to date, and in respect of how many individuals was this settlement amount; how many cases remain outstanding and unsettled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7096/24]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in relation to the scope investigation being carried out by her Department into work practices and historic liabilities by an organisation (details supplied), what the estimated cost has been to her Department to date in monetary terms and in terms of personnel hours; on what date the review was initiated; when the process is anticipated to conclude; if the organisation has fully co-operated with her officials; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7097/24]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in relation to the scope investigation being carried out by her Department into work practices and historic liabilities by an organisation (details supplied), if her Department has the resources to conclude the process in the near future, or whether she expects a lengthy delay in finalising the process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7098/24]

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

\*251. To ask the Minister for Justice what impact the Sale of Alcohol Bill will have on sports clubs that hold a liquor licence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6705/24]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Justice the current position in relation to an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6727/24]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Justice when the next citizenship ceremony is planned to take place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6751/24]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress in determining an application for citizenship (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6752/24]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Justice the measures she is taking to ensure that organisations, including State bodies under the aegis of her Department as well as non-governmental organisations and charities that are in receipt of funding from her Department, do not use any portion of such funding to campaign or promote a position in favour or against any outcome of the forthcoming referenda on Articles 41.1.1, 41.2.1 and 41.2.2 of the Constitution, thereby breaching the McKenna principles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [6765/24]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware that delays in processing probate cases are having an impact on prospective home buyers who are having to apply and reapply for mortgage approval while they wait; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [6805/24]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address concerns raised by the Coroners Society of Ireland (details supplied) around the pay and conditions of its members; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [7018/24]

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

\*258. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how many of the 67 approved national tree area scheme licences have been planted and paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [6725/24]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he is taking to ensure that organisations, including State bodies under the aegis of his Department as well as non-governmental organisations and charities that are in receipt of funding from his Department, do not use any portion of such funding to campaign or promote a position in favour or against any outcome of the forthcoming referenda on Articles 41.1.1, 41.2.1 and 41.2.2 of the Constitution, thereby breaching the McKenna principles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [6754/24]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will introduce legislation to ban fox, hare and mink hunting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [6777/24]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if funding provided to animal welfare organisations (details supplied) is subject to reporting and monitoring by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [6781/24]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when payment under ACRES will issue to a farmer (details supplied) in County Galway; the reason for the delay in issuing the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [6811/24]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 433 of 30 January 2024, how many tenders from alternative service providers were received for the services now being provided to his Department by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [6812/24]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 413 of 7 February 2024, what role his Department has with regard to oversight of dog ownership compliance; what engagement he has with Rásaíocht Con Éireann on this focus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [6834/24]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide additional information regarding breeding waders and afforestation in the new forestry programme; when will this information be released for public review and consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [6837/24]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide additional information regarding farmland birds and afforestation in the new forestry programme; when will this information be released for public review and consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [6838/24]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide additional information regarding high nature value farmland and afforestation in the new forestry programme; when will this information be released for public review and consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [6839/24]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide additional information regarding the hen harrier within the ‘current distribution and breeding distribution for hen harrier’ layer and afforestation in the new forestry programme; when will this information be released for public review and consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [6840/24]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of forestry licences applied for in County Monaghan in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; the number issued; the total hectares planted; by year; in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6896/24]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that received a payment under an agri-environmental scheme, REPS, AEOS, GLAS, ACRES, in County Monaghan in the years 2018 through 2023; the average payment, by scheme, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6897/24]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the budget allocated to the unit within his Department with responsibility for oversight and implementation of the unfair trading practices; the amount expended and the purpose of expenditure, by year, since its establishment until the establishment of the agri-food regulator; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6976/24]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of complaints received by the unit within his Department with responsibility for oversight and implementation of the unfair trading practices; the outcome or current status of such complaints, by year, since its establishment until the establishment of the agri-food regulator; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6977/24]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the FTE number of staff working in the unit within his Department with responsibility for oversight and implementation of the unfair trading practices, by year, since its establishment until the establishment of the agri-food regulator; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6978/24]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the FTE number of staff currently employed by the agri-food regulator; the allocation provided to it in the year 2023 and under Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6979/24]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 193 of 13 December 2023, if the BISS/CRISS payment levels cited included or excluded greening payments/eco-schemes; the number of farmers in receipt of a greening/eco-scheme in Monaghan in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; the average payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6980/24]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide full citations, including the publication details, for recent studies which are referred to in the product

specification of the application to register the PGI Grass Fed Beef made by his Department to the Commission in 2020. — Michael McNamara. [6995/24]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are any funding opportunities for research projects for Northern Ireland. — Robert Troy. [6996/24]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an ACRES payment (details supplied) will be made; the reason for the delay in issuing such payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7019/24]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what recent discussions he has had with an organisation (details supplied) in regard to the Forestry Programme 2023-2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [7064/24]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he accepts that the issuance of afforestation licences is not keeping up with the number of applications being received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [7065/24]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how many of the 67 NTA licences have been planted and paid, and whether his Department has any plans to improve the attractiveness of the scheme by allowing black soil/shallow peat to qualify; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [7066/24]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he accepts that the current rate of forestry planting will not allow for the national afforestation target 2024 to be met; what plans are in place to ensure meeting the target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [7067/24]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when ACRES-CP payments to farmers in the scheme for 2023 will be issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7099/24]

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

\*284. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will review a case (details supplied). — Denise Mitchell. [6691/24]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a facility is fully operational (details supplied); if he will address matters in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6892/24]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an application to the disability services for an individualised budget relative to the care needs of a person (details supplied); if the complaints lodged regarding a service provider have been investigated; if so, have the issues been resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [6893/24]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on HSE funding for a service (details supplied) in CHO3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [7091/24]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the current caseload of the Nenagh Child and Family Agency Children's Disability Network Team; the current level of whole time equivalent staff based in Nenagh's CDNT; the number of WTE staff positions that are currently vacant, and the plans in place to address these vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [6678/24]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to confirm the status of a property (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [6681/24]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures he is taking to ensure that organisations, including State bodies under the aegis of his Department as well as non-governmental organisations and charities that are in receipt of funding from his Department, do not use any portion of such funding to campaign or promote a position in favour or against any outcome of the forthcoming referenda on Articles 41.1.1, 41.2.1 and 41.2.2 of the Constitution, thereby breaching the McKenna principles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [6755/24]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children who have been refused admission in 2023 for residential and other types of care, in tabular form; and the reasons they were refused admission . — Patrick Costello. [7073/24]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many children currently in special emergency care provision, such as unregulated hotels, are having their education maintained/are in school. — Patrick Costello. [7079/24]

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

\*293. To ask the Minister for Health if he will include CAMHS under the regulation provisions of the Mental Health Act 2001. — Patrick Costello. [6677/24]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans for the reform of CAMHS (details provided); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [6679/24]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that are committed to facilities in University Hospital Kerry under the relevant provisions of the Mental Health Act 2001; and how many are minors. — Pa Daly. [6682/24]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the trend in referrals to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service over the past five years; how the level of staffing and service has grown in those years; if he will outline the efforts to fill new post created and indicate how the level of unfilled positions have evolved; and if he will outline the approach to reform of services delivery which she is undertaking. — Richard Bruton. [6688/24]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Health in view of the extreme pressures that GPs are under at the moment, what further services pharmacists can be allowed to provide to alleviate the pressure on GP practices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [6689/24]



\*298. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GPs practising in the State, broken down by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [6696/24]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists practising in the State, broken down by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [6697/24]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to extend mammograms for under 50 year-olds and over 69 year-olds. — Dara Calleary. [6717/24]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Health if Donegal Mental Health Intellectual Disability Service will provide help and support for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6728/24]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Health what options are available for a patient to apply for HSE transportation from Wexford to Dublin for non-emergency hospital appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [6731/24]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered providing the MMR vaccine to children aged 6-12 months in cases of outbreak or foreign travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [6741/24]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he is taking to ensure that organisations, including State bodies under the aegis of his Department as well as non-governmental organisations and charities that are in receipt of funding from his Department, do not use any portion of such funding to campaign or promote a position in favour or against any outcome of the forthcoming referenda on Articles 41.1.1, 41.2.1 and 41.2.2 of the Constitution, thereby breaching the McKenna principles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [6763/24]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Health if it is the case that a proposed agreement on pay parity for medical scientists with their clinical biochemist colleagues excludes retired medical scientists from the agreement; and if so, if he agrees that this would be very unfair on retired medical scientists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [6772/24]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a response regarding an appointment for treatment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6773/24]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Health if complaints regarding the care of a person (details supplied) will be fully investigated and concluded at an early date; and if a meeting of all those involved will be arranged forthwith. — John McGuinness. [6787/24]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Health for an update regarding a request for a motorised wheelchair (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [6797/24]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the receipt by his Department of the evaluation of the 2018 sugar sweetened drinks tax; the timeline for publication of the evaluation;

when meetings may begin with the Department of Finance on the results; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [6803/24]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 523 of 30 January 2024, the risks and benefits of GnRHa alone for adults, and what sort of patients would choose this treatment from the National Gender Services. — Patrick Costello. [6843/24]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 525 of 30 January 2024, how many referrals the National Gender Service's referral process triaged as "New Gender Clinic" in 2023. — Patrick Costello. [6844/24]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 526 of 30 January 2024, if the National Gender Service believes the that use of GnRHa makes cisgender children transgender. — Patrick Costello. [6845/24]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 526 of 30 January 2024, which clinical studies show that gender non-conforming children largely turn out to be cisgender in adolescence, and if the National Gender Service believe this represents the current best evidence for the outcomes for pre-pubertal transgender children. — Patrick Costello. [6846/24]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 528 of 30 January 2024, the reason the National Gender Service's endocrine guidelines emphasise that high hormone concentrations elevate the risks of thromboembolic and liver disease. — Patrick Costello. [6847/24]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 528 of 30 January 2024, why the National Gender Service requires regular hormone concentration blood tests for its own patients given that it listed no harms or benefits for them, and if these could be cut as a cost saving measure. — Patrick Costello. [6848/24]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 528 of 30 January 2024, if the National Gender Service is aware that under EU Directive 2011/24, there is no requirement for EU telehealth services to be regulated in Ireland as they are considered to be provided, and thus regulated in the doctor's country. — Patrick Costello. [6849/24]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of a recent report (details supplied) that the National Gender Service's waiting list now exceeds a decade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [6850/24]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of a planning application for a change of use to a medical centre in Skerries Point; if he can confirm the involvement of the HSE in this project; if he will provide a detailed breakdown of the facilities and services that will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [6853/24]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Health if no current or future residents of the SRU unit, Old Convent Road, Carndonagh, County Donegal will be forced to move against their and their family's will and that day services at the unit will be reinstated; and if he will ensure that the meeting requested of HSE officials, local public representatives and affected families is facilitated at the earliest opportunity. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6895/24]



\*320. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered ensuring that all future primary care centres have provision for the connection of an electricity generator to facilitate services at times when electricity is not available due to planned maintenance of ESB networks or fault in supply; if he has considered ensuring that existing centres be retrofitted to allow for such connections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [6956/24]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Health if the protocol for treatment of patients following a miscarriage can be reviewed in order to facilitate privacy or separate areas for scans or check-ups, as being treated in a room alongside pregnant people can be incredibly distressing to those who have experienced miscarriage. — Holly Cairns. [6993/24]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Health if he is confident that all contracts put to tender are awarded to companies who meet the tender criteria; and if it was to be identified where one clearly did not meet the stated criteria in the tender specs, what the recourse would be. — Robert Troy. [7000/24]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Health the future plans for St. Mary's, South Hill Delvin. — Robert Troy. [7007/24]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Health in view of the recent record number of people left on trollies in our hospitals recently, due to lack of bed capacity, and demonstrating that funding for even existing levels of service is far from sufficient, what level of increased investment would the minister envisage necessary to increase that bed capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [7020/24]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Health when a person will receive an appointment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7036/24]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for surgery for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [7055/24]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Health if flu vaccines for the 2024/2025 season will be available for those aged 2 to 17 years through participating pharmacies, as they were for 2023/2024; if not, if they will be administered directly by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [7056/24]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Health considering that patients from University Hospital Galway (UHG) are being sent to Kingsbridge Hospital in the North for certain urology procedures as part of the national treatment purchase fund, and additional expenses related to travel and accommodation are incurred, if he has considered hiring an additional urologist for UHG as a cost saving measure. — Mairéad Farrell. [7069/24]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 479 of 7 February 2024, if he will provide another status update concerning an inquiry into the historical licencing and use of sodium valproate in women of child-bearing potential in the State; when the terms of reference for this inquiry will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [7083/24]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Health about the availability of treatment for eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa for someone who does not have health insurance (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7087/24]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Health if a date for surgery will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7103/24]

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

\*332. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures he is taking to ensure that organisations, including State bodies under the aegis of his Department as well as non-governmental organisations and charities that are in receipt of funding from his Department, do not use any portion of such funding to campaign or promote a position in favour or against any outcome of the forthcoming referenda on Articles 41.1.1, 41.2.1 and 41.2.2 of the Constitution, thereby breaching the McKenna principles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [6762/24]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in relation to the delivery of purpose built student accommodation for the technological universities, if he envisages a role for the Irish Strategic Investment Fund through Activate Capital, which has already part funded some other PBSA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [6802/24]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science what steps his Department has taken to prevent the practice of full year compulsory lease lengths being imposed on students by private student accommodation providers in Dublin and Cork, such as a company (details supplied) that owns 11 properties nationally and is offering students leases that are 52 weeks long. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [7149/24]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware that an organisation (details supplied) is reporting that students in private accommodation fear availing of their rights under the legislation for student specific accommodation as they fear the risk of not having their lease renewed at the beginning of the subsequent academic year; and what measures his Department can take to address those concerns. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [7150/24]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science how his Department will ensure the enforceability of the definition for ‘student accommodation’, as provided for in the Residential Tenancies Act 2004, as amended by the Residential Tenancies Act 2019 (details supplied). — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [7151/24]

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

\*337. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the measures she is taking to ensure that organisations, including State bodies under the aegis of her Department as well as non-governmental organisations and charities that are in receipt of funding from her Department, do not use any portion of such funding to campaign or promote a position in favour or against any

outcome of the forthcoming referenda on Articles 41.1.1, 41.2.1 and 41.2.2 of the Constitution, thereby breaching the McKenna principles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [6767/24]

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gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 15 FEABHRA, 2024  
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 15 FEBRUARY, 2024**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the large scale sport infrastructure fund; the qualifying criteria for the scheme; the timeline of the next round for this scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [7035/24]

2. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the position regarding the total Exchequer funding currently allocated to the cost of TV licences for pensioners who are in receipt of free licences; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [6981/24]

3. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimh. 81 den 5 Nollaig 2023, an dtabharfaidh sí soiléiriú ar an bplean a d'eascair as an obair athbhreithniúcháin a rinne Údarás na Gaeltachta faoin bpunann iomlán maoine atá aige agus faoi na féidearthachtaí forbartha atá ann; an dtabharfaidh sí soiléiriú ar na hacmhainní airgeadais a bheidh ag teastáil chun an plan a chur i gcrích; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [6814/24]

4. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of EU capital funding available to local authorities for tourism initiatives and projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [6874/24]

5. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 75 of 5 December 2023, the status of the drawdown of the €1 million in Galway 2020 legacy funding; the amount drawn down to-date; the breakdown of where any funds drawn down to-date have been allocated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6817/24]

6. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider increasing the funding for the scéim forbartha líonra gaeilge scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [6971/24]

7. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the proposals, if any, she has to meet with her counterpart in the Northern Ireland Executive in relation to the opportunities to develop further the tourism industry on an all-Ireland basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [6907/24]

8. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media given that she has previously expressed a preference for direct Exchequer funding to replace the television licence, if she can provide an update on any correspondence, communications or meetings she has made with her Government colleagues in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [6921/24]

9. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if officials in her Department would consider supporting a northside Gaeltacht in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [6902/24]

10. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when applications will open for the large scale sports infrastructure fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [6871/24]

11. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide an update on whether funding for the sports capital grant will be increased due to record numbers of applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [6373/24]

12. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline the marketing strategy employed by Tourism Ireland to promote Brigid 1500 abroad; whether it was deemed to be successful; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [6366/24]

13. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimh. 284 den 5 Nollaig 2023; cén dul chun cinn atá déanta ar an obair athbheithniúcháin ar na chéad 10 bplean teanga a ceadaíodh faoi Acht na Gaeltachta, 2012; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [6815/24]

14. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the timeline for the release of the Sports Capital Grants; the number of applications from County Cork; the amount sports clubs and organisations have applied for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [7034/24]

15. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the measures that have been implemented to support Irish participation in the Olympic and Paralympic games Paris 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [6954/24]

16. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media following the recent film industry section 481 stakeholder forum, her views on the widespread and legitimate concern of actors, writers, directors and film crew in relation to sustainable and secure employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7003/24]

17. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans for future public service broadcasting in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7104/24]

18. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán Chun fiarfi ar an Aire faoi dul chun cinn le athfhorbairt Coláiste Íosagan Baile Mhuirne agus go ndéanfaidh sé raiteas ar an abhar. — Aindrias Moynihan. [6945/24]

19. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her proposals for the enhanced development of the necessary facilities to meet the ongoing demands of tourism, culture, arts, Gaeltacht, sport and media as identified on an ongoing basis thereby ensuring balanced and required development in each sector in the short, medium and long-term future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6885/24]

20. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimh. 97 den 5 Nollaig 2023, an dtabharfaidh sí an t-eolas is déanaí ar aon teagmháil idir a Roinn agus Údarás na Gaeltachta maidir le tithíocht a chur ar fáil ar thalamh agus réadmhaoin atá faoi úinéireacht an Údaráis; an dtabharfaidh sí na sonraí a bhaineann leis an gcur chuige a d'ullmhaigh an tÚdarás agus a bhí le cur i láthair Bhord an Údaráis ag cruinniú na Nollag 2023; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [6813/24]

21. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the proposals, if any, she has to extend the basic income artists' scheme to more artists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [6908/24]

22. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if any of her Department's funds will be allocated to opening new spaces for artists and creatives in Dublin; and if so, if she will outline these planned developments. — Gary Gannon. [6876/24]

23. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on the recently announced Failte Ireland business support scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [6999/24]

24. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on the plans to reform the licence fee and future funding of RTÉ. — Paul McAuliffe. [7025/24]

25. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media how the Exchequer funding model for public sector broadcasting could operate in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [6685/24]

26. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide an update on her Department's engagement with Coimisiún na Meán; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [6374/24]

27. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount spent by her Department in supporting sports clubs and organisations in Cork in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [6818/24]

28. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reduction in revenue generated by TV licence sales (new, renewal and standing order) between July 2022 and January 2023, inclusive versus July 2023 and January 2024, inclusive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7105/24]

29. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media how much funding was allocated to Carlow as part of Ireland's Ancient East touring region in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [6713/24]

30. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide an outline of measures taken by her Department and its relevant agencies to encourage volunteering in sport. — Willie O'Dea. [7030/24]

31. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on an organisation (details supplied) playing Israel in a EuroBasket qualifier, despite the ongoing genocide committed by Israel in Palestine. — Gary Gannon. [6878/24]

32. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide an outline of measures taken by the Department and its relevant agencies to tackle violence, racism, discrimination and other forms of abuse in sport. — Seán Haughey. [6975/24]

33. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the ways her Department is supporting traditional Irish music in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [6715/24]

34. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media with the recent restoration of the Northern Ireland Executive and the refunctioning of the North-South Ministerial Council, the action she will take to ensure the immediate release of the €700,000 allocated for North-South co-operation in the budget for 2024 to enable Foras na Gaeilge to reopen the scéim forbartha líonraí Gaeilge; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [6970/24]

35. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has a strategy to ensure that bed accommodation for tourists visiting Ireland is increased; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [6692/24]

36. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there are Department funds or help available specifically for provision of swimming pools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [6875/24]

37. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she proposes to announce major/minor grant awards for sport and sporting accommodation with particular reference to the need to ensure the maximisation of opportunities in that area in the short, medium and long-term future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6886/24]

38. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to address the significant shortfall of sports pitches and other sports facilities, that is growing particularly acute in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, considering the huge growth in people participating in sport, in particular women and girls; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7001/24]

39. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide an update in relation to the sports action plan and its requirement to have 40% gender representation on the boards of the National Governing Bodies of Sport. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [6712/24]

40. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her assessment of the recent film industry section 481 stakeholder forum; her plans are to address the



concerns, issues and proposals raised at the forum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7002/24]

41. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the timeline for the announcement of successful applications from sporting clubs for the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [6987/24]

42. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update following the recent holding of Stakeholders Forum for Section 481; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [6365/24]

43. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps her Department is taking to develop a strategy to identify the type of major sporting events Ireland can and should bid for. — Seán Haughey. [6974/24]

44. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps her Department is taking to ensure similar access to sporting facilities for men and women. — Willie O'Dea. [7031/24]

45. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her Department's plans to support businesses in the hospitality sector that are dependent on tourism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [6955/24]

46. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her proposals to support the increase in hotel capacity in County Monaghan in order to attract tourists to the county. — Matt Carthy. [6884/24]

47. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the position regarding the criteria promoting equality in project applications to the large scale sport infrastructure fund and in particular the requirement for all successful applicants to publish their similar access policies, in respect of men and women having access to the facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [6973/24]

48. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has considered the potential inclusion of a standalone indicator on language and culture in our Wellbeing Framework, using either the Welsh or the New Zealand model as an exemplar; if she has discussed same with the Department of the Taoiseach; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [6747/24]

49. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on the reform of the TV licence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [6870/24]

50. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media what measures are being taken to progress and develop a local amenity (details supplied) in a stand alone tourism plan for the Lee Valley area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [6944/24]

51. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if any study has been undertaken on the impact of pay-per-view on sport considering the current situation

with an organisation (details supplied) and the potential impact on hurling. — Thomas Gould. [6901/24]

52. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on the latest round of the sports capital and equipment programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [6735/24]

53. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to give an update on the Government's latest thinking on the central funding of RTÉ and public service broadcasting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7004/24]

54. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps that Monaghan County Council should now take in order to secure funding to deliver a public swimming pool and ancillary facilities in Carrickmacross. — Matt Carthy. [6883/24]

55. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider resurrecting plans for Ireland to host future stages of the Tour de France; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [6693/24]

56. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide details of the local community radio stations being supported by her Department; her views on the further expansion of the community radio station network in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [6714/24]

57. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the legislative programme. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3502/24]

58. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimh. 68 den 5 Nollaig 2023, cén dul chun cinn atá déanta ar an obair athbhreithniúcháin a rinne Údarás na Gaeltachta i ndáil leis na córais agus leis an gcur chuige atá i ngníomh ag an Údarás chun tacú le cur chun cinn na Gaeilge sna cliant-chuideachtaí agus i ndáil leis na bealaí ina ndéantar an t-ábhar a bhaineann leo a riaradh; cén dul chun cinn atá déanta ar an scéim nua tacaíochta dá chliant le tacú leo an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn sa ghnó; an dtabharfaidh sí soiléiriú ar an scéim nua; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [6816/24]

59. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant social homes returned to active use in Carlow from 2020 to 2023; his expectations for same in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [6667/24]

60. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his current assessment of all the key housing indicators, that is, commencements, completions and planning permissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [6807/24]

61. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to what extent he might increase the production of housing in all areas throughout the country to meet the housing demand thereby alleviating the accommodation prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6888/24]



62. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on both the provision of emergency funding for multi-unit developments with building defects and the legislation to underpin the full defective buildings redress scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [6825/24]

63. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homes acquired to date under the new cost rental tenant-in-situ scheme; the number that have been served a notice to quit under the extended tenant-in situ-scheme for tenants in receipt of housing supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [6724/24]

64. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the decarbonisation of the social housing stock; what progress has been made to retrofit the social housing stock; if there are plans to establish a dedicated programme to install solar PV on the social housing stock; what engagement has his Department had with industry in order to decarbonise the social housing stock most quickly and effectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [6829/24]

65. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the concern raised in the recent ESRI report '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 National Planning Framework 2040 target, the need for rebalanced regional development; the steps his Department will take to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [6985/24]

66. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new houses completed in Longford in 2023; the number commenced; his expectations for 2024 with regard to construction activity in the residential sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [6668/24]

67. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the number of commencement notices issued in January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [6376/24]

68. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on upcoming cost rental schemes in Cork city and county. — Thomas Gould. [6891/24]

69. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of grants drawn down and associated money under the vacant homes grant in County Roscommon and County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [6368/24]

70. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many tenant-in-situ applications in 2023 to date in 2024; how many applications were successful, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [6890/24]

71. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the situation with respect to six houses in Annagry, County Donegal, lying vacant; if he and his Department have plans to address their vacancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6962/24]

72. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the lack of transparency for those who have been turned down for the tenant-in-situ scheme as to the

reason they were unsuccessful in their application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [6967/24]

73. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the referendums on Housing as a right and the public ownership and management of Uisce Éireann will take place. — Joan Collins. [6911/24]

74. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the low number of applications to the revised defective concrete block remediation scheme and the slow rate of processing existing applications that have transferred to the new scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [6824/24]

75. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the legislative programme. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3498/24]

76. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of vacant property refurbishment grant funding drawn down to date by each respective local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [6651/24]

77. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant social homes returned to active use in each of Limerick, Clare and Tipperary from 2020 to 2023; his expectations for same in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [6671/24]

78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the number of first-time buyers in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [6375/24]

79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant social homes returned to active use in the Dublin City Council area from 2020 to 2023; his expectations for same in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [6673/24]

80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason there is no affordable housing scheme in County Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [6367/24]

81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update in relation to the progress of the Mulcahy report; if a memo was brought to Cabinet on this in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [6722/24]

82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the Government progress in implementing a fire safety defects scheme that will allow full remedial works to be carried out on defective buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [6702/24]

83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding he has approved for Uisce Éireann in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [7009/24]

84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update in relation to turnkey proposals in his Department from local authorities; how the initiative is working; what applications have been received from Kerry County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7015/24]

85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which he can harness any new measures to accelerate the production and availability of extra housing to meet the obvious demand whether by way of modular, the development of private sites on which affordable or mass produced housing units of a high standard can be made available, with a view to providing accommodation in adequate scale to meet the ever increasing demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [6887/24]

86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the tenant in-situ-scheme; and a breakdown of the number of purchases by of the four Dublin local authorities. — Paul McAuliffe. [7021/24]

87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the implementation of the recommendations of the expert group report on Traveller accommodation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [6823/24]

88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he now accepts the need for an outright ban on vulture funds purchasing large numbers of new homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7011/24]

89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant homes returned in Cork city under the voids return scheme in 2023; and the number to be returned in 2024. — Thomas Gould. [6900/24]

90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how and when the reforms to the public spending code will lead to changes in the four-step planning for the delivering of social and affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5761/24]

91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details on the pilot sewage schemes initiative, funded by his Department in 2023; if he proposes to run this scheme again in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [6698/24]

92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new houses completed in each of south County Dublin and Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown in 2023; the number commenced; his expectations for 2024 with regard to construction activity in the residential sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [6674/24]

93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason he continues to expect engineers to sign off on remediation recommendations for the enhanced defective concrete block grant scheme, based on I.S 465, when there is clear scientific evidence that this standard is no longer fit for purpose. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6616/24]

94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider extending the temporary development contribution waiver scheme as due to expire in April 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [6939/24]

95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his Department's response to the recent Health Research Board's report into mortality among single homeless people. — Eoin Ó Broin. [6822/24]

96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage following the destruction of storm Babet, how much relief funding has been paid out since October 2023 to date in 2024; if there will be a requirement for additional funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [6889/24]

97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the constitutional referenda on the right to housing and public ownership of water. — Eoin Ó Broin. [6821/24]

98. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social and affordable homes delivered in County Monaghan in the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and the number targeted to built in 2024. — Matt Carthy. [6882/24]

99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if income eligibility limits for social housing will be reviewed again in counties Cavan and Monaghan; if he has a timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5128/24]

100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what measures are in place to deal with homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [6799/24]

101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of full-time and part-time vacant homes officers currently employed by each respective local authority; the number of requests received by his Department from individual local authorities for further increased support for additional vacant homes officer positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [6650/24]

102. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant social homes returned to active use in Longford from 2020 to 2023; his expectations for same in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [6669/24]

103. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his engagement to date with the stakeholder of a local amenity (details supplied) to progress and develop this area as a national park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [6938/24]

104. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that a review of income eligibility limits for social housing will be carried out at an early date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [6904/24]

105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new houses completed in each of Limerick, Clare and Tipperary in 2023; the number commenced; his expectations for 2024 with regard to construction activity in the residential sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [6670/24]

106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Land Development Agency will reconvene the consultation forum on the future development of

Columb Barracks, Mullingar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [6798/24]

107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many affordable houses will be made available in 2024 in Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [6364/24]

108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new houses completed in the Dublin City Council area in 2023; the number commenced; his expectations for 2024 with regard to construction activity in the residential sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [6672/24]

109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the review completed by his Department on local authority adaptation grants; how long it is expected to be under consideration by the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform; when he expects it to be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [6363/24]

110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the review of the housing adaptation grant; his ongoing engagement with the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [6873/24]

111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many applications were received for the vacant property refurbishment grant in Cork in 2023; how many applications were successful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [6982/24]

112. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how he intends to ramp up the supply of housing in towns and villages outside the major urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [6872/24]

113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will introduce appropriate measures, in partnership with industry, to ensure that over a five-year period, delivery is increased to an extent that 30% of all new dwellings are built to incorporate universal design principles to accommodate our ageing population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [6952/24]

114. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 5 of 7 December 2023, what engagement he had had with the Galway Social Housing task force to-date in 2024 with regard to the availability of properties to rent in Galway within standard or discretionary HAP limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6789/24]

115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant social homes returned to active use in each of south County Dublin and Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown from 2020 to 2023; his expectations for same in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [6675/24]

*116.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how many new homes have been delivered since the launch of the Housing for All Plan in September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [6808/24]

*117.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 85 of 7 December 2023, the timeline for the publication of the draft planning guidelines for Gaeltacht areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6788/24]

*118.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he intends to put in place to ensure availability of affordable homes in south Dublin, in particular; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7012/24]

*119.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing commencements and completions for each LEA area in County Cork for 2021, 2022 and 2023 under Housing for All, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [7032/24]

*120.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for the long-term sustainable funding of the Land Development Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6800/24]

*121.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what changes could be made to ensure swifter processing of croí conaithe applications to get more projects shovel ready; the latest figures relating to the scheme, per local authority area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7016/24]

*122.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will increase funding for the local authority retrofit programme to enable all local authority housing that needs it to be retrofitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [6750/24]

*123.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will commit to making changes to the enhanced defective concrete block grant scheme in response to the growing evidence that the scheme will not be accessible for most affected families, and in line with his commitment to review the scheme after six months. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [6615/24]

*124.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of grants approved for the help to buy scheme and the first home scheme in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [7033/24]

*125.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action he is taking in relation to a lack of services delaying the provision of housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [6983/24]

*126.* To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the provision of affordable housing in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [7058/24]



127. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update in relation to the case of persons who do not qualify for cost rental or social housing (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [6910/24]

128. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on progress on the draft wind energy guidelines; when he expects the draft guidelines will be published; the expected timeframe for publication of finalised deadlines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [6830/24]

129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new houses completed in Carlow in 2023; the number commenced; his expectations for 2024 with regard to construction activity in the residential sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [6666/24]

130. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update regarding the issue of mortgageability as it relates to homeowners impacted by defective concrete blocks and the defective concrete block redress scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6963/24]

131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he will take in relation to the cohort of people who earn more than the limit for social housing but are not eligible for cost rental on affordability grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7010/24]

132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the croí conaithe scheme; how many applications have been made for this scheme in relation to counties Cavan and Monaghan; what stage those applications are at presently; and how many of those have been granted, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6617/24]

133. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action he will take to address the consistent increases in rents for existing tenancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [6704/24]

134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the assessment of the transit-oriented development in Limerick, Galway, Cork and Waterford; whether the timeline is on schedule for Q1 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [6984/24]

135. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the immediate and urgent actions that will be taken to address the high levels of child homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [6703/24]

136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the income thresholds that apply for social housing applicants in Monaghan and if he proposes to increase those thresholds. — Matt Carthy. [6881/24]

137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will immediately raise the HAP and homeless HAP limits, considering the ever increasing numbers entering homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7013/24]

138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will amend, at an early date, the criteria pertaining to the assessment of means for eligibility for social housing and exclude payments under the working family payment scheme which is available for some low paid workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [6903/24]

139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on his Department's engagements with stakeholders in relation to potential legislative amendments to sections 2 and 10 of the Housing Act 1988; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56597/23]

140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects funding under the community monuments fund 2024 to be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [6699/24]

141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he will take to address the lack of homeless accommodation available in Tallaght; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [6749/24]

142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the construction of new homes on State land sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [6801/24]

143. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the measures he is taking to ensure Irish Water fulfils the State's obligation to rid public and private drinking water supplies of all toxins above EU safety limits (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [6932/24]

144. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 101 of 6 July 2023, and considering the steep rise in rent in County Cavan since; if the criteria have been met for designating any area in County Cavan as a rent pressure zone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [6968/24]

145. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an overview of the new National Biodiversity Action Plan. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [6905/24]

146. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is concerned about the increase in family homelessness and the lack of three bed homes coming on stream via the Part V programme; what changes he intends to make to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7014/24]

147. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the development of the Parnell Square Cultural Quarter; and if he is aware of the decay and degeneration of the currently vacant Ambassador Theatre in Dublin 1. — Gary Gannon. [6880/24]