



## DÁIL ÉIREANN

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**CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH**  
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**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 her views on the two reports recently commissioned and published at RTÉ on the Toy Show the Musical and the voluntary exit programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [7245/24]

2. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an ndéanfaidh sí míniú a thabhairt ar cén fáth nár caitheadh ach €208,668 ar thogra amháin Gaeilge faoi Thionscnamh an Oileáin Comhroinnte i gcomparáid le breis is €9 milliún ar thograí ealaíona agus cultúir, agus an bhfuil sé i gceist aici an éagóir sin a cheartú trí bhreis infheistiú a chur isteach san earnáil Ghaeilge go luath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7349/24]

3. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on the delay and suspension of Sport Ireland funding to an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [6879/24]

4. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán ar léigh sí moltaí Shinn Féin faoi conas cothromaíocht inscne agus rannpháirtíocht leathan a chinntiú trí thoghcháin Údarás na Gaeltachta inár gcáipéis ‘Dínit, Dea-Chleachtas, Daonlathas don Ghaeltacht’; an dóigh léi go réiteodh an córas molta sa cháipéis sin na fadhbanna atá le sárú roimh thoghcháin a thabhairt ar ais; agus an mbeidh reachtaíocht réidh in am leis na toghcháin gheallta ar an lá céanna leis na toghcháin áitiúla agus Eorpacha i mbliana; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7350/24]

**CEISTEANNA EILE**  
**OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

5. 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]

6. 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]

7. 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 athbheithniúcháin 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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 athbhreithniúcháin ar na chéad 10 bplean teanga a ceadaiódh faoi Acht na Gaeltachta, 2012; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [6815/24]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir le hathfhorbairt Choláiste Íosagáin, Baile Bhuirne; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [6945/24]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]



61. 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]

62. 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 chliaint 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]

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

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

63. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the additional measures he plans to introduce in 2024 to address the deepening homelessness crisis. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7243/24]

64. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable homes delivered in 2023 via the affordable housing fund, the cost rental equity loan and the Land Development Agency's Project Tosaigh; and his views on the rising rents and house prices under these schemes. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7244/24]

65. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will expand the scope of the septic tank grants from local authorities to cover larger geographical areas in order for more rural homeowners to avail of it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [7351/24]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

117. 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]

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

130. 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]

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

134. 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]

135. 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]

136. 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]

137. 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]

138. 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]

139. 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]

140. 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]

141. 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]

142. 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]

143. 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]

144. 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]

145. 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]

146. 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]



147. 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]

148. 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]

149. 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]

150. 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]

151. 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]

152. 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]

153. 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]

154. 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]

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## CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

\*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if on a visit to the West Bank, he asked to see a village that had been destroyed and ethnically cleansed by settlers; if so, if the IDF refused to allow it; if this is correct, the reason he did not make a public statement in relation to the matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [7199/24]

\*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide the value of property funded or donated by Ireland in the West Bank which has been damaged by Israeli settlers since 7 October 2023; whether the State is pursuing any legal action to recuperate costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [7221/24]

\*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if is considering intervening in the Gambia vs. Myanmar case before the International Court of Justice, in support of international efforts to ensure justice and accountability for the Rohingya population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [7334/24]

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

\*158. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications with regard to EU Directive on single use plastics and the manufacturing requirements this places on dairy producers for tethered caps, if he is aware of pressure on suppliers to source new moulds which has in turn created delays in providing compliant caps to dairy producers; if he is aware of the difficulties that dairy producers may face in being able to meet the new requirements under the Directive within the specified July 2024 timeframe; if he has engaged with EU counterparts on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [7348/24]

\*159. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when five-year contract positions for the post of climate action officer and climate action coordinator in local authorities will be converted to permanent positions for those staff who have been appointed, particularly considering all those employed during the course of 2023 will have their employment contracts expire in 2028, the year prior to the end of the lifetime of the Local Authority Climate Action Plan (2024-2029), and before 2030 targets will have been measured; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [7114/24]

\*160. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if serious health and safety issues (details supplied) will be examined and addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7208/24]

\*161. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he plans to legislate to prevent retail telecoms and broadband providers from offering variable priced contracts based on the Consumer Price Index; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [7212/24]

\*162. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the fact that offshore islands are exempt from the new EU legislation in regards to brown bin collection services; what food waste collection services are available to communities on offshore islands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [7222/24]

\*163. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to review the level of grant-aid available to sports clubs for the installation of solar panels considering a 30% grant is insufficient to make the installation of panels by non-profit organisations economically justifiable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7235/24]

\*164. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is aware of delays in the community climate action fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [7394/24]

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

\*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if agency nurses working in the Defence Forces without a contract will be given the same privileges, pay and conditions as those that have a contract; if the issues of pay and conditions for all of the affected nurses will be harmonised and backdated; his plans, if any to offer serving nurses full-time positions within the Force thereby removing the anomalies that exist and ensure fair and equal treatment for all concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [7232/24]

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

\*166. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will intervene to make a dangerous junction safe at Greenhill, Mourneabbey, County Cork (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [7107/24]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Transport how much funding was allocated to the Bóthar Dhoirefhearta, Carraroe, County Galway in 2021, 2022 and 2023; if any funding allocated was unused; if so, what happened to this unused funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [7115/24]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person in County Donegal (details supplied) can expect an invite for a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7152/24]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Transport to respond to concerns raised by a person (details supplied) in respect of the ongoing and frustrating campaign to remove the M1 tolls which consistently causes serious congestion in the largest town of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [7178/24]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Transport given the negative impact on residents who are being left without full bus services several nights of the week, what actions the NTA are taking to ensure that the 27 bus route which is being diverted from Brookfield in the evening due to anti-social behaviour is being restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [7198/24]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Transport when the changes will come into effect on Bus Éireann Route 243 covering Bweeng and Grenagh; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [7209/24]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Transport whether there is an independent complaints mechanism available for those who wish to submit complaints against the DAA; if not, whether his Department would consider establishing such a mechanism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [7224/24]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Transport what engagement he has had with residents affected by severe noise pollution as a result of flight paths in north county Dublin; what measures his Department is taking to assist these communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [7225/24]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding a rehabilitation project for a bridge (details supplied) in County Kerry; if a proposed and funded lighting project

will be delivered as part of anticipated works on the bridge; the anticipated timeline for the delivery of each aspect of the overall works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7246/24]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Transport following his recent meeting with members of Donegal County Council, if he will make changes to the national policy that denies planning permission to applicants in Donegal who would have to access on to the N56. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7333/24]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding consideration of proposals for traffic calming and pedestrian crossings in Castlemaine village on the N70 and possibly the R561; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7342/24]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Transport if Shannon Airport or any other facility of the State is not being used in any way which facilitates the United States' military support for Israel's war on Gaza, by military personnel in any way participating in, advising, or in any way supporting Israel's military assault on Gaza, where the ICJ has said there is a plausible risk of genocide; if he will provide reassurances that adequate, rigorous inspection processes are in place to ensure that US aircraft are unarmed, carry no arms, ammunition or explosives or otherwise engage in any form of activity which would facilitate or contribute to the commission of a genocide in Gaza, noting Ireland's obligation under the Genocide Convention to pro-actively prevent the act of genocide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7343/24]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a list of all projects submitted by Mayo County Council for active travel funding under the announcement of 7 February 2024; how the successful projects within that list were chosen and how the other projects may be funded in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [7403/24]

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

\*179. To ask the Minister for Finance when the revised disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme will be introduced; when the criteria for issuing a primary medical certificate for his scheme will be revised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [7180/24]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 352 of 17 January 2024, regarding the decision by the Tax Appeal Commissioners that the Revenue Commissioners had been applying the wrong test for normal residence in VRT cases with the Revenue Commissioners confirming that the same test had been applied in similar cases; how many persons have had the wrong test for normal residence applied; how many persons have paid penalties or tax as a result of this wrong test being applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7207/24]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Finance the current status of the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal; the number of appeals awaiting assessment; if an indication of a timeframe to clear the backlog of appeals is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7260/24]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Finance for an update on the provision of a fit-for-purpose vehicle adaptation scheme to replace the disabled drivers and passengers scheme; if a timeframe is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7261/24]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost, through tax revenue foregone, of the BIK exemption for employer contributions for PRSAs which was introduced through section 22 of the Finance Act 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7396/24]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Finance if, with respect to Committee Stage of the Finance Act 2022, with regard to what was then section 18 of the Finance Bill 2018 regarding the removal of benefit-in-kind charge from employer contributions to PRSAs and PEPPs, his views and response regarding queries made by this Deputy that this provision of the legislation would provide an opportunity for aggressive tax planning by proprietary directors; his assessment of whether the then Minister for Finance provided an accurate response with respect to the issue raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7397/24]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Finance the maximum amount, in nominal terms, that a company or proprietary director can fund a single PRSA through an employer contribution in a single year with full tax deductibility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7399/24]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that the recommendation of the Report of the Interdepartmental Pensions Reform and Taxation Group of 2020, that “the differential treatment of the PRSA for funding purposes should be abolished, employer contributions should not be subject to BIK”, was implemented in whole or in part; his views on whether the manner in which this recommendation was partially implemented in Finance Act 2022 by the then Minister for Finance created an opportunity for aggressive tax planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7401/24]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Finance if he or his Department have received any correspondence from the Revenue Commissioners or any other body regarding section 22 of the Finance Act 2022 in relation to the opportunity it creates for aggressive tax planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7402/24]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the appropriateness of a company or proprietary director withdrawing up to €2.15 million from a company in a single year through an employer contribution to a PRSA, and availing of full tax deductibility, including corporation tax relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7404/24]

*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.*

\*189. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if flood relief plans or river drainage works are planned to deal with the repeated flooding of the area between Ballyshannon and Belleck, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7400/24]

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

\*190. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for an update on the review that was set up in response to the Irish regulations surrounding fire retardancy on furniture

goods sold in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [7217/24]

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

\*191. To ask the Minister for Education her Department’s plans for increasing capacity of secondary schools in north Kildare to enrol students from September 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [7106/24]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Education if she will increase the upper age limit for school bus drivers from 70 to 75 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [7117/24]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [7118/24]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Education the date on which the first phase of the solar for schools programme will be complete; her plans in respect of the next phase; if there is a schedule for the remaining counties’ eligibility to apply; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7155/24]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Education when schools in Tipperary will be eligible to apply for the solar schools programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7156/24]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Education the guidance available to schools on protocols in relation to opting out of religious education in schools, and how the school should operate these protocols (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7157/24]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of school admission policies that do not clearly outline detailed arrangements for students who wish to opt out of religious education; if an admission policy that suggests a meeting with the principal to discuss this matter instead of clearly defined arrangements is contrary to the Education (Admissions to Schools) Act 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7158/24]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Education how the Education (Admissions to schools) Act 2018 is enforced, including the processes involved and the number of times it has been enforced in the previous three years; if no such enforcement proceedings have happened to date, if she has plans to begin enforcing the requirements of the 2018 Act; if so, the timeline; the process for reporting non-compliance with the 2018 Act; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7159/24]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Education when it will be possible for a school (details supplied) to make a decision to go ahead with a tender for a school extension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7163/24]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will liaise directly with a school (details supplied) as soon as possible regarding a matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7179/24]



\*201. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give an outline of the school bus lottery system for concessionary seats, outlining in full how seats are allocated through this system. — Robert Troy. [7181/24]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give an update on the review of the school bus system. — Robert Troy. [7182/24]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Education the progress on the provision of a sports gym at a school (details supplied) following her meeting with local Deputies and school representatives. — Brian Stanley. [7195/24]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the possibility of using funding from her Department, the Department of Rural Affairs and Department of Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Tourism, Sports and Media to provide a sports hall at a school (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [7196/24]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 590 of 7 February 2024, the person or body that is responsible for the boarding section of a school; the reason they will not speak with the parents of a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7247/24]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Education the number of Ukrainian pupils enrolled in Irish schools at primary level and at post-primary level, by county as of 9 February 2024 or latest date available, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [7338/24]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a school (details supplied) has not received agreed funding for security measures after a serious incident at the school in October 2022; the reason for the delay in the school accessing this funding; when it will receive funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [7339/24]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Education if plans are in place to provide an ASD room to a school (details supplied) that requires such an addition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7340/24]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Education what accommodation will be provided for a school (details supplied) to increase the number of new pupils it can enrol in September 2024, to meet the needs of the community; when the accommodation will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [7344/24]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the teacher shortage at post-primary level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [7353/24]

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

\*211. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on the instillation of the new Fáilte Ireland-funded outdoor water-based activity infrastructure in Claycastle, Youghal, County Cork that was announced in June 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [7153/24]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on an application (details supplied) pursuant to the sport capital equipment grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [7168/24]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of Gaeltacht scholarships available to post primary level students in DEIS schools; her plans to increase this number; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [7226/24]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total revenue collected by the TV licence in the past four years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [7227/24]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total number of households who paid for a TV licence in the past four years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [7228/24]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total number of prosecutions for not having a TV licence in the past four years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [7229/24]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which the swimming pool development programme is expected to continue, and on what basis over the next two years; the extent of the programme to date in dealing with the needs as represented by local communities throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7318/24]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which her Department continues to reach out to those involved in sporting activities with a view to continuation of sporting activities in the future in line with the needs as presented by local communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7319/24]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the degree to which she continues to support the arts throughout the country with particular reference to both amateur and professional given the need to recover from Covid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7320/24]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she and her Department continue to monitor the tourism sector with a view to ensuring that customers get the best value for money; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7321/24]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on the progress made within her Department on a short term lettings register; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [7327/24]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which provision is being made to ensure that the hotel and leisure industry is adequately prepared for the tourist season both in terms of staff and accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7363/24]



\*223. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she continues to support the tourism sector through the medium of Irish culture at home and abroad with particular reference to the needs of the industry in the present challenging times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7364/24]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which Ireland's traditional culture of welcome, friendship and support continues notwithstanding worldwide threats; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7365/24]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which it is intended to offer grant assistance to major and minor sporting activities throughout the country affecting all sporting activities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7366/24]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the sporting organisations throughout the country, that were impeded from meeting their targets arising from previous sport grant allocations continue to be allowed to rearrange their schedules on foot of Departmental approval; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7367/24]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the efforts currently in hand to ensure the availability of adequate tourist accommodation in all areas throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7389/24]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps already made and ongoing to support the tourism industry in the face of cost-of-living increases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7390/24]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the commitments made in the Programme for Government (details supplied) under the heading arts and culture that have been delivered in full, partly delivered, are in progress or have not been actioned; and to provide a brief statement on each commitment, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7393/24]

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

\*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the long-awaited review for local authority housing adaptation grants will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [7352/24]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he supports maintaining the protected status of fallow and sika deer, under the Wildlife Acts, given they are a non-native species with a seriously detrimental impact on the environment and biodiversity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55789/23]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the role his Department is taking in the Cork Events Centre; the current estimated completion cost and date. — Thomas Gould. [5672/24]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what additional steps he will take to ensure that Dublin City Council acts on foot of the ‘Respiratory Health Among Residents of Oliver Bond House’ report, which showed the scale of the health problems associated with these flats; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7172/24]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will instruct or encourage all local authorities to carry out a full audit of their homes to ensure that they are fit for human habitation and that their conditions are not contributing to or causing ill health to tenants, as has been shown to be the case in Oliver Bond flats recently, as outlined in the ‘Respiratory Health Among Residents of Oliver Bond House’ report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7173/24]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that a single person earning €57,000 gross , or €41,500 net, does not qualify for a one bed unit in a Land Development Agency cost rental scheme and yet is also excluded from social tenancy given the €40,000 income threshold; and the action he will take to remediate the situation. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [7210/24]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of croí cónaithe grants that have been approved, by county, in tabular form. — Richard O’Donoghue. [7215/24]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of croí cónaithe grants that have been paid by the local authority, by county, in tabular form. — Richard O’Donoghue. [7216/24]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 836 of 18 April 2023, if he will comment on the stated position of Kilkenny County Council that the wind map from the Kilkenny County Development Plan 2014-2020 does not remain in force; if wind energy developments in County Kilkenny must now be considered on a case by case basis having regard for Government policy and the wind energy guidelines 2006; if he will clarify this contradiction in order to give clarity to local communities that are concerned about proposed developments and their rights within the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [7219/24]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current position in regard to the introduction of bye-laws/regulations which impact against the interest of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7313/24]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current position in regard to the introduction of bye-laws/regulations which impact against the interest of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7314/24]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current position in regard to the introduction of bye-laws/regulations which impact against the interest of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7315/24]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current position in regard to the introduction of bye-laws/regulations which impact against the interest of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7317/24]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 269 of 25 January 2024, the total amount of the significant investment referenced in addressing defects in housing to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [7329/24]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 269 of 25 January 2024, if he will provide an update on the establishment of a national steering group set up under the new governance structure within CCMA; if he will outline the list of the full membership of the steering group; when the group is scheduled to meet next; to provide an update on the work programme agreed; what resources and funding have been deemed adequate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [7330/24]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how his Department supports local authorities to complete maintenance works on council-owned homes in a timely fashion. — Mairéad Farrell. [7335/24]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of improvement letters, improvement notices and prohibition notices issued by Galway City Council and Galway County Council, respectively in 2023; and if he will provide additional resources to local authorities to ensure properties in private rental market meet minimum standards. — Mairéad Farrell. [7336/24]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current position in regard to the introduction of bye-laws/regulations which impact against the interest of a person (details supplied); if direct negotiations can be entered into with a view to addressing the housing and mooring concerns which should be possible to resolve in an amicable fashion without unnecessary financial impact on their living costs; if account is being taken of ability to pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7368/24]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current position in regard to the introduction of bye-laws/regulations which impact against the interest of a person (details supplied); if direct negotiations can be entered into with a view to addressing the housing and mooring concerns which should be possible to resolve in an amicable fashion without unnecessary financial impact on their living costs; if account is being taken of ability to pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7369/24]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current position in regard to the introduction of bye-laws/regulations which impact against the interest of a person (details supplied); if direct negotiations can be entered into with a view to addressing the housing and mooring concerns which should be possible to resolve in an amicable fashion without unnecessary financial impact on their living costs; if account is being taken of ability to pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7370/24]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the further steps that can be taken to dramatically increase the housing output to meet the requirements of both the public and private housing programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7374/24]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses completed in County Kildare in the past two years in respect of private development or local

authority development proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7375/24]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if plans can be put in place to arrange for modular or chalet type wooden housing as a means of addressing the severe housing shortage with a view to reducing the dependence on high priced rental accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7376/24]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps, if any, he has taken to improve the planning process in terms of more rapid determination of applications and appeals to An Bord Pleanála having regard to the situation in respect of backlogs and waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7377/24]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of houses provided by approved housing bodies, on a county-by-county basis, for suitably qualified applicants in each of the past three years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7378/24]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the degree to which the various forms of assistance available for first time house buyers are upgrading satisfactorily without contributing to house price inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7379/24]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to what extent he expects to be in a position to improve or augment the various schemes encompassing the Housing For All programme with a view to identifying how best these might be improved to meet the challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7380/24]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his proposals to address the ever-present problem of homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7381/24]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what steps can be taken by the local authorities to facilitate the granting of planning permission for rural applicants who have a need of rehousing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7382/24]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of exclusively publicly owned sites in the various local authority areas throughout the country in which houses are being built or will be built in the near future for persons seeking local authority housing, affordable housing or serviced sites; the extent to which these might make positive impact on the housing market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7383/24]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses allocated to each local authority throughout the country including County Kildare by way of Part 5 arising from private ongoing developments, the extent to which this has reduced numbers on waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7384/24]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the degree to which housing policy can be modified to deliver the product at an accelerated pace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7385/24]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if further consideration could be given to the plight of those who have failed to qualify for a local authority house on the basis of their income being too high and failed to secure a loan from the local authority on the basis of their income being too low, if they might be reconsidered for a local authority house on the grounds that their situation is not improving with the passage of time; if he might indicate the total number of such applicants who have so failed to obtain a home; if they might separately be considered under a new scheme where they might qualify under a manageable heading who are currently facing rent increases which are already in the unmanageable bracket; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7386/24]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of applicants on local authority housing waiting lists currently awaiting rehousing; the number refused as allegedly having an income in excess of the guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7387/24]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications for local authority housing loans throughout the country where such applications were unsuccessful due to having an income less than the statutory requirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7388/24]

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

\*265. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for an invalidity pension (details supplied) can be expedited and approved. — John McGuinness. [7148/24]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 300 of 1 February 2024, if she can provide the number of persons who have been notified to the Department of Social Protection by the Department of Justice who do not fulfil the habitual residence condition, and the numbers of persons who, in the same period, have had their social protection benefits discontinued by the Minister's Department, in tabular form, by county and by year since 2016. — Patrick O'Donovan. [7174/24]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when social welfare payment will be made in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7316/24]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the delay in the rollout of the social inclusion voucher scheme for Irish sign language (details supplied); when the scheme will be available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [7323/24]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on a situation (details supplied); the steps she will take to reinstate funding as a matter of priority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [7326/24]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current position regarding the Irish sign language voucher scheme; if the scheme is being continued; if she will address concerns raised

regarding the discontinuation of the voucher scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7345/24]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average processing times for appeals made under section 317 of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [7346/24]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average processing times for appeals made under section 318 of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [7347/24]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if maternity benefit might issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7359/24]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when child benefit will be paid in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7360/24]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) might qualify for State pension contributory or non-contributory; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7361/24]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the non-contributory pension might be made payable in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7371/24]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if disability allowance or benefit is payable to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7372/24]

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

\*278. To ask the Minister for Justice further to her own remarks on the matter (details supplied), what opt in procedure the Government will adopt with respect to the New Pact on Migration and Asylum of the EU; and, in particular, whether the opt in will be exercised under article 3 or article 4 of Protocol 21 annexed to the Treaty of Lisbon. — Pa Daly. [7154/24]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Justice to confirm the current status of a person's (detail supplied) application for citizenship; when a decision is likely to be reached, in view of the fact that the application was submitted over two years ago; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7167/24]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Justice what current plans exist to address complaints about GSOC, in view of the recently passed Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [7191/24]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision will be made on the application for citizenship by a person (details supplied) who applied to her Department for citizenship on 19 February 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [7194/24]



\*282. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated number of asylum applicants who produce documentation confirming their identity at any point during the asylum process for the years 2018-2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [7200/24]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons landing at airports or arriving through ferry ports without travel documentation; and the number of these persons that then applied for asylum for the years 2018-2023, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [7201/24]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of GNIB cards issued by her Department in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Richard O'Donoghue. [7214/24]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on her plans to roll-out additional refuge spaces for domestic violence survivors in an area (details supplied). — Claire Kerrane. [7258/24]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new gardaí allocated to counties Roscommon and Galway in 2023, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [7259/24]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons refused entry to the state every year for the past four years; the reasons for refusal; the point of entry where entry was refused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [7309/24]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who have been refused asylum in Ireland every year for the past four years; the number of deportations that have been carried out each year for the past four years; the number of people given self-deportation orders; the number of those that have been carried out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [7310/24]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Justice the current status and possibility, of stamp 4 in respect of a person (details supplied). — Bernard J. Durkan. [7312/24]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Justice when a person (details supplied) can be joined by their spouse under the appropriate application process in respect of a visa; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7356/24]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Justice when renewal of a stamp 4 application (details supplied) will be granted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7357/24]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Justice the current position as regards residency for persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7358/24]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Justice when citizenship status might be approved in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7362/24]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7373/24]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is considering the provision of an upload portal in order to improve road safety; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [7398/24]

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

\*296. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to give consideration to an urgent query (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [7169/24]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how Horse Racing Ireland and Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board record deaths for the year; if all deaths within 48 hours or due to a direct injury from the track are included in the yearly data (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [7183/24]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the programme that will be put in place for the fisheries local action groups under the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund, to replace the previous programme; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7197/24]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide the number of cattle from controlled finishing units in the State slaughtered in Northern Ireland in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively. — Michael McNamara. [7236/24]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide the number of cattle from feedlots in Northern Ireland, similar to controlled finishing units in this jurisdiction, slaughtered in this State in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively. — Michael McNamara. [7237/24]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding that is available for SNP testing for 2024, for ponies previously MS tested and new foals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [7341/24]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has tested wild deer in the Kilcolgan and Kinvara area of County Galway for TB over the past five years; if so, the results; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [7391/24]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has tested badgers in the Kilcolgan and Kinvara areas of County Galway for TB over the past five years; if so, the results; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [7392/24]

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

\*304. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on recruitment for the community neurological team in CHO4. — Thomas Gould. [7192/24]



\*305. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide in tabular form the current number of children on all waiting lists under the Children Disability Network Teams (CDNT), including initial assessment and waiting lists for all therapies available under CDNT in counties Roscommon and Galway. — Claire Kerrane. [7249/24]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to advise if he has received a request for funding (details supplied); the status of this application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [7256/24]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding the community neurorehabilitation team that was committed to by the HSE in 2019 for CHO6; a timeline for this to come into operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [7128/24]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the progress of the Equality (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021, given that over 12 months have passed since the Minister said he would work with the sponsors to see the Bill advance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [7166/24]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when home care support for a person (details supplied) will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [7171/24]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details as to the reason the Government failed to include capital provision in the budget for the youth organisations in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [7186/24]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the new Action Plan for Youth Services will be costed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [7187/24]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will commit to conducting a scoping exercise and workforce development plan for the youth services sector, in line with the recommendation from the Oireachtas Committee report on the Future of Youth Work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [7188/24]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has any plans to move to multi-annual funding, to allow medium and longer-term programming with greater confidence, as recommended by the Future of Youth Work report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [7189/24]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when will the details of the youth employability scheme be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [7190/24]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what legislation anticipated will be updated if each of the referenda planned for March are passed; what those updates will consist of in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [7238/24]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide the waiting list for assessments of need for children in Clare, by time waiting, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [7331/24]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to create a database for a centralised system to monitor and manage applications and referrals for PA service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [7332/24]

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

\*318. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of a campaign by an organisation (details supplied) calling for urgent regulation of CAMHS under the Mental Health Act 2001; if he will take action to ensure an immediate reform of CAMHS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [7205/24]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the capacity of the department of clinical genetics of Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin, as at present people living with a rare disease wait over two years for a diagnosis after a referral for genetic testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [7108/24]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Health about the capital plan working group tasked with the development of a ten-year plan to address the existing and future capital requirements within mental health; who is on this working group; how often they will meet; when such a plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [7109/24]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the community neurorehabilitation team that was committed to by the HSE in 2019 for CHO7; a timeline for this to come into operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [7127/24]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment can be expedited (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7165/24]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on implementation of each of the recommendations of the Sláintecare report of the Oireachtas Committee on the Future of Healthcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7170/24]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive a rheumatology appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [7175/24]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Health if nursing home charges will be refunded to a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [7176/24]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will clarify a matter concerning sensors (details supplied) used by type 1 diabetes pump users. — Alan Dillon. [7177/24]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Health what methods his Department will employ to select a chairperson for the inquiry into sodium valporate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [7184/24]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to review the health services currently covered by medical cards and GP visit cards, with a view to ensuring the inclusion of blood tests; the details of any recent engagement he or his Department has had with GP representative bodies with a view to reaching an agreement that no charges for blood tests would be applied in any circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7185/24]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Health to review the urgent need for regulations and reform of CAHMS; what plans are currently in place to achieve this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [7193/24]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the non-capital (current) Government expenditure on Bantry General Hospital in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7202/24]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients treated in Bantry General Hospital in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [7203/24]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will offer an option for early adoption were safe, of the MMR vaccine considering the possibility of a future larger outbreak in the country, and the fact that the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention recommends infants from six months to 11 months get a single dose of the MMR with two additional doses where international travel is planned; the reason the HSE is not following the CDC recommendation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [7204/24]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Health which vaccination centres are being used in CHO9 for the MMR vaccine programme; if alternative centres will be provided for those who are unable to travel to the offered centre; the uptake of the MMR vaccine in CHO9 over the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [7206/24]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the lack of genetic services throughout the country, that due to the lack of services people living with rare diseases are on waiting lists for the incorrect treatments; if additional funding will be provided for this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [7213/24]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the ratification on the pay restoration proposals for Section 39 workers agreed in the WRC last November; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [7220/24]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Health whether there are plans within his Department for an expansion of the Laura Brennan HPV catch-up vaccination programme; and if so, to provide details of when this service will be available. — Holly Cairns. [7223/24]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Health if all of the outstanding queries submitted to the Department and KOSI relating to the categories of persons entitled to the Covid 19 recognition payment have been resolved; if all nurses in community intervention teams in CareDoc have been paid; if nurses and frontline staff employed by companies such as resilience care were included in the scheme; and if not, why not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [7233/24]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the action being taken by his Department and the HSE relative to a complaint made by the family of the late person (details supplied) while in the care of the health service in Carlow and Kilkenny, and as outlined to him and others in correspondence dated 22 December 2021; if a comprehensive response to each of the issues raised will be provided to the family; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [7234/24]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing levels within the Wexford CAMHS services; the current vacancies that are presently available within the Wexford CAMHS services, in tabular form; the vacancies that are currently with the national recruitment services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [7239/24]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of referrals for support services to Wexford CAMHS services awaiting assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [7240/24]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Health the acceptance rate for referrals to Wexford CAMHS in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [7241/24]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently awaiting an initial assessment for support services in Wexford CAMHS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [7242/24]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form the current number of people on waiting lists for home care in counties Roscommon and Galway; and the average time people have been waiting.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [7248/24]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form the current number of vacancies, if any, in a facility (details supplied); the length of time the vacancy has existed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [7250/24]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form the current number of dentists in counties Roscommon and Galway who are currently seeing medical card patients. — Claire Kerrane. [7251/24]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form the current number of children waiting for various therapies under primary care in counties Roscommon and Galway, along with the average waiting times, including age cohorts. — Claire Kerrane. [7252/24]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on a new build (details supplied). — Claire Kerrane. [7253/24]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on a new build (details supplied). — Claire Kerrane. [7254/24]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of children waiting for a service, in tabular form (details supplied); and the average waiting time. — Claire Kerrane. [7255/24]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of additional health resources provided to communities for a specific reason (details supplied). — Claire Kerrane. [7257/24]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of additional health resources provided to communities for a specific reason (details supplied). — Claire Kerrane. [7257/24]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the former HSE chief strategy officer has been replaced by the acting CSO; whether a process is under way to investigate a previous procurement matter highlighted to be of concern by the HSE CEO relating to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [7262/24]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the tender for the second phase of the HSEs Hospital performance visualisation platform to be issued; when he expects it to be completed; the estimated cost of phase two; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [7263/24]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Health the amount that has been spent to date on developing the HSEs integrated information system; how many hospitals it is connected to; how much of the spending has been paid to external contractors and management consulting firms (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [7264/24]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on primary care and community healthcare waiting lists, for each care service, at the end of January in each of the years 2019-2024; the breakdown by length of wait and by age; the number waiting for initial assessment, initial therapy/intervention and follow up therapy/intervention for each speciality, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [7265/24]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on home support waiting lists for a carer at the end of January of each year 2019-2024, inclusive; and the breakdown by length of wait, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7266/24]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are receiving less than their full allocation of home support hours at the end of January of each year 2019-2024. — David Cullinane. [7267/24]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on CAMHS waiting lists by CHO; and length of wait at the end of January of each year 2019-2024, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7268/24]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on HSE dental and orthodontic waiting lists at the end of January of each year 2019-2024, broken down by standard waiting times, by area, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7269/24]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer-related appointments and procedures which were cancelled for January for each year 2022-2024, inclusive, by hospital, for adults and for children, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7270/24]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed transfers of care for January for each year 2019-2024, inclusive, at each location; the number of delayed discharges and the number as a percentage of all discharges; the number of bed days lost and the number as a percentage of all bed days available for the period, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7271/24]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Health the bed occupancy rates of each public and public voluntary hospital, by hospital group, for January for each year 2019-2024, inclusive; the national

average, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [7272/24]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Health the number of days that full capacity protocols have been active, for each model 3 and model 4 hospital, for January for each year 2019-2024 to date, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7273/24]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against patients at HSE facilities for January for each year 2019-2024, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7274/24]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against staff at HSE facilities for January for each year 2019-2024, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7275/24]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Health the average patient experience time to admission via an emergency department for all patients for January of each year 2019-2024, inclusive, statewide and for each location in tabular form; the average for all patients; the average for patients aged under 75 years and the average for patients aged 75 years or older. — David Cullinane. [7276/24]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who attended an emergency department for January of each year 2019-2024, inclusive, statewide and by location in tabular form; the number and percentage of patients who were admitted via an emergency department; the number and percentage who were waiting 0-6 hours, 0-9 hours, 9-24 hours, and 24+ hours; the number for all patients; the number and percentage for patients aged under 75 years and the number and percentage for patients aged over 75 years. — David Cullinane. [7277/24]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Health the maximum patient experience time to admission registered at each emergency department for January of each year 2019-2024, inclusive in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7278/24]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who left an emergency department without being seen in the month for January of each year 2019-2024, inclusive, by hospital, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7279/24]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, for January of each year 2022-2024, inclusive by hospital group and hospital, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7280/24]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of Clinical Status 1 ECHO and Clinical Status 1 DELTA incidents responded to by a patient-carrying vehicle in 18 minutes and 59 seconds or less for January for each year 2019-2024, inclusive, nationally and by ambulance region, in tabular form; the average length of such response times nationally and by region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [7281/24]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of incidents responded to by the ambulance service by clinical status and sub-status for January for each year 2019-2024, inclusive. — David Cullinane. [7282/24]



\*373. To ask the Minister for Health the average ambulance turnaround time at each emergency department for January 2023 and 2024, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7283/24]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on Children's Health Ireland waiting lists at each location, including suspensions, waiting for spina bifida and/or scoliosis-related procedures at the end of January 2019-2024, in tabular form; the number of patients waiting greater than the Sláintecare target times; the number waiting 0-6 months, 6-12 month, 12-18 months, and 18+ months. — David Cullinane. [7284/24]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Health the number of spinal fusion and other paediatric orthopaedic procedures carried out by Children's Health Ireland in January 2019-2024 at each location, in tabular form; the number which have been outsourced and the location at which they were conducted. — David Cullinane. [7285/24]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Health the average patient experience time to admission via an emergency department for all patients for each quarter of each year 2019-2023, inclusive, Statewide and for each location; the average for all patients; the average for patients aged under 75; and the average for patients aged 75 or older, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7286/24]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who attended an emergency department for each quarter of each year 2019-2023, inclusive, Statewide and by location; the number and percentage of patients who were admitted via an emergency department; the number and percentage who were waiting 0-6 hours, 0-9 hours, 9-24 hours, and 24+ hours; the number for all patients, the number and percentage for patients aged under 75, the number and percentage for patients aged over 75 years, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7287/24]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Health the maximum patient experience time to admission registered at each emergency department for each quarter of each year 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7288/24]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who left an emergency department without being seen in the month for each quarter of each year 2019-2023, inclusive, by hospital, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7289/24]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, for each quarter of each year 2022-2023, inclusive, by hospital group and hospital, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7290/24]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer-related appointments and procedures which were cancelled for each quarter for each year 2022-2023, inclusive, by hospital, for adults and for children, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7291/24]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed transfers of care for each quarter for each year 2019-2023, inclusive, at each location in tabular form; the number of delayed discharges and the number as a percentage of all discharges; the number of bed days lost and the number as a percentage of all bed days available for the period. — David Cullinane. [7292/24]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Health the bed occupancy rates of each public and public voluntary hospital, by hospital group, for each quarter for each year 2019-2023, inclusive,

in tabular form; the national average; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [7293/24]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Health for each model 3 and model 4 hospital, the number of days that full capacity protocols have been active, for each quarter for each year 2019-2023 to date, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7294/24]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against patients at HSE facilities for each quarter for each year 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7295/24]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against staff at HSE facilities for each quarter for each year 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7296/24]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of Clinical Status 1 ECHO and Clinical Status 1 DELTA incidents responded to by a patient-carrying vehicle in 18 minutes and 59 seconds or less for each quarter for each year 2019-2023, inclusive, nationally and by ambulance region in tabular form; the average length of such response times nationally and by region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [7297/24]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of incidents responded to by the ambulance service by clinical status and sub status for each quarter for each year 2019-2023, inclusive. — David Cullinane. [7298/24]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Health average ambulance turnaround time at each emergency department for each quarter in 2023, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7299/24]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on Children's Health Ireland waiting lists at each location, including suspensions, waiting for spina bifida and/or scoliosis-related procedures at the end of each year 2019-2023, in tabular form; the number of patients waiting greater than the Sláintecare target times; and the number waiting 0-6 months, 6-12 month, 12-18 months, and 18+ months. — David Cullinane. [7300/24]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Health the number of spinal fusion and other paediatric orthopaedic procedures carried out by Children's Health Ireland in each year 2019-2023 by month at each location in tabular form; the number which have been outsourced and the location at which they were conducted. — David Cullinane. [7301/24]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on primary care and community healthcare waiting lists, for each care service, at the end of each year 2019-2023; the breakdown by length of wait and by age; the numbers waiting for initial assessment, initial therapy/intervention, and follow up therapy/intervention for each specialty, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [7302/24]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on home support waiting lists for a carer at the end of each month of each year 2019-2023, inclusive; the breakdown by length of wait, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7303/24]



\*394. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who are receiving less than their full allocation of home support hours at the end of each month of each year 2019-2023. — David Cullinane. [7304/24]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on CAMHS waiting lists by CHO and length of wait at the end of each quarter of each year 2019-2023, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7305/24]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on waiting lists for Jigsaw by CHO and length of wait at the end of each quarter of each year 2019-2023, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7306/24]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on diagnostic waiting lists at the end of each quarter of 2022-2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [7307/24]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on HSE dental and orthodontic waiting lists at the end of each quarter of each year 2019-2023, broken down by standard waiting times, by area, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [7308/24]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to expand the parameters of the publicly-funded IVF scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [7311/24]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the recruitment of the neurorehabilitation teams in CHO2, 4, 6 and 7 will commence. — Catherine Murphy. [7322/24]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Health the number of licence applications he has received to date under Misuse of Drugs Act 1977 known as the Ministerial licence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [7328/24]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Health if the recent pause on recruitment includes home care workers (home support); if so, if he will intervene to allow the HSE in CHO4 replace the 189 health care assistants (home support) that have retired or resigned in the period January to end September 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [7337/24]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Health if the temporary scheme of special leave with pay for healthcare workers with long-Covid will be extended past March 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [7354/24]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Health the plans for a facility (details supplied) when it is vacated by patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [7395/24]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Health further to a previous a Parliamentary Question if he will provide an update on the provision of a primary care centre in New Ross, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [7409/24]

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

\*406. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to provide improved contracts, redress, employment conditions and pensions for adult education teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [7119/24]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will give detailed consideration to all the issues outlined in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7129/24]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department will offer adult education tutors parity with their post-primary colleagues doing the same work and a contract that truly reflects their professionalism and dedication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [7211/24]

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

\*409. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to confirm that Ireland has amongst the worst drowning rates in Europe; whether she intends to remedy this by increasing the number of lifeguards employed, ensuring proper training of all lifeguards, extending the months of the year that lifeguards are employed to cover the whole year, and by providing all lifeguards with the necessary equipment, such as radios, all-terrain vehicles and defibrillators, in line with European best practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7110/24]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will support an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7130/24]