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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

1. To ask the Minister for Health to report on his plans for tackling the length of waiting lists for access to children's health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [9678/24]

2. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the status of the Health Service Executive recruitment freeze; the cap on net additional approved posts for 2024; his plans if the Health Service Executive cannot remain within this cap; if he will seek additional posts for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [9679/24]

3. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that a local recruitment campaign is carried out in south Tipperary for the National Ambulance Service; if the NAS will commit to providing a recruitment officer to visit schools and attend job recruitment seminars locally and develop local advertising to improve recruitment prospects in south Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8947/24]

4. To ask the Minister for Health when the model 3 hospital pilot sites study will commence; how long it will last; how will the results of the study will be assessed by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9277/24]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

5. To ask the Minister for Health whether his Department is evolving strategies to divert the flow of older patients from accident and emergency departments into more suitable pathways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [9730/24]

6. To ask the Minister for Health what steps are being taken to improve the recruitment for all grades involved in CAMHS in order that fully resourced teams can be in place across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9414/24]

7. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reinstate an accident and emergency department at Ennis Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [9591/24]

8. To ask the Minister for Health if the new drug veeza can be made available on the drugs payment scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [9695/24]

9. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychologists employed by CAMHS in the Meath area; the number of psychologists working in CAMHS in the Meath area; the size of the waiting list for access to CAMHS services in the Meath area; the average time waiting to secure an appointment with a psychologist in the Meath area; the average waiting time to access CAMHS services in the Meath area in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9553/24]

10. To ask the Minister for Health if he will grant funding for a satellite haemodialysis unit at Ennis Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [9592/24]

11. To ask the Minister for Health what assistance can be given to a person who is living in full time care in a nursing home, registered disabled, non-verbal, and no family assistance and requires transport for various treatment at different hospitals; who is responsible for transport costs to and from medical appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [9701/24]

12. To ask the Minister for Health whether his Department has mapped out a pathway for the role technology can play in keeping patients healthy and in the planned statutory home care scheme; and the status of the planned roll-out of the planned actions. — Richard Bruton. [9731/24]

13. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to increase the number of operational inpatient CAMHS beds from 52 currently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [9505/24]

14. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he and his Department are taking to ensure greater utilisation of technology for the provision of health care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [9662/24]

15. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the measures being implemented to increase the number of GPs practicing in rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9717/24]

16. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the use in certain retail outlets of text only, large, colourful and attention-grabbing posters which are used to highlight a select number of tobacco products for sale; if he has examined whether such posters are contrary to regulations and standards; if he has sought an update on enforcement where this is the case; if he will address through regulation this issue which allows for the use of these attention-grabbing price lists for tobacco products in retail stores; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [9683/24]

17. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deal with the shortage of GPs in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [9369/24]

18. To ask the Minister for Health if health service workers returning from career breaks will be able to return to work as agreed and not be impacted by the current HSE recruitment freeze; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [9478/24]

19. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the ownership of a nursing home (details supplied); if it remains in the ownership of the State in the form of the HSE; if there are plans to dispose of it; if local people can continue to enjoy historical rights-of-way over parts of the land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9377/24]

20. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being implemented to recruit and retain more GPs in rural practices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9716/24]

21. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that the advanced paramedic roster put in place in County Roscommon after the closure of the accident and emergency unit is restored in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [9148/24]

22. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on reviews into serious patient safety incidents at University Hospital Limerick's emergency department; the number of such incidents; his plans to deliver safe capacity at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [9682/24]

23. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has conducted a consultation with stakeholders on the policy topic incentives of the EU's General Pharmaceutical legislation; the findings of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [9719/24]

24. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the neurology/epilepsy nursing phone support service at CHI Crumlin has been curtailed to one hour a day, three days a week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7778/24]

25. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on Macroom day care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [9696/24]

26. To ask the Minister for Health if he will supply data for the ten fastest and ten slowest approvals of orphan drugs by the HSE, by year, for the period 2014 to 2023, stating the date on which the applications for said drugs were received by the HSE and the date on which a reimbursement decision was subsequently made, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [9461/24]

27. To ask the Minister for Health the measures his Department will take to help tackle issues at University Hospital Limerick and the knock-on effect on public health in the midwest region. — Cathal Crowe. [9347/24]

28. To ask the Minister for Health the current breakdown of all staffing types at West Kerry Community Hospital; what net recruitment progress has been made in each category each year since 2019; the current bed compliment; the breakdown of bed types; how many people are currently waiting for a bed in the hospital; what recruitment efforts are being made for each category of staff, including healthcare assistants and nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9581/24]

29. To ask the Minister for Health whether he is aware of a reduction in service in SouthDoc, Blackpool; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [9637/24]

30. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the National Ambulance Service is no longer training advanced paramedics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [9147/24]

31. To ask the Minister for Health the expected final cost of the National Children's Hospital; and whether it will meet the deadline for completion. — Brian Stanley. [8119/24]

32. To ask the Minister for Health the work his Department is conducting to tackle, mitigate and adapt to the impact of climate change on the health sector; to report on any delayed actions that his Department is leading on as part of the climate action plan 2023; what proportion are complete and what proportion are delayed; if any are still outstanding from the 2021 climate action plan; the expected timeline for delivery for all delayed actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9554/24]

33. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of a recent ESRI report that found there is an immediate 1,000 bed deficit across public hospitals and an additional 330 beds are required each year for the foreseeable future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [9503/24]

34. To ask the Minister for Health for an update the movement of elderly residents out of the willow and sycamore units in Cherry Orchard Hospital; if he will provide a progress report on works carried out at the units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [9582/24]

35. To ask the Minister for Health following the steps his Department will take on the recommendations of the Health Research Board's clinical review of the medical cannabis access programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [9507/24]

36. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the proposed changes to the funding model for post-mastectomy products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [9368/24]

37. To ask the Minister for Health the State's position with respect to the EU revision of pharmaceutical legislation ahead of EU Parliamentary Committee votes expected in March 2024; if he supports proposals to reduce regulatory data protection for manufacturers; the impact that such a reduction will have on patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [9568/24]

38. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years who are on NTPF treatment waiting lists; and the number of these who are waiting for over 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [9504/24]

39. To ask the Minister for Health the number of reductions of attendances in emergency departments in each public and voluntary hospital in 2023 relative to 2022 following on from his positive statement of a 20% reduction in ED attendances overall in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [9550/24]

40. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an action plan to address CAHMS waiting lists in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [9481/24]

41. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the planned developments at Belmullet and Ballina District Hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [9700/24]

42. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the establishment of a dedicated intestinal failure unit in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [9482/24]

43. To ask the Minister for Health what measures are in place to increase the number of home care providers and home help professionals in community healthcare networks versus the level of demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [9723/24]

44. To ask the Minister for Health his Department's plans for the role out of the community paramedics position within the Ambulance Service; the impact they can make on casualty admissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9412/24]

45. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for lengthy waiting times for MRI scans at Temple Street Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [9715/24]

46. To ask the Minister for Health what progress has been made in the delivery of the new surgical hub for Cork University Hospital; the up-to-date position with regard to the new elective hospital in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [9699/24]

47. To ask the Minister for Health the Government's position in respect of the European Union's revision of pharmaceutical legislation, given that EU Parliamentary Committee votes are expected in March 2024; if he supports proposals to reduce regulatory data protection for manufacturers; the impact that such a reduction will have on patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [8933/24]

48. To ask the Minister for Health if RSV vaccines will be available to sections of the population this winter; if so, how such a vaccination programme will be rolled out; how the vaccines will be procured in light of the State's experience of the pandemic vaccine procurement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9376/24]

49. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the issue of the GP service in Swanlinbar, County Cavan; if the HSE has agreed to meet with the residents to discuss potential solutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [9714/24]

50. To ask the Minister for Health the total spend on agency staff in the HSE in 2022 and 2023 in CHO8. — Brian Stanley. [8118/24]

51. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1860 of 17 January 2024, if his Department has concluded its review of the SAR/PBC for the new emergency department, women and children's block at University Hospital Galway; the expected timeline for it to proceed to pre-tender stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9509/24]

52. To ask the Minister for Health about the record number of patients being treated on hospital trolleys at University Hospital Limerick, and the immediate, medium- and long-term steps being taken to address this crisis. — Maurice Quinlivan. [7905/24]

53. To ask the Minister for Health the current position in relation to non-elective surgeries in University Hospital Kerry; when such surgeries ceased; when they will re-commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9580/24]

54. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the progression and timeline for the appointment of the members of the commission on care for older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [9516/24]

55. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the 49 recommendations made by the Mental Health Commission in their report on CAMHS, and how many of these recommendations have been addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [9684/24]

56. To ask the Minister for Health if he can provide assurances that vital services such as physiotherapy and occupational therapy service, and current bed numbers, will remain at Saint Joseph's Community Hospital in Donegal in the long term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9710/24]

57. To ask the Minister for Health the progress throughout the hospital building programme including, Naas Hospital and all others throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9590/24]

58. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an action plan for the increasing of staffing and resources for community disability network teams in order to tackle waiting lists and provide services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [9479/24]

59. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he and his Department have in place to address the severe shortage of GPs in the south Kildare area, to address the fact that there is an almost two week wait to obtain a GP appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [9740/24]

60. To ask the Minister for Health the Government's position in respect of the European Union's revision of pharmaceutical legislation given that EU Parliamentary Committee votes are expected in March 2024; if he supports proposals to reduce regulatory data protection for manufacturers; to outline the impact that such a reduction will have on patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [9698/24]

61. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the re-commencement of construction at Ballyhaunis Primary Care Centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [9724/24]

62. To ask the Minister for Health when a health facility (details supplied) will be fully operational and construction works complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [9666/24]

63. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects an inquiry into the national Covid response to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [9515/24]

64. To ask the Minister for Health what steps are being taken to increase the number of GPs available in the country; if all options are being taken to recruit from abroad to fill the gap in service; how the increase in population has increased the demand for services as well; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9413/24]

65. To ask the Minister for Health if he will look at finding a new location for an ambulance base for Athlone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [9661/24]

66. To ask the Minister for Health to outline any provisions that ensure that people have dentists in their locality that accept medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [9480/24]

67. To ask the Minister for Health the latest details of a capital project (detail supplied) from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [9657/24]

68. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant orthopaedic surgeons in the State and on the island who are sufficiently qualified and skilled to undertake kyphectomies; if he has examined treatment abroad options for children requiring kyphectomies; his plans to address service deficits in this area; if he has sought for the Health Service Executive or Children's Health Ireland to undertake an international search to recruit an additional consultant capable of delivering such a service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [9681/24]

69. To ask the Minister for Health the level of expenditure by the HSE on orphan medicines in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [9460/24]

70. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date on seeking alternative accommodation on the campus of Cherry Orchard Hospital for the remaining patients who are presently residing at the willow/sycamore units on the COH campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [9506/24]

71. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the health authorities continue to and have identified any or all weaknesses in the delivery of all health services throughout the country in terms of the availability of GPs, adequate hospital consultants, research facilities, and the establishment of a good practice code at all accident and emergency departments throughout the country; the extent to which any shortcomings have been identified and a resolution proposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9589/24]

72. To ask the Minister for Health the current stage of the elective hospital in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [9636/24]

73. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase access to rural GP and local health care services; to report on his engagements with his Department and Health Service Executive officials and an organisation (details supplied) regarding the development of a directly employed GP contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [9680/24]

74. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the 49 recommendations made by the Mental Health Commission in its report on CAMHS; how many of these recommendations have been addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [9605/24]

75. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on filling the position of a dietician at Swords Health Centre that is currently vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [9477/24]

76. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 146 of 31 January 2024, for an update on his engagement with persons with intellectual disability and their representative groups, with regard to the availability of dental services for persons with disabilities who are medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9508/24]

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

77. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what engagement he has had with Tulsa as it struggles to respond to increased demand for its services, given that this increased demand, together with the complex needs of the children and young people presenting, have swamped the agency (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [9495/24]

78. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the Optional Protocol for the UN Convention on the Rights of People With Disabilities will be ratified within the term of this Government; if so, when it will be ratified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [9742/24]

79. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details of what audits are being carried out in areas where his Department has taken the decision to place refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [9685/24]

80. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of companies contracted by Tusla to provide special emergency accommodation for children in care; and the amount paid to each company in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [8789/24]

81. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to progress residential care accommodation in south Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [9890/24]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

82. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide further details on the €18 million capital funding announced recently with the

precondition that providers agree to a predefined fee cap; what supports will be available for services to encourage them to apply, given the high number of services that applied and were not successful in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [9497/24]

83. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the capital plan for the respite centre in Cavan, which will cater for children, has been launched; the timeframe for the delivery of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [9734/24]

84. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons with disabilities that received home support hours in CHO5 in 2023; the number of persons with disabilities in 2023 that received personal assistance hours in CHO5 in 2023; the total number of hours provided in each category in CHO5 in 2023; the target number of hours for each category in CHO5 in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [9525/24]

85. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of an increase in providers leaving the core funding model; the steps his Department is taking on this issue; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this move equates to higher charges for parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9520/24]

86. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the new youth employability funding scheme will be announced; how much has been set aside; the application criteria; when he expects to announce recipients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [9194/24]

87. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the delivery of the children's disability network team in Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [9028/24]

88. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons with disabilities that received home support hours in CHO6 in 2023; the number of persons with disabilities in 2023 that received personal assistance hours in CHO6 in 2023; the total number of hours provided in each category in CHO6 in 2023; the target number of hours for each category in CHO6 in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9526/24]

89. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he remains satisfied that the rights of the child are fully recognised in accordance with the people's decision in a referendum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9588/24]

90. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of asylum seekers that have not been provided with accommodation by his Department; when he expects that accommodation will be provided for all asylum seekers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [9512/24]

91. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons with disabilities that received home support hours in CHO8 in 2023; the number of persons with disabilities in 2023 that received personal assistance hours in CHO8 in 2023; the

total number of hours provided in each category in CHO8 in 2023; the target number of hours for each category in CHO8 in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [9528/24]

92. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 526 of 23 January 2024, when the mother and baby institutions redress scheme will be open for applications; the timeline for when payments will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9501/24]

93. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the autism innovation strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [8383/24]

94. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on the need to review the funding streams for family resource centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [9663/24]

95. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his Department's priorities for 2024 with regard to the Action Plan for Disability Services 2024 – 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [8384/24]

96. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he expects to publish the revised White Paper on ending direct provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [9686/24]

97. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth with anecdotal evidence of a 60% vacancy rate in Cavan Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT), if he will give a update on the vacancy rate within both Cavan and Monaghan CDNT's; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [9735/24]

98. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason for his failure to respond to multiple emails from this Deputy requesting details on all sites to accommodate people seeking temporary international protection in south Kildare, to include those currently in process, or being considered for such sites, and the number planned to be accommodated at same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [9739/24]

99. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the Optional Protocol for the UN Convention on the Rights of People With Disabilities will be ratified within the term of this Government; if so, when it will be ratified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [9518/24]

100. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he report on the remit and progress of the new Childcare Development Agency; how it will integrate the work of county childcare committees; and the new planned capital budgets for Childcare Development. — Richard Bruton. [9732/24]

101. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the financial allocation in 2024 for youth services; if this funding will enable the roll out of additional services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9727/24]

102. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to report on respite for children and adults with disabilities in County Meath; if he will provide an update on plans to increase respite for children and adults with disabilities in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9569/24]

103. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he is satisfied that adequate protection is available to children, nationals and non-nationals; if Tusla has adequate powers to fulfil its role in all such situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9587/24]

104. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons with disabilities that received home support hours in CHO9 in 2023; the number of persons with disabilities in 2023 that received personal assistance hours in CHO9 in 2023; the total number of hours provided in each category in CHO9 in 2023; the target number of hours for each category in CHO9 in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [9529/24]

105. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has had any engagement with Icelandic planet youth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [9572/24]

106. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the building blocks improvement grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [9027/24]

107. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline the process and considerations his Department give when an offer of accommodation for asylum seekers is made to his Department prior to a decision to progress such offers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [9709/24]

108. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the impact of the recruitment embargo on children's disability services in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [9638/24]

109. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current capacity of respite care in County Cork for children with disabilities; the current shortfall on providing the respite service for children with disabilities for County Cork; what measures are being taken to increase the current capacity to meet the demands identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [9697/24]

110. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the exact date of the opening of the mother and baby institutions payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [9498/24]

111. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department is aware of the Icelandic planet youth model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [9571/24]

112. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is a plan to expand entitlements to flexible working and remote working contained in the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2023 to all employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [9175/24]

113. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount by which investment in early years has increased year-on-year in percentage terms in the past eight years; if he will indicate the domestic and/or international indicators which demonstrate this improvement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [9183/24]

114. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on childcare services in County Meath; the number of childcare places available in the county; the length of the average waiting list; to report on any planned measures to increase these places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9570/24]

115. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he and his Department have mapped the existence of youth-focused community projects and staff across the state; if he is aware of gaps in coverage or large and populous areas without or with inadequately resourced projects and how do they intend to resolve this. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [4038/24]

116. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is concerned that the extension of payments under the accommodation recognition grant for a further year without changes risks interference with the private rental market, with negative consequences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9725/24]

117. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has considered having a full-time youth worker in Youghal, County Cork, considering the number of IPAS refugees in the area, following a meeting with local community groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [9660/24]

118. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of new appointments that have been made to the children's disability network teams (details supplied) services in counties Cavan and Monaghan since January 2022, given the very high vacancy rate within the service. — Niamh Smyth. [1940/24]

119. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will intervene to encourage parties involved in ELC and SAC pay talks back to the table with a view to ensuring staff can be paid the next pay increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [9500/24]

120. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the role his Department has taken in supporting young people who have been impacted by the consequences of Covid-19 lockdowns. — Thomas Gould. [9639/24]

121. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1070 of 7 November 2023, the status of the review of the project timelines for the implementation of the White Paper to end direct provision and establish a new international protection support service; if the review has been completed to-date; the timeline for the publication of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9502/24]

122. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what discussions he has had with the Department of Finance regarding how changes to taxation could reduce the cost of childcare for families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9729/24]

123. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason for his failure to respond properly and fully to multiple emails and phone calls regarding the installation of facilities to house people seeking temporary international protection at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [9738/24]

124. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total financial allocation from his Department in 2023 for youth services; if any new services were established during the course of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9726/24]

125. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding the details of the Equal Participation Model for Early Years which was announced to be funded as part of Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [9176/24]

126. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to increase childcare places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [9519/24]

127. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the proposed national centre for research and remembrance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [9191/24]

128. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure that older applicants for the mother and baby institutions payment scheme are prioritised when the scheme opens as planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [9190/24]

129. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will discuss the issues faced by service users with respect to agencies who contracted to deliver their PA hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [9593/24]

130. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what therapy and intervention supports are available to children who are unable to access these supports through the public disability network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [9583/24]

131. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons with disabilities that received home support hours in CHO4 in 2023; the number of persons with disabilities in 2023 that received personal assistance hours in CHO4 in 2023; the total number of hours provided in each category in CHO4 in 2023; the target number of hours for each category in CHO4 in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [9524/24]

132. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on Ireland's progress in ratifying the Optional Protocol of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [9594/24]

133. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on what further assistance the State can give to families towards the cost of childcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9728/24]

134. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he intends to include additional institutions in the schedule of the Birth Information and Tracing Act, 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [9195/24]

135. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to report on his Department's dealings with residents in an IPAS centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [9664/24]

136. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the current discussions within his Department in respect of the dual use proposal for accommodation services within a hotel (details supplied) in Drogheda considering it is the only remaining hotel of scale in the town of Drogheda, the largest town in the country. — Fergus O'Dowd. [9523/24]

137. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons with disabilities that received home support hours in CHO3 in 2023; the number of persons with disabilities in 2023 that received personal assistance hours in CHO3 in 2023; the total number of hours provided in each category in CHO3 in 2023; the target number of hours for each category in CHO3 in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [9522/24]

138. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he intends to reduce the weekly payment to existing beneficiaries of temporary protection at any point in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [9712/24]

139. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will establish a publicly owned childcare service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [9514/24]

140. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of the recently released data on vacancy rates and waiting lists for early learning and childcare and school aged services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [9499/24]

141. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the current discussions within his Department with regard to the long term plans to deal for dealing with those arriving in the country seeking protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [9551/24]

142. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children currently in State care in special emergency accommodation; the number of whom are unaccompanied minors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [8788/24]

143. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to ensure that asylum seekers who have not been provided with accommodation are

protected from attack by far right and racist people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [9510/24]

144. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the methods in place for ensuring that new international protection centres are supported with necessary services and activities so that integration into the community is facilitated. — Richard Bruton. [9733/24]

145. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the ongoing situation with an organisation (details supplied) that has stated that it will transfer care services to the HSE by August 2024; the interactions that have happened between his Department and other Government Departments about the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [9352/24]

146. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to his debate in Dáil Éireann with this Deputy, if he has considered making an apology on behalf of the State to a person (details supplied) after they received an apology from Tusla regarding how they and their family were treated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9702/24]

147. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons with disabilities that received home support hours in CHO7 in 2023; the number of persons with disabilities in 2023 that received personal assistance hours in CHO7 in 2023; the total number of hours provided in each category in CHO7 in 2023; the target number of hours for each category in CHO7 in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9527/24]

148. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to report on measures his Department will take to improve access to public transport for the residents at an IPAS centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [9665/24]

149. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the investment and enhancement in respite services for people with disabilities in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9517/24]

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

*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs for an update on the application for a certificate of freedom to marry for a person (details supplied). — Denise Mitchell. [9758/24]

*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs what avenues are open to a person (details supplied) who has to apply for a passport if the copies of their birth certificate, name change and gender recognition certificate are notarised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9767/24]

*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to provide a breakdown of all EU funding made available to his Department which has not yet been allocated; and the purpose for which this funding has been made available by the EU. — Holly Cairns. [9806/24]

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

*153. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of all EU funding made available to his Department which has not yet been allocated; and the purpose for which this funding has been made available by the EU. — Holly Cairns. [9804/24]

*154. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the proposed conversion of Phibsborough Post Office was discussed at the meeting with Minister of State at the Department of Transport and at the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications and An Post on 14 February 2024; if this post office is included in An Post's undertaking to review its decision to the proposed conversion; and if An Post has provided any update to him on this review. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9834/24]

*155. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if funding can be provided to a local authority (details supplied) in order to upgrade litter bins and provide additional litter bins in an area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [9835/24]

*156. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the provision of broadband to a location (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [9870/24]

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

*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence why the archive of the official Defence Forces magazine, An Cosantóir, first published in 1940, is no longer online; who took the decision to have it removed; if there are plans to make a full back catalogue, and not just the current edition, available online in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9746/24]

*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to provide a breakdown of all EU funding made available to his Department which has not yet been allocated; and the purpose for which this funding has been made available by the EU. — Holly Cairns. [9801/24]

*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he intends to advance proposals to amend age limits for those wishing to join the Permanent and Reserve Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9832/24]

*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will report on his proposals to better facilitate re-enlistment in the Permanent and Reserve Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9833/24]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*161. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to legislate to make it an offence to drive while disqualified, either as a qualified driver or a learner driver. — Catherine Murphy. [9846/24]

*162. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason motorists are being charged a premium for paying their motor tax in quarterly or half-yearly instalments; if this is a matter his Department could review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [9768/24]

*163. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 154 of 23 January 2024, if he can comment on the particulars of the event requested (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [9787/24]

*164. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown of all EU funding made available to his Department which has not yet been allocated; and the purpose for which this funding has been made available by the EU. — Holly Cairns. [9816/24]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*165. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reconsider his decision to introduce an increase in fuel excise on 1 April 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [9884/24]

*166. To ask the Minister for Finance the total cost of the seafarers' allowance in the years 2021 and 2022; the total number of recipients per year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [9759/24]

*167. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware that when the residential zoned land tax comes into force in January 2025, it will have profound implications for many farmers and small landowners who are not developers, but have owned their land for generations; if the Government will provide exemptions from the residential zoned land tax for individuals who are not developers, as the vast majority of requests by landowners for a rezoning of their land have been refused by the local authority and by An Bord Pleanála; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [9797/24]

*168. To ask the Minister for Finance to provide a breakdown of all EU funding made available to his Department which has not yet been allocated; and the purpose for which this funding has been made available by the EU. — Holly Cairns. [9805/24]

*169. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of controlled drug operations carried out by the Revenue Commissioners at Weston Airport in 2004; the names of the operations; and the start and end date of each operation, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [9853/24]

Chun an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí, Seachadta ar an bPlean Forbartha Náisiúnta, agus Athchóirithe: To the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform.

*170. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform for an update on the work being carried out by the OPW in relation to research of burials in Kilmainham Gaol with a view to enabling the future exhumation of these persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [9795/24]

*171. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide a breakdown of all EU funding made available to his Department which has not yet been allocated; and the purpose for which this funding has been made available by the EU. — Holly Cairns. [9811/24]

*172. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the remaining works on an embankment in County Kerry (details supplied) will be completed, to prevent flooding of homes and in advance of scheduled road repairs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9849/24]

*173. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will provide an update on a river flooding risk (details supplied); what solutions the local authority has proposed; if his Department will provide funding for the solutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9852/24]

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

*174. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide a breakdown of all EU funding made available to his Department which has not yet been allocated; and the purpose for which this funding has been made available by the EU. — Holly Cairns. [9803/24]

*175. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the procedure to be followed to obtain a work permit in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9897/24]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*176. To ask the Minister for Education if a query from persons (details supplied) in relation to a childcare provider will be examined; and her plans to assist these children. — Peter Burke. [9776/24]

*177. To ask the Minister for Education if an analysis has been conducted on the demand for primary school places in the Drumcondra, Marino, and Dublin 1 school planning area; her plans to ensure a sufficient number of primary school places in the same area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [9756/24]

*178. To ask the Minister for Education for an update and timeline on when a new autism classroom planned for a school (details supplied) will be opened; whether it is on course to open in September; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [9761/24]

*179. To ask the Minister for Education if she will make provision for additional school bus places to cater for all secondary school children travelling from Collon to Ardee, County Louth for the forthcoming school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [9763/24]

*180. To ask the Minister for Education the update position with an extension for a school in County Mayo (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [9772/24]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education when a final decision will be made on an extension for a school in County Mayo (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [9774/24]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education when an application for an extension for a school in County Mayo (details supplied) was first made; when was this application assessed; what stage is this at now; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [9775/24]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will examine the inherently inequitable situation whereby children with intellectual disabilities who are frequently ill, hospitalised and unable to attend school for long periods of time, sometimes a school year, cannot avail of additional school years later (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [9777/24]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education to respond to concerns raised by school (details supplied) in respect of the cut to SET resources in terms of the impact it will have on the overall ability of the school to provide appropriate special education to pupils in need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [9779/24]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education if she will urgently reconsider proposals contained within circular 0002/24 issued by her Department, specifically proposals to remove the category of “complex educational needs” in allocating SET hours; if the Minister consulted with Down Syndrome Ireland in relation to this proposed change; and if she agrees that it could have a detrimental effect on the possible educational attainments of some pupils. — Robert Troy. [9786/24]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education if she will reconsider a case brought to her in respect of a school place (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [9794/24]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education to provide a breakdown of all EU funding made available to her Department which has not yet been allocated; and the purpose for which this funding has been made available by the EU. — Holly Cairns. [9802/24]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education if she will introduce exemption measures in terms of eligibility for CID for all educators affected by the recently announced changes to special education funding, given many people are being negatively impacted in their careers such as in this case of a person (details supplied) where they are one contract away from CID in their current school but the school is no longer able to offer them a fixed term due to the cuts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [9820/24]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education if she will pause the new planned changes to the special education teacher allocation until such time as comprehensive engagement has been had with parents of autistic children and parents of children with complex needs. — Sorca Clarke. [9827/24]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education the current timeline for the commencement and completion of the next stage of works at a school (details supplied) in Castleblayney, County Monaghan; if she will ensure that this project is advanced as a priority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9831/24]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education when the construction contract for the new building for a school (details supplied) in County Louth on a site at Cement Road, Drogheda will go out to tender; if she will provide a timeline for the completion of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9839/24]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education in light of the securing of planning permission for the LMETB headquarters in Drogheda, County Louth, if the project will be put out to tender; the timeframe for completion of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9840/24]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education the steps being taken by her Department to ensure there is sufficient guidance and regulation in place in schools in relation to managing students behaviour in the interests of both pupils, teachers and management, in view of recent reports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9845/24]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education the measures she has taken to resolve the serious situation with school bus places which resulted in children being left at the side of the road, for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [9741/24]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education her policy on the opening of reading classes for children with severe dyslexia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [9850/24]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the school building programme at a school (details supplied) in County Meath; when works will commence and be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9854/24]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the school building programme at a school (details supplied) in County Meath; when works will commence and be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9855/24]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education for information on the completion of the snag list for a school (details provided); when all outstanding works will be completed; the reason for the delay in completion; if any assessment will be undertaken as to whether long term damage has been caused by these delays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9857/24]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the provision of the third class for secondary students for the Greystones area, which is required to meet demand for September 2024; when that class will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9858/24]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education to detail the process by which students, currently without places for September 2024 in Greystones, will be offered a place in one of the three additional classes being established if they had not applied for that school in the first instance and they are therefore not eligible for a place under the enrolment policy of that school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9859/24]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education if, as part of the significant upgrade to a school (details supplied), special classrooms were sanctioned; if those classrooms are currently available

for students with special needs; if not, if she will direct the school to provide those classrooms in the event there is demand in the area for them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9860/24]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the extension for a school (details supplied); when the review of the Stage 1 report will be completed; to detail the process for all subsequent stages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9861/24]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education if, in light of the significant pressures on school places in the Greystones area, she will prioritise the construction of an extension a school (details supplied) within its bundle; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9862/24]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education when she expects the tender process for a school (details supplied) to be completed; the next stages in the process; the timelines for those steps; if she expects the school to be completed in time for September 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9863/24]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education if she will direct Bus Éireann to pay the exceptional no service interim grant to school transport ticket holders on a term-by-term basis, rather than retrospectively at the end of the school year, in acknowledgment of the cost of travel being placed on parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9864/24]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education if she will reevaluate and redraft the allocation model for special education in view of the fact that the proposed new allocation model streamlined to three pillars instead of five may exclude children with complex needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [9876/24]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the proposed plans to reduce the support teaching hours, and the impact that this will have on children with additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [9877/24]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education if, in relation to the reduction of SET hours for schools, her Department is fully compliant with the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [9886/24]

*209. To ask the Minister for Education for an individual update on all school capital projects in Kildare south; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [9896/24]

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

*210. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will review the funding allocated to the sports lottery fund and allocate extra investment in sports facilities across Ireland, where there is a growing population, and where the annual house building target is expected to increase by 100%, to 60,000 per annum. — Richard Bruton. [9771/24]

*211. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide a breakdown of all EU funding made available to her Department which has not yet been allocated; and the purpose for which this funding has been made available by the EU. — Holly Cairns. [9815/24]

*212. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she or her Department was first informed by the Chair of the RTÉ Board (details supplied), or any other person, of concerns regarding the performance of the former Director General of RTÉ; the nature and content of the communications; the action she took in response to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9866/24]

*213. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she or her Department was first informed by the Chair of the RTÉ Board, or any other person, of concerns regarding the operation of barter accounts at RTÉ; the nature and content of the communications; the action she took in response to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9867/24]

*214. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she or her Department has been informed by the Chair of the RTÉ Board, or any other person, of concerns regarding financial, commercial, employment or behavioural irregularities at RTÉ, outside of what has already transpired publicly; the nature and content of the communications; the action she took in response to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9868/24]

*215. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán i dtaobh Scéim Cothabhála na mBád Seoil a bhí á riaradh ag Údarás na Gaeltachta, cad é iomlán na ndeontas a bronnadh in aghaidh na bliana faoin scéim seo sa chúig bliana deireannacha a raibh sí á feidhmiú lena linn; an bhfuil measúnú déanta ar an éifeacht a bhí le deireadh a chur leis an scéim; agus an bhfuil machnamh déanta ar an scéim a athbhunú; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Mairéad Farrell. [9869/24]

*216. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the precise remit given to the Government HR/Governance report into RTÉ; what exactly they are asked to investigate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9933/24]

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

*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 165 of 22 February 2024, if any of the inaccessible polling stations referred to are in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [9872/24]

*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the conservation advice pilot grant scheme (details supplied). — Frankie Feighan. [9766/24]

*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of all EU funding made available to his Department which has not yet been allocated; and the purpose for which this funding has been made available by the EU. — Holly Cairns. [9809/24]

*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the legislation under which an EU/EEA national, habitually resident in Ireland for five years, is required to provide documentary evidence of having worked for 52 weeks in the State and have a minimum of 52 weeks PRSI contributions and/or show evidence of current employment where they pay PRSI contributions to be eligible to apply for social housing support. — Sorca Clarke. [9826/24]

*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects to publish legislation underpinning the scheme for repairs to defective Celtic Tiger era apartments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [9848/24]

*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 179 of 22 February 2024, his views on two further applications for affordable purchase schemes in Ennis that were received by his Department in December 2023 and January 2024 and are currently under assessment; if that assessment has now been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [9875/24]

*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on his plans in respect of each of the 51 individual settlements in County Clare without wastewater treatment, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [9879/24]

*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the works to improve water quality in west Clare with respect to remedying the continued issues with drinking water; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [9883/24]

*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he supports a general legal definition of the role of archaeologist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [9891/24]

*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how Ireland is implementing Standard EN17652:2022 for the assessment and monitoring of archaeological deposits for preservation in-situ; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [9892/24]

*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how Ireland is implementing the provisions of the Valletta Convention; what resources are provided for implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [9893/24]

*228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how Ireland is implementing the Water Framework Directive; what resources are provided for implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [9894/24]

*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Ireland is implementing the Council of Europe’s Landscape Convention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [9895/24]

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

*230. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision on an application for fuel allowance can be reviewed (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [9743/24]

*231. To ask the Minister for Social Protection why a person (details supplied) is not receiving the full increase granted in respect of her pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [9752/24]

*232. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite an appeal for domiciliary care allowance for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [9762/24]

*233. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide a breakdown of all EU funding made available to her Department which has not yet been allocated; and the purpose for which this funding has been made available by the EU. — Holly Cairns. [9813/24]

*234. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are plans to extend illness benefit to the self-employed (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [9828/24]

*235. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware that some payment sections are still including child maintenance as means in assessments; if she will issue direction on this to all sections; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [9829/24]

*236. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to change the legislation to allow for workers in receipt of widows/widowers pension to be in a position to qualify for illness benefit when they are unfit for work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9851/24]

*237. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) can obtain an appropriate allowance while supplementing any income from part-time work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9898/24]

*238. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) can qualify for domiciliary care allowance in respect of their son; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9899/24]

*239. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which a person (details supplied) can qualify for carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9901/24]

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

*240. To ask the Minister for Justice the up-to-date position regarding the provision of a refuge centre in counties Cavan and Monaghan for victims of domestic abuse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9745/24]

*241. To ask the Minister for Justice the current processing times for a specific visa type (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [9754/24]

*242. To ask the Minister for Justice when persons (details supplied) will be permitted to submit applications for citizenship in respect of their two children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9798/24]

*243. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide a breakdown of all EU funding made available to her Department which has not yet been allocated; and the purpose for which this funding has been made available by the EU. — Holly Cairns. [9810/24]

*244. To ask the Minister for Justice if alternative arrangements are possible for those who cannot attend citizenship ceremonies in person due to ill health; if alternative arrangements can be made for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [9817/24]

*245. To ask the Minister for Justice about the publication of a report (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [9873/24]

*246. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure to be followed to regularise by way of stamp 4 or work permit the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9902/24]

*247. To ask the Minister for Justice if all required documentation has been supplied as requested in sufficient volume to facilitate consideration of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9903/24]

*248. To ask the Minister for Justice if a danger exists that the confidentiality clause amounts to secrecy which could be contrary to the interest of such asylum seekers as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9907/24]

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

*249. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an ACRES payment will issue to a person in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9744/24]

*250. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a breakdown of all EU funding made available to his Department which has not yet been allocated; and the purpose for which this funding has been made available by the EU. — Holly Cairns. [9799/24]

*251. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9836/24]

*252. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine about the recent meeting of the Agriculture Water Quality Group and his commitment to immediately implement the flexibilities on concentrate feed and the calf N allocation, which was previously committed to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [9878/24]

*253. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason forestation licence issuances are still not matching the rate of application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [9885/24]

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

*254. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a diagnosis might be forthcoming in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9900/24]

*255. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons with disabilities that received home support hours in CHO1 and CHO2 in 2023 respectively; the number of persons with disabilities in 2023 that received personal assistance hours in CHO1 and CHO2 in 2023, respectively; the total number of hours provided in each category in CHO1 and CHO2 in 2023, respectively; the target number of hours for each category in CHO1 and CHO2 in 2024, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9521/24]

*256. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the plans to commit adequate funding for the implementation of the Disability Action Plan over its full-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [5753/24]

*257. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will commit to adequate ring-fenced funding for the Disability Action Plan for its full-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [5752/24]

*258. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of a decision by Tusla (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [9765/24]

*259. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a query from persons (details supplied) in relation to a childcare provider will be examined; and his plans to assist these children. — Peter Burke. [9776/24]

*260. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details on queries relating to international protection accommodation services for international protection applicants and Ukrainian refugees (details supplied). — Fergus O'Dowd. [9780/24]

*261. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total duration of the contracts currently held for accommodation; the calculated total expenditure on current contracts for the duration of those contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9782/24]

*262. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current number of hotels now in use by his Department that were functioning as visitor accommodation prior to contracting with his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9783/24]

*263. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many companies hold multiple contracts with his Department for contracted accommodation; how many contracted properties each company holds, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9784/24]

*264. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of sites that have been identified by his Department to develop purpose-built accommodation capable of providing structured humanitarian aid in a sustainable way; when he expects any such sites to commence construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9785/24]

*265. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 534 of 23 January 2024, when a direct response will issue this Deputy. — Peadar Tóibín. [9788/24]

*266. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 536 of 23 January 2024, when a direct response will issue this Deputy. — Peadar Tóibín. [9789/24]

*267. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if Tusla holds any contracts with a company (details supplied) to provide services; if so, the services; and how much the company was paid in 2023 and to date in 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [9790/24]

*268. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide a breakdown of all EU funding made available to his Department which has not yet been allocated; and the purpose for which this funding has been made available by the EU. — Holly Cairns. [9800/24]

*269. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children who are currently the subject of a High Court order placing them in special care in accordance with the Child Care Act 1991, who are not in special care due to the absence of an available bed; whether private agency staff can be utilised to staff the beds that are not currently open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [9823/24]

*270. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of agency staff currently employed to work in special care under the Child Care Act 1991; the hourly rates of pay offered to agency staff to work in special care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [9824/24]

*271. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of hotels that are currently providing accommodation under arrangements agreed with his Department for applicants for international protection, and where the hotels in question simultaneously provide accommodation to tourists in the normal course of their business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9841/24]

*272. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of hotels that are currently providing accommodation under arrangements agreed with his Department for the programme refugees from Ukraine, and where the hotels in question simultaneously provide accommodation to tourists in the normal course of their business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9842/24]

*273. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of hotels that are currently providing accommodation under arrangements agreed with his Department for accommodation for international protection applicants (families) where the operation of the hotels in question are exclusively for the use of accommodation for international

protection applicants; if he will provide the details on a county by county basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9843/24]

*274. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of hotels that are currently providing accommodation under arrangements agreed with his Department for accommodation for programme refugees from Ukraine where the operation of the hotels in question are exclusively for the use of refugees from Ukraine; if he will provide the details on a county by county basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9844/24]

*275. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will revisit the Adult Safeguarding Bill 2017 and progress it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [9874/24]

*276. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 463 of 7 February 2024, when the ICT portal will be opened for core funding applications; if guidance will be issued with on the use of the portal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [9887/24]

*277. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in relation to the significant number of asylum seekers who are forced into homelessness with no other option but rough sleeping after arriving in Ireland, if he has considered using alternative existing buildings (details supplied) that could be used as temporary accommodation instead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [9888/24]

*278. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 180 of 24 January 2024, when he will bring forward the regulation to extend the duration of parental leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [9889/24]

*279. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of outstanding issues in respect of redress in the case of mother and baby homes; the extent to which he expects to address all such issues and to ensure equality in respect of redress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9909/24]

*280. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he can prioritise funding for the childcare sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9910/24]

*281. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which children with disabilities can expect to receive adequate care and attention and access to services now and in the future; the degree to which his Department has identified issues of interest in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9911/24]

*282. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which his Department continues to receive updates in respect of children at risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9912/24]

*283. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of children currently in the various forms of care, institutional or otherwise; the degree

to which he is satisfied with the level and quality of the care in all such situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9913/24]

*284. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the degree to which his Department proposes to address the extent to which children with disabilities can expect a high level of equality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9914/24]

*285. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his various proposals for integration; the most successful models; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9915/24]

*286. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he proposes to address any or all inequalities affecting children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9916/24]

*287. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which reports of children at risk continue to be made to the appropriate bodies under his aegis; the extent to which these issues have been examined to the satisfaction of all; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9917/24]

*288. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which his Department continues to liaise with youth representatives in County Kildare and nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9918/24]

*289. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which his Department continues to monitor any breaches of equality legislation of gender, race or sexuality in origin; the extent of progress made towards corrective measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9919/24]

*290. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which his Department has noted various experiences of women and children who may be under threat from domestic, sexual and gender-based violence including those in the care of the State and/or by orders of Courts; his plans to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9920/24]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*291. To ask the Minister for Health the action he will take to address the ongoing disincentive to practising medical and dental professions in Ireland due to the prohibitive cost of insurance stemming from a huge increase of clinical negligence cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9755/24]

*292. To ask the Minister for Health for a list of services offered in the Thurles primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [9747/24]

*293. To ask the Minister for Health following the installation of an MRI machine in Thurles primary care centre, if ultrasounds are also provided in the centre; and if not, if the Minister will consider introducing this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [9748/24]

*294. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered offering breast screening services in County Tipperary, given that Tipperary residents must travel to other counties; why these services have not been offered in Tipperary to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [9749/24]

*295. To ask the Minister for Health if it is possible for a Tipperary resident, located in the Thurles area, to be sent to Kilkenny for breast screening services instead of Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [9750/24]

*296. To ask the Minister for Health what patient transport services/supports are available to elderly patients based in the Thurles area and travelling to Nenagh Hospital, University Hospital Limerick or Saint Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny, who do not have access to or cannot afford private transport, and public transport is difficult due to limited mobility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [9751/24]

*297. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the procurement of a gallium scanner to be installed in Cork University Hospital for cancer patients and survivors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [9757/24]

*298. To ask the Minister for Health if he will issue planning guidelines in relation to the development of residential care homes and primary care centres to ensure that they are appropriately designed and located in areas with access to public transport and other amenities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [6953/24]

*299. To ask the Minister for Health if he will bring forward a statutory instrument (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [6425/24]

*300. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the legislative programme. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3503/24]

*301. To ask the Minister for Health the current system in place by his Department to provide healthcare for residents of IPAS centres and other refugee accommodation; if his Department is providing additional resources to support GP capacity in areas with higher than average numbers of IPAS centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [9658/24]

*302. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive a hospital appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9764/24]

*303. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can receive payments from the HSE by post; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9769/24]

*304. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the promised compensation scheme for people who had adverse reactions to Covid 19 vaccines; the reason the scoping of such a scheme is taking so long; the timescale for the completion of this exercise; when he expects to be in a position to announce details of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9770/24]

*305. To ask the Minister for Health if a care package will be put in place for a person (details supplied); the timeframe within which this patient will be discharged with their care package in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [9773/24]

*306. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE did not attend a meeting with a person (details supplied); the reason there is no proper engagement with the community; the reason the HSE has not provided the necessary funding and support to stop the closure of the centre; and where are the clients of the centre. — Peadar Tóibín. [9778/24]

*307. To ask the Minister for Health if interest payments and penalties are now being paid to product and service suppliers to the HSE; the cost of such interest and penalties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [9781/24]

*308. To ask the Minister for Health the status of HIQA's independent statutory review into governance and oversight of the use of surgical implants and implantable medical devices in Children's Health Ireland; the timeline for completion of this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9791/24]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 600 of 13 February 2024, the grounds upon which the decision was taken to widen the independent review into spinal surgeries at Temple Street Children's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9792/24]

*310. To ask the Minister for Health if he was aware of a promotion run by a vaping retailer offering €20 credit to its customers if they took part in his Department's public consultation regarding further regulation of tobacco and nicotine inhaling products (details supplied); his views on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9793/24]

*311. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently expedite an appointment for surgery for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [9796/24]

*312. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of all EU funding made available to his Department which has not yet been allocated; and the purpose for which this funding has been made available by the EU. — Holly Cairns. [9808/24]

*313. To ask the Minister for Health whether the due diligence on therapists offered positions in the HSE is being outsourced to a private company; how long the average wait is from the time of application to completion of due diligence; how much the private company is being paid; whether there was a tender process for this company; and the reason the HSE is not itself verifying the qualifications and experience of applicants. — Paul Murphy. [9825/24]

*314. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a service (details supplied) is unavailable under the medical card scheme at a local hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [9830/24]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that housekeeping staff in CUH have been informed that they are not entitled to take annual leave in the coming months unless necessary due to the recruitment embargo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [9838/24]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug phesgo can be administered by GPs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [9856/24]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health if he agrees with the Mental Health Commission's Report that the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services should be regulated in order to address the

unacceptable waiting list crisis for high risk referrals, the highlighted lack of follow up, lack of monitoring of psychiatric medicines and many more operational issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [9822/24]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a site in Limerick as opposed to a site in Clare was selected for a surgical hub; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [9881/24]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health when a medical card might be issued in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9904/24]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health when a transfer from Naas Hospital to Beaumont Hospital might be arranged for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9906/24]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he foresees an adequacy of supply of hospital beds, including access to accident and emergency throughout the winter months notwithstanding the persistent threat of Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9921/24]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the construction of the National Children's Hospital is progressing in accordance with projections; when the hospital will be completed and commissioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9922/24]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health the number and location of existing primary care facilities throughout County Kildare including those already operational, and those promised or pending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9923/24]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health the current or proposed regime governing new or orphan drugs, the number of such drugs under review or examination at the moment; the number to be approved in the course of the next year; the extent to which reimbursement will be in line with demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9924/24]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health to indicate the total number of children currently awaiting orthodontic treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9925/24]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which surgery is readily available for the removal of cataracts in this jurisdiction; the number of such surgical interventions undertaken here in the last twelve months; the plans to extend this service in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9926/24]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to ensure that response times for ambulance services are as fast as possible with particular reference to the north Kildare area; whether the service has enough personnel on hand to adequately respond to all calls in a timely manner from the nearest HSE national ambulance station at all times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9927/24]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients currently awaiting cardiovascular treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9928/24]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health the full extent of the number of patients currently on orthopaedic waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9929/24]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which cancer patients awaiting treatment are able to receive treatment as and when required; the extent of any waiting lists in this category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9930/24]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which women's health specifically remains central to the provision and delivery of a reliable level and quality of health services in all areas throughout the country without exception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9931/24]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the ongoing efforts underway to enhance the quality and scale of community and institutional mental health services with particular reference to the need to achieve quality of service in line with the requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9932/24]

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

*333. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a breakdown of the total number of craft apprentice education tutors in ETBs in the years 2022 and 2023, broken by craft apprenticeship type, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [9760/24]

*334. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a breakdown of all EU funding made available to his Department which has not yet been allocated; and the purpose for which this funding has been made available by the EU. — Holly Cairns. [9807/24]

*335. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9847/24]

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

*336. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to provide a breakdown of all EU funding made available to her Department which has not yet been allocated; and the purpose for which this funding has been made available by the EU. — Holly Cairns. [9812/24]