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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Public Services will meet next. — Mary Lou McDonald. [7768/24]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Public Services will next meet. — Mick Barry. [8205/24]
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6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Public Services will meet next. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9317/24]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Public Services will meet next. — Paul Murphy. [9320/24]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Public Services will meet next. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10386/24]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council, a statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [7770/24]
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15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council, a statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Cian O’Callaghan. [10349/24]

16. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Alan Dillon. [7873/24]

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [8795/24]

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [9014/24]

19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Paul McAuliffe. [9023/24]

20. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9319/24]

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [9322/24]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Mary Lou McDonald. [7937/24]

23. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Alan Dillon. [9029/24]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [9218/24]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Brendan Smith. [9335/24]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [9336/24]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Cian O’Callaghan. [10350/24]

28. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [7939/24]

29. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit in his Department. — Mick Barry. [9340/24]

30. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit in his Department. — Cian O’Callaghan. [10351/24]

31. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his joint correspondence, along with the Spanish Prime Minister, to European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen on the situation in Gaza. — James Lawless. [7943/24]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a report on his joint correspondence, along with the Spanish Prime Minister, to European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen calling for an urgent review of whether Israel is complying with its human rights obligations under the EU-Israel Association Agreement. — Seán Haughey. [9015/24]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a report on his joint correspondence, along with the Spanish Prime Minister, to European Commission President Ursula Von Der Leyen on the situation in Gaza. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9140/24]

34. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on his joint correspondence, along with the Spanish Prime Minister, to European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen on the situation in Gaza. — Mick Barry. [9341/24]

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will meet next. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [7944/24]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Darren O’Rourke. [8950/24]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will meet next. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9141/24]

38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on with Economy and Investment will next meet. — Mick Barry. [8206/24]

39. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the 60th annual Munich Security Conference. — Cormac Devlin. [8364/24]

40. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the recent Munich Security Conference. — Mary Lou McDonald. [8774/24]

41. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the 60th annual Munich Security Conference. — Seán Haughey. [9016/24]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

42. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for an update on her Department's plans to address dereliction and vacancy in rural towns and villages. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [10548/24]

43. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development with regard to her responsibility for Water Safety Ireland what measures she intends to take to reduce the number of drownings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [10747/24]

44. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development how she is supporting communities across the country to develop local strategies in communities that have significant pressures, and if she will provide funding for new community development workers. — Paul Donnelly. [10819/24]

45. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 97 of 30 January 2024, the status of the monitoring committee for the implementation of the new policy for the islands; the dates of all meetings to-date; the date of the next meeting; her plans to publish the minutes of the meetings of the committee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [10398/24]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

46. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has engaged with Comhdháil Oileán na hÉireann since the publication of its report on the housing needs of Ireland's offshore islands in November 2023, and if her Department discussed its recommendations with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [10552/24]

47. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to outline the analysis her Department is conducting on investments made under the town and village renewal scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [10456/24]

48. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has given consideration to convening a working group to include sector representatives and relevant Government Departments to develop a multi-annual funding structure in the in the community and voluntary and charitable sector. — Paul Donnelly. [10405/24]

49. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 91 of 26 September 2023, for a status update on the transfer to her Department of land on Inisbofin on which the airstrip is situated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [10401/24]

50. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development what efforts are being made by her Department to ensure that local authorities are enforcing the legislation in relation to collecting fines under dog-control regulations. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [10551/24]

51. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she expects the Leader Programme to address the multiple issues affecting urban and rural communities throughout the country in the coming years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10389/24]

52. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 99 of 30 January 2024, for a status update on the development of Inis Óírr pier; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [10400/24]

53. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her agenda for improving Ireland's drowning rate, with regard to her responsibility for Water Safety Ireland; to provide details of any engagement with lifeguards and lifeguarding groups to this end; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10353/24]

54. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for an update on the Charities (Amendment) Bill 2023. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [10550/24]

55. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to address the challenges that rural communities are facing in relation to increased costs with transport. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [10553/24]

56. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department plans to release further funding for local roads across east Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [10462/24]

57. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 87 of 26 September 2023, the details of the successful projects under the €20 million fund for the construction of new community centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [10402/24]

58. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to provide an update on the allocation of funding for Cork city and county through the Leader Programme for applications made in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10460/24]

59. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 99 of 30 January 2024, the status of the development of Caladh Mór on Inis Meáin; the status of the preparation of the preliminary business case; the timeline for the public consultation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [10399/24]

60. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for an update on developing town teams in Limerick; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [10455/24]

61. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when she expects to announce LIS funding for 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10355/24]

62. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development what efforts are underway to increase library membership and participation; and to provide an update on membership numbers at local authority libraries each year over the last five years. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [10549/24]

63. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the closing date for applications under the present round of applications to the Rural and Regional Regeneration Fund; when the next tranche of approvals will be given under this fund; the total amount of money to be approved in this round; the total amount approved under this scheme to date from its inception and the actual expenditure under the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10358/24]

64. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her recent engagements with the board of Water Safety Ireland regarding recommended equipment guidelines for lifeguarding that it issues to local authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10352/24]

65. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the closing date for applications last year under the 2023 Community Centres Investment Fund – New Builds Measure; when approvals will be given under the fund; the reason for the delay with same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10359/24]

66. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the degree to which her Department continues to assess the emerging needs of urban and rural communities throughout the country with a view to responding specifically as required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10390/24]

67. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the supports made available by her Department to address vacancy and dereliction in rural towns and villages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [10459/24]

68. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the support available through her Department for the establishment of community associations in areas identified on the Pobal Deprivation Index. — Thomas Gould. [10454/24]

69. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the Government commitment to introduce a rural proofing model. — Matt Carthy. [10406/24]

70. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when she expects to announce successful ORIS applications; if her attention has been drawn to the strand 3 application from Kerry County Council in respect of Kilderry looped amenity walk; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10354/24]

71. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on any engagement her Department has had with the Department of Transport and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to the enhancement of the LIS allocations for counties affected by recent flooding, particularly County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [10356/24]

72. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide the up to date position for a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [10362/24]

73. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to set out the total amount of money allocated to each project in the Cork area under community development programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10461/24]

74. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans for an enhanced community benefit fund for towns that have large IPAS accommodation centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [9659/24]

75. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she is aware of the negative impact of the new qualifying criteria on rural roads under the local involvement scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [10363/24]

76. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide additional funding to local development companies to support the demand they are facing for services at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [10194/24]

77. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme will reopen for applications in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [10257/24]

78. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for an update on the LEADER programme in County Carlow. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [10258/24]

79. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development how her Department intends to support the rural road network under the LIS scheme throughout County Cork in 2024; if she will ensure the necessary upkeep and maintenance of rural minor roads in view of recent flooding and adverse weather which resulted in major deteriorating of rural roads; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [10193/24]

80. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for an update on the Library Capital Grant made by (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [10453/24]

81. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for an update on CLÁR 2024 and when it is likely to open; whether she has any plans to review the CLÁR areas in counties Cavan and Monaghan to include areas not currently included; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10175/24]

82. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of applications received under the 2023 Community Centres Investment Fund-New Builds Measure; when she expects allocations under this measure to be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [10458/24]

83. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she or her Department officials have had discussions with Cavan County Council on dog control matters, given that it was recently reported that no dog control fines were issued by the local authority last year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8278/24]

84. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the progress of ‘Our Rural Future’; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [10375/24]

85. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for an update on the Community Recognition Fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [10376/24]

86. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to provide a further update on the work her Department has carried out with regard to progressing the pier projects on Inis Oírr and Inis Meáin; what the next steps are in relation to these projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [10183/24]

87. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for an update on the uptake of the Local Enhancement Programme 2024 and how much of the €6 million has been allocated. — Paul Donnelly. [10404/24]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*88. To ask the Taoiseach 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. [9814/24]

*89. To ask the Taoiseach the ground rents payable by his Department, or agencies under its remit, by named property, by name of landlord and by amount payable, in the years 2016 to date. — Matt Carthy. [10423/24]

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

*90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he can provide a solution to an issue as regards guardianship (details supplied); if he will consider updating the legislation for someone who is the sole guardian in getting a child’s passport; and if not, why not. — Paul Murphy. [10054/24]

*91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to visit Croatia within the first half of 2024. — Pauline Tully. [10272/24]

*92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will make representations to the Iraqi authorities regarding the illegal detention of an Irish citizen (details supplied) and anti-corruption advocate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [10383/24]

*93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the ground rents payable by his Department, or agencies under its remit, by named property, by name of landlord and by amount payable, in the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10415/24]

*94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is aware of a person (details supplied) who is being detained without legal explanation; if the Department is working to return this person to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [10520/24]

*95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to set out the representations he has made to the Iraqi authorities regarding the illegal detention of an Irish citizen and anti-corruption advocate (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [10531/24]

*96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the measures the WTE currently have within the passport service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10579/24]

*97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications received from people with addresses in the north of Ireland in the years 2013 to date, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10580/24]

*98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications received from people with addresses outside of Ireland in the years 2013 to date, by year and by country, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10581/24]

*99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs the current number of passport applications on hand, including incomplete applications, by the number of months they have been in the system, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10582/24]

*100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 63 of 27 February 2024, how Irish medical volunteers can offer their services specifically to communities of individuals displaced from Gaza to third countries, for example, Egypt; the steps his Department will take to assist individuals or groups who contact them expressing an intention to do so; what contact points in the Department are suitable for such individuals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10589/24]

*101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 58 of 27 February 2024, if he is aware of an offer by a group which has a team of over 20 highly qualified specialist doctors, licensed and experienced in various medical fields in Dublin, ready to volunteer their services to communities displaced from Gaza into third countries, for example, Egypt (details supplied); if he has considered this offer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10590/24]

*102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 64 of 27 February 2024, if his Department has considered the direct deployment of Irish medical personnel in the region, including supporting or facilitating volunteer aid from Irish individuals; what in-kind and personnel contributions Ireland has made for same to European bodies for the purposes of humanitarian assistance to Palestinians, in tabular form; whether the Department will consider unilateral deployment of in-kind aid in the absence of an adequate response from the above European bodies, given discordant views on the conflict between member-states (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10591/24]

*103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will be processed on time for date of travel for a child (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [10592/24]

*104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is aware of a study published by Don't Buy into Occupation, a Palestinian civil society group, which found that 776 European banks provided financial support for 51 companies involved in the construction of the illegal settlements, and which found that from January 2020 to August 2023, these banks contributed \$164.2 billion to these illegal activities; his response to this report; his efforts at EU level to prevent European Banks from financial illegal activities in Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10694/24]

*105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to outline Ireland's position, and that of the EU, with regard to the present government in Iran, and if the Irish Government push for the IRGC to be recognised as a terrorist organisation. — John Lahart. [10708/24]

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

*106. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the formation, meetings and work of the National Just Transition Taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [10867/24]

*107. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the process by which premises can be added to the National Broadband Plan; the number of additional premises which have been added for each of the years since 2020 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [9974/24]

*108. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to report on the work of the just transition taskforce; how many times the taskforce has met since it was established; who sits on the taskforce; what is the estimated timeline for delivery for a just transition commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9976/24]

*109. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the amount of aviation fuel sold at each Irish airport for international aviation for each year from 2019 to 2023, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9999/24]

*110. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a breakdown of the amount of aviation fuel sold at each Irish airport for domestic aviation for each year from 2019 to 2023, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10000/24]

*111. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications in relation to proposed lithium drilling in Moylisha Hill, if he is aware of the strength of local feeling against this development and the opposition expressed by environmentalists; if he will oppose this proposed programme of invasive drilling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [10019/24]

*112. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his engagement with ComReg; if he discussed the need to include a rail line coverage obligation in the MBSA2

liberalised use licences; if he will issue a direction to ComReg on such coverage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [10093/24]

*113. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if it is legal for shops and off-licences to add a 15 cents deposit charge to cans which have no deposit return logo on the product and which cannot be accepted by the deposit return scheme machines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10121/24]

*114. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications about the situation of residents who use a coin meter for electricity; given that these residents are not registered with an electricity supplier in Ireland, do not have a unique meter point registration number, and do not receive an electricity bill, this results in no energy credit being passed onto the residents; if he will clarify what provisions are in place to allow such residents to claim the energy credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [10139/24]

*115. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will clarify how the safety and security risks associated with a floating storage and regasification unit compare to the safety and security risks associated with geological storage of natural gas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [10142/24]

*116. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline the measures that will be taken to prevent the import and use of fracked gas in Ireland's energy systems should a floating storage and regasification unit be leased; how it would be verified that imported gas has not come from fracked sources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [10143/24]

*117. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 42 of 06 December 2023, if he will provide an update on when the LGMA Codes of Practice codes for CCTV will be approved, particularly in relation to their use by local authorities for assisting waste enforcement and anti-litter efforts, and including the monitoring of illegal dumping and dog fouling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [10162/24]

*118. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he could provide an update on the planned introduction of specific packaging formats and product targets, for example for beverage and food cartons, as committed to in Ireland's Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy under Ireland's progression to attaining EU packaging, recovery, and recycling targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [10166/24]

*119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he will approve SEAI grants for heritage building retrofits in line with the recently published Department of Housing guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [10208/24]

*120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how frequently the supply of liquefied natural gas (LNG) in a floating storage and regasification unit will need to be replenished, given the inevitable boil-off of LNG over time; where this gas will be sourced; what measures will be taken to minimise the frequency of this occurrence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [10280/24]

*121. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for an update on the roll-out of fibre broadband at (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10313/24]

*122. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide an bhfuil sé sasta treoir a thabhairt do NBI cúram a ghlacadh de sholáthar leathanbhanda snáthoptaice do chuideachta a bhfuil géarghá práinneach acu le leathanbhanda den chineál seo (sonraí tugtha) agus nach bhfuil seirbhís sásúil acu i láthair na huaire agus nach fios cén uair a bheidh; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10346/24]

*123. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the ground rents payable by his Department or agencies under its remit, by named property, by name of landlord and by amount payable, in the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10413/24]

*124. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of dedicated funding that will be provided to each local authority to monitor and enforce the smoky coal ban and any future solid fuel regulations as part of the clean air strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10503/24]

*125. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the forthcoming Clean Air Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10504/24]

*126. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the maximum fine administered for breaches under the Air Pollution Act 1987 (Solid Fuels) Regulations 2022 (S.I. No. 529 of 2022); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10505/24]

*127. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the level of enforcement notices and prosecutions reported by local authorities in each of the years 2019 to 2023, and to date in 2024, under the updated Solid Fuel Regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10506/24]

*128. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the updated average cost for retrofitting a social housing unit as part of the national retrofitting scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10509/24]

*129. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes retrofitted, and heat pumps installed to date as part of the national retrofitting programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10510/24]

*130. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current status of the public consultation on disposable vaping devices; the timeline for the proposed ban on the manufacture, sale, distribution or free offer of disposable vaping devices under the Waste Management Act, 1996, Section 28(4)(i); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10512/24]

*131. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 42 of 22 November 2023, if he can provide an update on new legislation to strengthen the enforcement powers of local authorities to support increased

compliance with the air quality regulations, particularly given recent reports that the regulations are being flouted in some towns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10514/24]

*132. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide an update on the defective concrete block scheme managed by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, specifically the next steps being finalised with his Department, the process for qualifying for affected homeowners to access grant funding, and the measures in place to keep homeowners informed and supported throughout this process. — Alan Dillon. [10518/24]

*133. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how Inland Fisheries Ireland can sanction a draft net fishery in Cork Harbour when two rivers flowing into the harbour are not reaching their conservation limits, with the Owenacurra river in Middleton listed as catch and release only and the upper Lee closed with the knowledge that netting should not proceed in what is a mixed stock fishery in Cork Harbour until a survey is carried out to indicate which river the salmon caught are from; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [10527/24]

*134. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how Inland Fisheries Ireland can sanction a draft net fishery in Castlemaine harbour when two of the rivers flowing into the common embayment area are closed to angling, namely the Behy river and Emlough river, which has been closed for a few years, now given Castlemaine harbour is a mix stock fishery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [10528/24]

*135. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how Inland Fisheries Ireland can sanction a commercial net fishery in the Munster Blackwater when three rivers are closed, namely the rivers Lickey, Tourig and Womanagh, and the river Bride (north) is catch and release; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [10529/24]

*136. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for an update on legal analysis to be provided to the Minister on Ireland's withdrawal from the Energy Charter Treaty following Departmental engagement with the Office of the Attorney General in 2023; the scope and status of this OAG analysis and timeframe on when it will be brought to Government. — Paul Murphy. [10673/24]

*137. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide the number of applications received in 2023 to the SEAI one-stop shop for home retrofits; and the number of these projects which have commenced. — Jim O'Callaghan. [10709/24]

*138. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications how many contractors are registered with the SEAI to undertake work as part of the one-stop shop retrofitting scheme. — Jim O'Callaghan. [10710/24]

*139. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications what the current wait time is for retrofitting under the one-stop shop. — Jim O'Callaghan. [10711/24]

*140. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he shares concerns that the west Waterford Gaeltacht may be left without a post office service as the terms of the contract offered by An Post are seen as unviable; if he accepts that this unique Irish language community requires the maintenance of a local post office service; and if he will engage

with An Post to ensure that a fair and viable offer is made that facilitates the maintenance of this essential service to the community. — David Cullinane. [10732/24]

*141. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications Communication to provide the electric credit announced in Budget 2024 to an individual (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [10772/24]

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

*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he is aware of any senior Air Corps officers/members being arrested or charged under recent coercive control legislation; what are the procedures relating to such a case; whether the Defence Forces are required to take any internal disciplinary action against an individual under investigation and pending the conclusion of the civil proceedings; are they required to fully cooperate with An Garda Síochána in such investigations; and are they required to allow gardaí search offices or hand over computers and related items for forensic analysis, and look at the internal disciplinary or complaints record relating an individual as part of an civil authorities investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9949/24]

*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence whether he has had any recent communication with the Minister for Culture, Tourism, Arts, Sport and Media regarding the setting up of an Irish Naval Museum in Cork Harbour (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10094/24]

*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the steps he and the Naval Service authorities have taken in the past five years since it was agreed to decommission the LÉ Eithne to secure the historical legacy of the Naval Service flagship (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10095/24]

*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the likely cost or return from the of scrapping the LÉ Eithne and can he point to previous sales, decommissioning or scrapping of Irish Naval Service ships cost effectiveness; to list what occurred and the costs associated in each case for the past 30 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10096/24]

*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the reason a person (details supplied) received no feedback on an application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [10172/24]

*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence his plans to ensure that housing in barracks around the country is used. — Ivana Bacik. [10214/24]

*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence the ground rents payable by his Department, or agencies under its remit, by named property, by name of landlord and by amount payable, in the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10410/24]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*149. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that Cope Foundation buses do not have wheelchair passes. — Thomas Gould. [10516/24]

*150. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent and level of funding for roads, including maintenance, restoration, and other works from his Department to Waterford City and County Council in the years 2019-2024, inclusive, by year and by funding stream, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10750/24]

*151. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent and level of funding for roads, including maintenance, restoration, and other works from his Department to each local authority in the years 2019-2024, inclusive, by year and by funding stream, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10754/24]

*152. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to relocate the NCT centre in Skibbereen; and if so, if he could provide details of the relocation and the rationale for doing so. — Holly Cairns. [9960/24]

*153. To ask the Minister for Transport if he, together with TII, will consider exempting HGVs from payment of tolls on the M1 outside Drogheda in order to alleviate traffic congestion in Drogheda and through Julianstown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9982/24]

*154. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update for residents in areas in north Dublin (details supplied) who are experiencing ongoing issues with continuous and night-time aircraft noise; what the impact this noise is having on residents in these areas; what will be done to mitigate these problems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [10057/24]

*155. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details on how many occasions the rail line between Greystones and Bray has been closed annually from 2020-2024 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [10090/24]

*156. To ask the Minister for Transport if the relevant agencies are working on the development of a new train station on the north side of Drogheda to service the expanding population in that area, and to service existing residents on that side of the town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [10106/24]

*157. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the implementation of 30 km/h zones in housing estates and urban centres in all local authority areas; to quantify in numerical terms the approximate percentage or proportion of housing estates and urban centres nationwide with a 30 km/h limit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [10123/24]

*158. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the possible extension of the MetroLink in order to integrate it into the Dublin/Belfast rail line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [10128/24]

*159. To ask the Minister for Transport the nature of the engagement his officials have had with Louth County Council in recent months in respect of phase 2 of the Port Access Northern Cross Route in Drogheda, County Louth; if his Department is party to discussions between the

Council and Irish Rail on matters connected to the completion of this segment of the road; if funding will be made available by his Department for phase 2 of the road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [10161/24]

*160. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding the provision of flexi tax saver tickets for commuters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [10182/24]

*161. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driving test will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [10212/24]

*162. To ask the Minister for Transport what actions the Road Safety Authority plans to take to reduce the long waiting times in queues on the MyRoadSafety portal where a driving test applicant wants to book any of the cancelled short notice slots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [10220/24]

*163. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 169 of 20 February 2024, given that no one bar essential workers could sit a driving test or avail of lessons in 2020 and 2021, if he will take this into consideration and advocate for the RSA to make temporary changes to third learner permits to last for two years rather than one (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [10226/24]

*164. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the number of registered taxis and hackney vehicles in operation in each county in each of the years 2019, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10228/24]

*165. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the number of registered taxis and hackney drivers in operation in each county in each of the years 2019, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10229/24]

*166. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the enforcement investigation into divergent flight paths on the north runway; when this investigation is expected to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [10281/24]

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a list of the number of nighttime flights that have taken off from Dublin airport from 1 January to 27 February 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [10282/24]

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers that passed through Dublin airport between 2019 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [10283/24]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport when safety improvement works will commence at a dangerous junction in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10309/24]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the CIÉ salaried pensioners association report; if he agrees with the contents that the CIÉ superannuation scheme increase is sustainable at 2.6%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [10325/24]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport when Moyross rail station will be opened and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [10329/24]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the list of new rail stations to be opened under the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy; when works will commence on each; when each will be opened and operational, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [10330/24]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport when Moyross rail station will be opened and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [10335/24]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the list of new rail stations to be opened under the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy; when work will commence on each; when each will be opened and operational in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [10336/24]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the list of new rail stations to be opened under the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy; when works will commence on each; when each will be opened and operational, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [10337/24]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport the current plans to upgrade the 233 bus route to provide an improved public transport service to the villages of Killumney, Aherla, Cloughduv, Kilmurry and Crookstown (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [10345/24]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding allocated by his Department to each of Ireland's regional airports for each year 2020 to 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [10365/24]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the list of new rail stations to be opened under the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy; when works will commence on each; when each will be opened and operational, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [10366/24]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport the ground rents payable by his Department or agencies under its remit, by named property, by name of landlord and by amount payable, in the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10425/24]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport the new rail stations to be opened under a strategy (details supplied); when works will commence on each; when each will be opened and operational, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [10438/24]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the PSO funding required for the procurement of a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [10446/24]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus shelters currently in County Clare; his plans for future shelters, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [10447/24]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the shortfall of bus shelters in County Clare; his plans to address that shortfall; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [10448/24]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the number of bus shelters in County Clare with no up-to-date timetables displayed; his plans to replace them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [10449/24]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport what plans his Department has in respect of signs or plaques to denote bus stops on buildings and in areas where buses stop but there is no bus shelter present in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [10450/24]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport if an online timetable will be updated to adequately reflect arrival and departure times (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [10451/24]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport when the Woodbrook rail station will be opened and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10477/24]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of electric vehicles in Ireland to date in 2024; the number of electric vehicles registered annually over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10492/24]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of cars and percentage of the national vehicle fleet powered by fossil fuels in 2023 and to date in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10493/24]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of schools enrolled in the safe routes to school in 2023 and to date in 2024; the number of schools waiting to be enrolled; the breakdown of the number of schools enrolled in the programme by each county council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10494/24]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport the level of funding that has been allocated to the safe routes to school programme in 2024; the number of schools that are availing of the fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10495/24]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport which local authorities have drawn down funding to establish active travel teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10496/24]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport which local authorities have active travel teams in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10497/24]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of the 248 new posts for active travel teams in local authorities by county, in tabular form; the number that have been filled to date; the number of vacancies at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10498/24]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of the amount each county council has drawn down from its allocated active travel funding in 2023 and to date in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10499/24]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of the €290 million allocated to walking and cycling infrastructure in 2023 that has been spent; if he will provide a breakdown of where the funding has been spent to date in each county council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10500/24]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport for a breakdown of the €290 million assigned to walking and cycling that has been allocated to each county council; if he will provide information on the amount of funding that has been spent to date in 2023 by each county council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10501/24]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport the total cost arising from the reduced 20% public transport fares to the public and the reduced 50% public transport to students and young people under 24 years of age nationwide; if he is considering making the reduction permanent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10502/24]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport when the Kishogue rail station will be opened and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10521/24]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport when the Moyross rail station will be opened and operational in Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [10596/24]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the list of new rail stations to be opened under the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy; when works will commence on each; when each will be opened and operational, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [10597/24]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport when Kishoge rail station will be opened and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [10610/24]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport under the Cork Area Commuter Rail Programme when work will begin in relation to each of the new rail stations of Blarney/Stoneview, Monard, Blackpool/Kilbarry, Tivoli, Dunkettle, Carrigtwohill West, Water-Rock, Ballynoe, when each will be opened and operational, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [10632/24]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the implementation of the next phase of the Dublin Network Redesign; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [10637/24]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport if a bus stop and timetable will be erected at the 170 Bus Éireann bus stop in a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10662/24]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent and level of funding for roads, including maintenance, restoration, and other works from his Department to Waterford City and County

Council in the years 2019-2024, inclusive, by year and by funding stream, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10740/24]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent and level of funding for roads, including maintenance, restoration, and other works from Transport Infrastructure Ireland to Waterford City and County Council in the years 2019-2024, inclusive, by year and by funding stream, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10741/24]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent and level of funding for roads, including maintenance, restoration, and other works from the National Transport Authority to Waterford City and County Council in the years 2019-2024, inclusive, by year and by funding stream, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10742/24]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent and level of funding for roads, including maintenance, restoration, and other works from his Department to each local authority in the years 2019-2024, inclusive, by year and by funding stream, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10743/24]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent and level of funding for roads, including maintenance, restoration, and other works from Transport Infrastructure Ireland to each local authority in the years 2019-2024, inclusive, by year and by funding stream, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10744/24]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent and level of funding for roads, including maintenance, restoration, and other works from the National Transport Authority to each local authority in the years 2019-2024, inclusive, by year and by funding stream, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10745/24]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the transfer of the Dublin Bus fleet to electric buses; if there are any issues with the roll out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [10763/24]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter in relation to taxi and hackney licences (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10770/24]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport in respect of the Cork Area Commuter Rail Programme, when works will begin in relation to each of the new rail stations of Blarney/Stoneview, Monard, Blackpool/Kilbarry, Tivoli, Dunkettle, Carrigtwohill West, Water-Rock, Ballynoe; when each will be opened and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [10833/24]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*215. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to providing tax relief to parents of children studying in third level education in the UK for both their fees and the cost of their rent in the form of accommodation relief, with appropriate limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10092/24]

*216. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware of a particular investment product (details supplied) and if he has had any correspondence with the Central Bank in relation to the number

of Irish investors which could have been impacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [10145/24]

*217. To ask the Minister for Finance to review a case (details supplied); if he will outline why this tax credit is not open to him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10211/24]

*218. To ask the Minister for Finance if, using data available from the Revenue Commissioners through annual income declarations, he will provide the number of taxi drivers who declared an annual income of less than €10,000 and the number of taxi drivers who declared an income above €10,000 in each of the years 2019, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10230/24]

*219. To ask the Minister for Finance whether he is giving consideration to widening of the criteria and eligibility for a primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [10249/24]

*220. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider increasing the tax exemption limits for people aged 65 years and over, taking into account the recent increases to the State pension and many having to pay increased tax due to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [10299/24]

*221. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider a reversal of his decision to end the motor fuel subsidy shortly in view of cost of living increases and the potential for fuel tourism (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [10332/24]

*222. To ask the Minister for Finance the ground rents payable by his Department or agencies under its remit, by named property, by name of landlord and by amount payable, in the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10414/24]

*223. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on what work he is undertaking with respect to banks and financial institutions accepting disability allowance and carers allowance as income when an individual applies for a mortgage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [10442/24]

*224. To ask the Minister for Finance if the appropriate interest rate should be paid on the delayed issue of matured saving instruments and if he will investigate a case (details provided) which has not been paid almost five months after maturity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [10466/24]

*225. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications under the cycle-to-work scheme in 2023 and to date in 2024; if he will provide a breakdown between the number of bicycles, pedelecs, e-bikes and e-cargo bikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10486/24]

*226. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on expanding the reach of the bike-to-work scheme beyond PAYE workers to everyone, including employers, sole-traders, students, jobseekers, disabled, unpaid home-work and the retired; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10487/24]

*227. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of category A vehicles that were charged with the nitrogen dioxide emissions levy in 2022, 2023, and to date in 2024; the revenue raised each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10488/24]

*228. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised if the current nitrogen dioxide levy was doubled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10489/24]

*229. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised annually if the current nitrogen dioxide levy was applied to both categories A and B vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10490/24]

*230. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised if the carbon tax was doubled and the 2030 levy target was doubled to €200 per tonne; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10491/24]

*231. To ask the Minister for Finance in regard to RTÉ making a voluntary qualifying disclosure of €1.2 million to Revenue in the wake of the Eversheds Review, and given that in 2021, RTÉ stated that €1.2 million was the end of RTÉ's liability, and Revenue had confirmed it was the end of RTÉ's liability, if he can explain under what compliance procedures this figure has grown to €15 million set aside for misclassification by RTÉ. — Mairéad Farrell. [10556/24]

*232. To ask the Minister for Finance what the Central Bank mortgage lending rules were in 2007; if he can provide details of the rules in place at that time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10599/24]

*233. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are circumstances in which a person (details supplied) can file a late return for 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [10676/24]

*234. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the tax treatment of statutory sick leave payments made by employers in order that they are not subject to the deductions such as USC that the State avoids it when it pays illness benefit to employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [10707/24]

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.

*235. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the OPW has yet to identify a site for a Garda station in the Castletroy/Annacotty area of Limerick; the reason for the delay; and how much longer the process is likely to take. — Willie O'Dea. [10020/24]

*236. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will confirm that animal traps (details supplied) which were being used at the Botanic Gardens, Dublin are unlawful under the Wildlife Act, 1976 (Approved Traps, Snares and Nets) Regulations 2003 and if so, what steps have been taken to ensure that they have been permanently removed from this site and any other OPW properties. — Paul Murphy. [10037/24]

*237. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 85 of 29 March 2023, if the OPW established if a trespass occurred at Hore Abbey during a fox hunt and if so, what action has been taken against the hunt in question. — Paul Murphy. [10044/24]

*238. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the rental income obtained by the State from the property known as the Great Heath of Maryborough, Portlaoise, County Laois for each of the last twenty years, 2004 to 2023 inclusive. — Brian Stanley. [10165/24]

*239. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will include Bus Éireann in the schedule of bodies covered by the Freedom of Information Act 2014. — Pauline Tully. [10274/24]

*240. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the amount spent on advertising within his Department in 2023 and for January 2024, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [10275/24]

*241. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if works can be carried out a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [10310/24]

*242. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if he will set out any policy or guidance that applies in the civil or public service in relation to the duration of the terms of office for the chief executives of agencies established under Government departments; whether chief executives are confined to a single five-year term or if multiple successive such contracts be awarded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [10348/24]

*243. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the ground rents payable by his Department, or agencies under its remit, by named property, by name of landlord and by amount payable, in the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10420/24]

*244. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to set out in detail his Department’s future proposals for the former Cork prison on the Rathmore Road, in particular the building and the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10681/24]

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

*245. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there are plans to introduce penalties for businesses that fail to reduce their carbon emissions; if so, when these penalties would be likely to come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [10479/24]

*246. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to review correspondence (detail supplied) and address the concerns outlined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10639/24]

*247. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is willing to expand the supports available through the local enterprise offices to social enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [10047/24]

*248. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the criteria for applying for humanitarian assistance after the recent flooding in east Cork (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [10052/24]

*249. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when fishers will be removed from the list of unapproved occupations for the general employment permit, thus permitting fishing vessel owners to legally recruit non-EEA fishers for the first time since late 2022, when the atypical work permit scheme for non-EEA fishers was abolished; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [10201/24]

*250. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment how on-balance-sheet liability exposure is calculated for SBCI-backed loans where the State guarantees 80 percent of a loan; how much the State is liable for per €10 million loan scheme where the State guarantees 80 percent of a loan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10210/24]

*251. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to confirm the date on which his Department was notified of the intention of the Glen Dimplex group, as reported in the media and as communicated to Dáil Deputies in Louth and elsewhere, to contemplate collective redundancies at its sites in the Republic of Ireland, including its facility in Dunleer, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [10219/24]

*252. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of WTE forensic accountants working in the Corporate Enforcement Authority as of 26 February 2024; if he will provide the same figures as of 31 December 2022, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased during 2024. — Pauline Tully. [10265/24]

*253. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he will publish the results of the consultation on the work permit review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10297/24]

*254. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the ground rents payable by his Department, or agencies under its remit, by named property, by name of landlord and by amount payable, in the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10412/24]

*255. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current number of work permits allocated for motor/auto mechanics; if he proposes to increase that number; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10578/24]

*256. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will give urgent and detailed consideration to the issues outlined in correspondence from a business group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [10696/24]

*257. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he will publish the results of the consultation on the work permit review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [10775/24]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*258. To ask the Minister for Education if she will instigate a full review of the school's wellbeing curriculum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [9936/24]

*259. To ask the Minister for Education the number of new ASD classes at second level in Dublin 9 and 11 for the past four years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [9946/24]

*260. To ask the Minister for Education the number of new ASD classes at primary level in Dublin 9 and 11 for the past four years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [9947/24]

*261. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 147 of 22 February 2024, to confirm receipt of the tender report for a large-scale capital project in November 2023 (details supplied); to provide a timeline for when the review will be complete given delays will likely result in increased costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9948/24]

*262. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has been notified or is aware of a concerning growth in the number of students who cannot access school places for the forthcoming academic year at primary and post primary level in County Offaly (details supplied); what options are available for students who cannot access school places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9956/24]

*263. To ask the Minister for Education in view that the rate of pay for school bus escorts is continually under review, what date will the next review be; will the pay increases under the proposed public service pay deal be extended to school bus escorts; and will she strongly consider awarding school bus escorts a pay increase in line with the pay increases for other school related staff including special needs assistants, caretakers and school secretaries. — Holly Cairns. [9963/24]

*264. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the time that children are waiting for sensory equipment to be provided in view that this delay is having an impact on their education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [9971/24]

*265. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on timings of the promised citizens assembly on education; whether it will cover the goal to achieve 400 multi denominational schools by 2030, divestment from current patrons and pre-school education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [9987/24]

*266. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review her Department's decision in relation to an application for emergency works by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [9988/24]

*267. To ask the Minister for Education if an application under the emergency works scheme at a school (details supplied) will be expedited and approved. — John McGuinness. [9998/24]

*268. To ask the Minister for Education what efforts are being made by her Department to ensure a special school place is available for the 2024/2025 school year to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10004/24]

*269. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the status of an application (details supplied) for a construction project; the stages for such applications; the timeframe involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [10006/24]

*270. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware that a State funded event (details supplied) is issuing consent forms to parents of children participants and attendees which states that the consent form is for filming and photography with wide usage allowed for third parties of which include commercial and non-commercial partners; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10027/24]

*271. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department received an email from this Deputy dated 14 February 2024 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [10028/24]

*272. To ask the Minister for Education in relation to circular 0002/24 issued by the Department on 6 February 2024, which proposes to eliminate the category of “complex educational needs” from consideration when allocating special education teacher (SET) hours, if she will ensure that this proposed change is withdrawn given the negative impact potentially revoking access to the educational setting appropriate to their needs can have on children (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [10030/24]

*273. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the allocation of a secondary school place for a student (details supplied) who is currently without a school place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10073/24]

*274. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project for a school (details supplied); and to confirm at what stage matters are currently at; and when it is anticipated that building works will commence. — John Brady. [10074/24]

*275. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project for a school (details supplied), and to confirm at what stage matters are currently at; and when it is anticipated that building works will commence. — John Brady. [10075/24]

*276. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project for a school (details supplied), and to confirm at what stage matters are currently at; and when it is anticipated that building works will commence. — John Brady. [10076/24]

*277. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project for a school (details supplied), and to confirm at what stage matters are currently at; and when it is anticipated that building works will commence. — John Brady. [10077/24]

*278. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project for a school (details supplied), and to confirm at what stage matters are currently at; and when it is anticipated that building works will commence.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10078/24]

*279. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project for a school (details supplied), and to confirm at what stage matters are currently at; and when it is anticipated that building works will commence. — John Brady. [10079/24]

*280. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the status of a building project for a school (details supplied), and to confirm at what stage matters are currently at, and when it is anticipated that building works will commence. — John Brady. [10080/24]

*281. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project for a school (details supplied), and to confirm at what stage matters are currently; at and when it is anticipated that building works will commence. — John Brady. [10081/24]

*282. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project for a school (details supplied), and to confirm at what stage matters are currently at; and when it is anticipated that building works will commence. — John Brady. [10082/24]

*283. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the case of a child (details supplied) attending an early intervention preschool in Dublin 11; what supports can be offered to the child's family as they continue to search for a suitable school place for their child; what steps her Department is taking to ensure that children with additional needs can secure suitable school places upon leaving preschool; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [10091/24]

*284. To ask the Minister for Education if an application for an ASD class in a Westmeath school (details supplied) could be urgently considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [10097/24]

*285. To ask the Minister for Education to facilitate the contact from an official within her planning department and a school (details supplied) specifically concerning an additional special classroom as recommended to it by the NCSE to fulfil a need in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [10103/24]

*286. To ask the Minister for Education the status of funding for a school (details supplied) to enable it to resource its sensory room. — John Lahart. [10104/24]

*287. To ask the Minister for Education for a progress report on a school (details supplied). — John Lahart. [10105/24]

*288. To ask the Minister for Education the reason her Department has issued Circular 0002/24 which proposes to eliminate the category of "complex educational needs" from consideration when allocating special education teacher hours; if this will be reversed; if not, the steps being taken to ensure adequate SET hours for those students who will be affected by this change; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10117/24]

*289. To ask the Minister for Education the funding that exists for a school (details supplied) and other schools to install water fountains on their school grounds; the way in which an application can be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10120/24]

*290. To ask the Minister for Education when a pilot scheme for larger primary schools in a region (details supplied) will be functional and providing counselling services. — Peter Burke. [10124/24]

*291. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén uair a dhéanfar cinneadh ar iarratais le haghaidh síneadh a chur le scoil i gContae na Gaillimhe (sonraí tugtha) ag tógail san áireamh an gá atá ann go gcuirfear an síneadh seo leis an scoil le go mbeidh spás féiliúnach ar fáil do na daltaí agus an fhoireann i gcoitinne; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10127/24]

*292. To ask the Minister for Education if his Department received correspondence from a school (details supplied); when they will act on same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [10141/24]

*293. To ask the Minister for Education if she can confirm a date when a school (details supplied) will be open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [10146/24]

*294. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [10150/24]

*295. To ask the Minister for Education to review correspondence (details supplied); if she can respond to same and provide an update on this project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10152/24]

*296. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application for funding (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10173/24]

*297. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding additional accommodation scheme applications lodged by a school (details supplied); her Department's engagement with the school of late; the position regarding an emergency works application lodged by the school; the reason a response was not issued within the recommended 15-day timeline; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [10181/24]

*298. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a breakdown, by county of the number of schools that have been able to avail of supports as of 23 February 2024 under the pilot counselling in primary schools project. — Joe Flaherty. [10202/24]

*299. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the application by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [10217/24]

*300. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 116 of 24 January 2024, when a school (details supplied) will receive approval for its building programme to move to the next phase; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [10232/24]

*301. To ask the Minister for Education to confirm the position in relation to sanction of a new precast modular building for a special school in Tipperary; to confirm the status of this project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [10239/24]

*302. To ask the Minister for Education to confirm the awarding criteria for the new Physical Activity in Teaching and Learning Pilot Programme and if it will utilise a lottery system for awarding grants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [10243/24]

*303. To ask the Minister for Education if she will look favourably on the staffing appeal of a school (details supplied) for September 2024 due to the extenuating circumstances of the case. — Cathal Crowe. [10248/24]

*304. To ask the Minister for Education the reason County Meath was omitted from the redeployment programme for secondary school teachers, as recently announced by her Department; and when teachers in this county will be able to apply for a transfer to other counties. — Cathal Crowe. [10251/24]

*305. To ask the Minister for Education if there are any grants that (details supplied) could avail of to obtain the necessary funding to purchase and install a water fountain; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [10305/24]

*306. To ask the Minister for Education if she will look favourably on the appeal made by the parents of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [10314/24]

*307. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the phase 2 build at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [10333/24]

*308. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cé mhéid airgid a chaitheann an Rialtas in aghaidh na bliana ar an gComhairle um Oideachas Gaeltachta & Gaelscolaíochta. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10381/24]

*309. To ask the Minister for Education the ground rents payable by her Department or agencies under its remit, by named property, by name of landlord and by amount payable, in the years 2016 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10411/24]

*310. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a school project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [10519/24]

*311. To ask the Minister for Education the action her Department is taking to ensure that a project in a school (details supplied) is delivered at the earliest opportunity, given the many delays already faced and the pressing need for increased capacity to cater for secondary school students in the Newcastle and Rathcoole areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [10522/24]

*312. To ask the Minister for Education if she has any plans to raise the retirement age for Bus Éireann school bus drivers to bring it into line with local link and other providers' policies, and to allow those who want to keep working to do so. — Martin Browne. [10523/24]

*313. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to address the shortage of school bus drivers, and the impact this is having on students and their families each year. — Martin Browne. [10524/24]

*314. To ask the Minister for Education the plans to address the shortage of secondary school places in the Greystones Municipal District; if she is aware of the population growth in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [10535/24]

*315. To ask the Minister for Education if she is aware of the serious shortage of teachers at a school (details provided), and that this is exacerbated by the rapidly growing population in the catchment area; whether the school is being prioritised for additional teacher provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [10555/24]

*316. To ask the Minister for Education what is being done to ensure that a child (details supplied) receives a place in a primary school ASD unit for 2024/2025. — Thomas Gould. [10598/24]

*317. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the emergency works grant application for a school (details supplied); if this application will be expedited to reflect genuine safety concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [10605/24]

*318. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for the removal of the nearest school rule in relation to the school transport scheme; if she will consider early removal of the rule, or a pilot removal, for a school (details supplied) that has a substantial student base residing in Westport, County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [10609/24]

*319. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the situation at a school (details supplied); and when this unacceptable situation will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [10633/24]

*320. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the additional accommodation application by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10642/24]

*321. To ask the Minister for Education if a new ASD class will be provided at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10643/24]

*322. To ask the Minister for Education to outline the progress in respect of a school building project at (details supplied); the current status of the project; when the project is expected to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10672/24]

*323. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on a payroll issue for a primary school teacher (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [10674/24]

*324. To ask the Minister for Education for an update regarding the current status of a possible post primary school to serve the students on Inisbofin, County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [10675/24]

*325. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the adequacy of supports for children with autism and other additional educational needs in north Dublin, and the Ballymun-Finglas area in particular, and if she will comment specifically on the situation that a person and his family (details supplied) find themselves in. — Paul Murphy. [10677/24]

*326. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the national action plan on bullying. — Sorca Clarke. [10679/24]

*327. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the reduction of 2.5 special education teaching hours at a school (details supplied); the reasons for this reduction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [10698/24]

*328. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the reduction of 2.5 special education teaching hours at a school (details supplied) the reasons for this reduction; the position regarding additional accommodation application for two SEN classrooms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [10699/24]

*329. To ask the Minister for Education if a child (details supplied) will be in a position to continue their education at a school considering they have undertook early intervention at the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10703/24]

*330. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 276 of 20 February 2024, the number of post primary schools that are currently without special classes; the number currently with fewer than four special classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [10705/24]

*331. To ask the Minister for Education if she could ensure that a school (details supplied) which is losing an SET teacher is included in the review process, and if she will restore complex needs as a requirement in allocating teachers. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [10715/24]

*332. To ask the Minister for Education if she and officials in the additional school accommodation unit of her Department will urgently revisit the capital funding that has been approved to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [10767/24]

*333. To ask the Minister for Education the progress made in providing a modular classroom for a special class in a school (details supplied); the reason for the delay in providing this modular classroom; when the classroom is likely to be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10771/24]

*334. To ask the Minister for Education for an update on the delivery of the new special school (details supplied); how many students it will accommodate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [10773/24]

*335. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made in relation to an appeal lodged against the refusal of grant aid under the emergency works scheme to a school in County Galway (details supplied); the need for said grant assistance due to the school's concern for the health and well-being of their pupils due to the lack of vital facilities in the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10789/24]

*336. To ask the Minister for Education the efforts in hand to ensure that all students in Kill secure a school place in September 2024 given 16 primary school children have so far been refused a place for the coming year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10815/24]

*337. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 189 of 19 October 2023, the timeline for when the promised second modular classroom to accommodate the ASD unit at a school (details supplied) will be delivered and operational; the reason for the delay in the delivery of the unit; the details of any engagement with the company building the unit, particularly with regard to the delays in delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [10821/24]

*338. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to build new secondary schools in the Lucan area given the recent population growth; what planning is in place to address this shortage of secondary school places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [10832/24]

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

*339. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide details on the arrangements for the National Famine Commemoration this year. — Holly Cairns. [9819/24]

*340. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the measures in place in relation to user rights of images of objects, historical records and sites that are owned by public collections, archives, and museums. — Jim O’Callaghan. [9941/24]

*341. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has considered the purchase, or encouraging the owners to make a cultural donation to the State, of Ernest Shackelton’s Polar medal which is being touted for sale at present so it can be displayed along with other artefacts relating to his and other Irish explorers of the Polar regions over the centuries in an appropriate museum collection in Ireland that is open to the public; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10024/24]

*342. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide a breakdown of all grants made by her Department to tourism bodies and tourism companies in each of the years 2022 and 2023 including the value of each grant and the reason for each grant, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [10157/24]

*343. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if, following the cessation of the Food Tourism Strategy 2018 – 2023, her Department or any tourism bodies under the aegis of her Department have plans for the development and implementation of a new Food Tourism Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [10158/24]

*344. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the salary amount that was paid to the secretary general of her Department in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [10177/24]

*345. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the annual salary of the highest paid employee of her Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [10178/24]

*346. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the date upon which her Department’s former secretary general left their role. — Peadar Tóibín. [10179/24]

*347. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the pension/lump sum entitlements of former secretary generals of her Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [10180/24]

*348. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she last met formally with either persons (details supplied); and when she expects to meet again with these persons. — Pauline Tully. [10266/24]

*349. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for an update on tourism proposals for the Cavan-Monaghan area. — Pauline Tully. [10267/24]

*350. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéid airgid a chaitheann an Rialtas in aghaidh na bliana ar chlár Cholmcille, a chuireann cás Ghaeilge na hÉireann agus cás Ghaeilge na hAlban araon chun cinn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10382/24]

*351. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the ground rents payable by her Department or agencies under its remit, by named property, by name of landlord and by amount payable, in the years 2016 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10424/24]

*352. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason funding has been refused for Gael-Taca; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [10464/24]

*353. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there is any funding available to support community centres purchasing sports equipment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [10474/24]

*354. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of TV licence inspections carried out in each of the years 2019, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024 respectively in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [10539/24]

*355. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of TV licence inspections carried out in each of the months from February 2023 to February 2024 respectively in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [10541/24]

*356. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of prosecutions initiated for non-payment of the TV licence in each of the months from February 2023 to February 2024 respectively in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [10544/24]

*357. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding available for young people to engage in and represent Ireland in kickboxing abroad; how can people and sports clubs apply for this funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [10563/24]

*358. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when birth records will be available online (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10575/24]

*359. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on her Department's engagement with the European Commission in relation to the State Aid pre-notification process regarding the Local Democracy and Courts Reporting Schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [10634/24]

*360. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she stands over her comments at the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Tourism, Culture, Arts, Sport and Media on 28 November 2023 that the suspension of TV licence advertising was not discussed with her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10717/24]

*361. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will clarify whether the suspension of TV licence advertising was discussed with her Department's officials at operational forum meetings involving her Department's officials, RTÉ and An Post on 12 July, 16 August, 6 September, 11 October and 8 November 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10718/24]

*362. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if notes, minutes or any other form of record were kept in respect of operational forum meetings involving her Department's officials, RTÉ and An Post on 12 July, 16 August, 6 September, 11 October and 8 November 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10719/24]

*363. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will furnish this Deputy with notes, minutes or any other form of records that were kept in respect of operational forum meetings involving her Department's officials, RTÉ and An Post on 12 July, 16 August, 6 September, 11 October and 8 November 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10720/24]

*364. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will furnish this Deputy with details of which officials from her Department attended operational forum meetings with RTÉ and An Post on 12 July, 16 August, 6 September, 11 October and 8 November 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10721/24]

*365. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has been in receipt of oral or written briefings, reports, summaries, notes, minutes or any form of records in respect of operational forum meetings involving her Department's officials, RTÉ and An Post on 12 July, 16 August, 6 September, 11 October and 8 November 2023 when these were received by the Minister; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10722/24]

*366. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is concerned with the lack of accounting and auditing expertise on the RTÉ Board; if she will list the current board members with accounting and auditing expertise; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10723/24]

*367. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media how long the operational forum meetings involving her Department's officials, RTÉ and An Post have been taking place; if she will provide details of dates of each of these meetings for the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10724/24]

*368. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will furnish this Deputy with dated copies of briefings to her by her officials in respect of operational

forum meetings involving her Department's officials, RTÉ and An Post on 12 July, 16 August, 6 September, 11 October and 8 November 2023; if she received and read these briefings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10725/24]

*369. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the Chairman of RTÉ briefed her on the appointment of the new company secretary; if so, when the briefing took place; if she scrutinised the appointment process; if copies of correspondence in this regard will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10726/24]

*370. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the up-to-date position regarding the appointment of a new Chair for RTÉ; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10727/24]

*371. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she or any official in her Department or member of her staff was in receipt of, by any means written, electronic or otherwise, confirmation of RTÉ Remuneration Committee approval of any exit package in respect of any RTÉ employee after 26 September 2023 and before 14 February 2024; if so, if she will provide the details; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10728/24]

*372. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the HR and culture report she commissioned into RTÉ will involve interaction with staff outside of the HR Department; if she is aware that one anonymised survey appears to be the only such engagement to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10729/24]

*373. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of live television and radio interviews she has given since 17 July 2023 where the primary purpose of the interview was to appeal for compliance with licence requirement and stopping the decline in TV licence revenues; if she will identify each interview; the amount of revenue lost to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [10737/24]

*374. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she agrees that a post office where the public can conduct their business through the Irish language is an essential public service for any Gaeltacht community; if she shares concerns that the West Waterford Gaeltacht may soon be left without a post office service as the terms of the contract offered by An Post to replace the Post Office in An Rinn are seen as unviable; if she accepts that there is a special case to be made to maintain a post office in this unique Irish language community; if she will engage with the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications and An Post to ensure that a viable service is maintained; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [10746/24]

*375. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the measures initiated and actioned for the night time economy by officers appointed in each city where a night time economy officer has been appointed, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [10766/24]

*376. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will work with the FAI to apply for Brexit adjustment funding from the EU in view of the radical effect Brexit has had on the development path for Irish football. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [10790/24]

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

*377. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent and level of funding for retrofitting from his Department to Waterford City and County Council in the years 2019-2024, inclusive, by year and by funding stream, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10748/24]

*378. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent and level of funding for retrofitting from his Department to each local authority in the years 2019-2024, inclusive, by year and by funding stream, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10749/24]

*379. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on extending environmental impact assessments to projects currently falling outside them because of type or scale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [9937/24]

*380. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on amending the strategic environmental assessment to link it to relevant Council of Europe Conventions. — Jim O'Callaghan. [9938/24]

*381. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is taking action to discourage private ownership of archaeological objects; for example, through the development of up-to-date standards on heritage protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [9939/24]

*382. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how Ireland is delivering on commitments on metal detecting made under the Valetta Treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [9940/24]

*383. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to address the remaining trihalomethanes non-compliances in drinking water, in respect of the ECJ ruling that Ireland has failed to meet its obligations under the EU directive on safe drinking water since at least 2012. — Holly Cairns. [9961/24]

*384. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, in light of the numerous referenda and elections being held in 2024, he will consider alternative locations for polling stations to national schools to reduce the need for repeated school closures and many parents being forced to take unpaid leave; and if these considerations will be taken before the next referendum. — Holly Cairns. [9962/24]

*385. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to restore all critical breeding and wintering sites for hen harriers; what steps he is taking to guarantee absolute protection for all nationally important hen harrier breeding and wintering grounds from afforestation, forestry activities, and wind farm development; and how he aims to provide support to farmers to ensure hen harrier protection across all key breeding and wintering grounds. — Holly Cairns. [9964/24]

*386. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans to provide funding in 2024 to support local authorities with taking in charge applications in respect of unfinished housing estates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [10007/24]

*387. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has any plans to seek a new round of bids under the Multi-Annual Developer Provided Water Services Infrastructure Resolution Programme. — Claire Kerrane. [10008/24]

*388. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason two housing estates in County Roscommon (details supplied) were not recommended for funding under the Multi-Annual Developer Provided Water Services Infrastructure Resolution Programme 2019-2021. — Claire Kerrane. [10009/24]

*389. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if County Leitrim will be included in the defective concrete blocks scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [10010/24]

*390. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a licence is required for the hunting of Irish hares with packs of hounds and if so, how many licences have been issued over the past five years; and the recipients of the licences and how many hares have been killed in hunting during that period. — Paul Murphy. [10036/24]

*391. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an animal trap for rats and mice (details supplied) is unlawful under the Wildlife Act, 1976 (Approved Traps, Snares and Nets) Regulations 2003 and if so, what action his Department is taking against those selling or using them in Ireland. — Paul Murphy. [10038/24]

*392. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can explain why a veterinary report form documenting the presence of two pregnant hares at Freshford Coursing Club has been modified on the National Parks and Wildlife Service website to now show that “nil” hares were identified as pregnant at the meeting; who authorised this modification; if he condones it; and if an investigation will be launched to establish if pregnant hares were present and if so, if this breached licence conditions. — Paul Murphy. [10039/24]

*393. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will investigate if a pregnant hare who gave birth was among the hares in a coursing compound in Glin, given the number of hares at the end of coursing was one more than the number captured from the wild, if this breached the licence conditions and if so, what action he is taking against the club in question. — Paul Murphy. [10040/24]

*394. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Loughanleagh mountain, County Cavan is designated a special protection area, a special area of conservation or a natural heritage area; and if there are any restrictions on the use of heavy machinery on this site. — Pauline Tully. [10059/24]

*395. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports made available by his Department for thatched properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [10101/24]

*396. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a dedicated website for “Housing for All” which clearly outlines all of the various measures which are currently available through this programme. — Robert Troy. [10155/24]

*397. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to work alongside an organisation (details supplied) in order to devise a mechanism whereby a local council can

be supported to bring wastewater treatment systems that have not been taken in charge by Irish Water up to a certain standard to enable Irish Water to take them under their responsibility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [10174/24]

*398. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to increase the income thresholds for social housing in any or all of the local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [10176/24]

*399. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he will take to ensure that local authority employees are treated in the same manner as civil servants in relation to situations where staff who are in an acting position do not get the benefit on the point on the pay scale if promoted to a higher role, only benefiting if they are promoted into the acting role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [10186/24]

*400. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the local authority home loan scheme; the number of successful and unsuccessful applicants to date, by each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [10195/24]

*401. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 284 of 28 March 2023, if his Department is collecting data on the number of applications, both successful and unsuccessful within the age category of 45 to 70 years for the local authority home loan scheme from commencement of the scheme to date; the number of successful and unsuccessful applications for the scheme to each local authority for each year to date, by age of applicants between age 45 and 55 years and between the ages of 55 and 70, respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [10196/24]

*402. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of successful and unsuccessful non-EU/non-EEA applications for the local authority home loan scheme for each year to date, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [10197/24]

*403. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage recalling the 2019 Dáil declaration of a biodiversity crisis, and acknowledging specifically the negative impact of light pollution on biodiversity, his plans to mitigate this increasingly pervasive problem, including, but not limited to, whether is intended to amend the Building Regulations to this end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [10209/24]

*404. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will make a statement on the need for additional social and affordable housing in Rathmines and surrounds, including by way of Part V housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [10215/24]

*405. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to seek updates from both Louth and Meath county councils on projected affordable housing units that are schedule or in the pipeline for 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [10238/24]

*406. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he has had any engagement with, or received any reports or briefings from Uisce Éireann, regarding

the inclusion of projects (details supplied) in County Dublin in the Multi-annual Rural Water Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [10242/24]

*407. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the recent report commissioned by the Environmental Protection Agency in which evidence of antimicrobial-resistant organisms was found in Irish swimming waters; how his Department plans to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [10303/24]

*408. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage why there are delays in having houses in County Clare with defective concrete blocks being approved for the remediation scheme; is it the case that his Department along with the housing agency are delaying the processing of applications so that they get a large batch of them together; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [10306/24]

*409. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to reopen the Protected Structures Conservation Advice Grant Scheme in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [10312/24]

*410. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new technical and administrative staff hired in the local authority planning system since February 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [10317/24]

*411. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage where an offer of a building for accommodation has been referred to his Department by the Department for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for assessment under the Emergency Refurbishment (Ukraine) Programme, and the property is subject to an open enforcement case by the local authority, if it is incontrovertibly deemed unsuitable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [10340/24]

*412. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the ground rents payable by his Department or agencies under its remit, by named property, by name of landlord and by amount payable, in the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10418/24]

*413. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has made representations to the EU Commission in respect of the need for regulation of online short-term tourist letting companies; and if he will report on the preparations his Department is making for when legislation to regulate such companies is passed and implemented. — Ivana Bacik. [10426/24]

*414. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will make a statement on the need to support older persons to downsize. — Ivana Bacik. [10427/24]

*415. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of private houses that local authorities are renting and subletting as social housing by local authority; the annual cost of renting these houses in each of the years 2018 to 2023 and to date in 2024, by local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [10429/24]

*416. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will make a statement on the adequacy of enforcement powers within the Residential Tenancies Board; and

his plans to establish an enforcement bureau within the organisation to ensure that those who subvert legal protections for tenants are addressed. — Ivana Bacik. [10430/24]

*417. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide additional funding to deal with issues surrounding maintenance of social housing, particularly flat complexes. — Ivana Bacik. [10431/24]

*418. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current staffing levels in each local authority, compared with 2018. — Ivana Bacik. [10433/24]

*419. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current staffing levels in An Bord Pleanála, compared with 2020 and 2018; and the staffing levels in the same period in each division of the organisation, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [10434/24]

*420. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to publish the Indecon report commissioned by the Department into the land value sharing tax that was discussed by officials during the pre-legislative scrutiny hearings with the Oireachtas Housing Committee during May 2023. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10569/24]

*421. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total expenditure in 2023 on social and affordable housing funded through SHIP, CALF, CAS, AHF, CREL, AHB borrowing and LDA expenditure. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10570/24]

*422. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 341 of 20 February 2024, if a Stamp 4 is required for non-EU/Non-EEA applicants within the credit policy for the residency eligibility criteria for the local authority home loan scheme; if so, the reason there was no reference to this in the reply; the reason this information is not publicly listed in the eligibility criteria on the website local authority home loan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [10601/24]

*423. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports available to councillors with disabilities when they are elected; if local authorities are required to provide supports; what provisions are in place; if statutory requirements are in place; the additional measures he intends to introduce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [10630/24]

*424. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a review was undertaken in 2020 at the end of phase one of the National Landscape Strategy 2015-2025; if a review was undertaken at the end of phase two of the same strategy; if he plans to prepare an updated strategy and implementation programme in consultation with the stakeholders who contributed to the 2015 document; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [10667/24]

*425. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when an application (details supplied) for funding under the remedial action list RAL will be decided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [10669/24]

*426. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration will be given to the development of social and affordable housing at the former Cork Prison on the Rathmore Road, given that this property has been vacant for eight years and the site could have

the potential to deliver a substantial number of new homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10682/24]

*427. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of all schemes and funding streams related to housing delivery that are currently under review or due to be reviewed in 2024; the expected completion date of these reviews; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [10702/24]

*428. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent and level of capital funding for housing from his Department to Waterford City and County Council in the years 2019-2024, inclusive, by year and by funding stream, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10751/24]

*429. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent and level of revenue funding for housing from his Department to Waterford City and County Council in the years 2019-2024, inclusive, by year and by funding stream, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10752/24]

*430. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent and level of capital funding for fire stations from his Department to Waterford City and County Council in the years 2019-2024, inclusive, by year and by funding stream, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10753/24]

*431. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent and level of capital funding for housing from his Department to each local authority in the years 2019-2024, inclusive, by year and by funding stream, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10755/24]

*432. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent and level of revenue funding for housing from his Department to each local authority in the years 2019-2024, inclusive, by year and by funding stream, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10756/24]

*433. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent and level of capital funding for fire stations from his Department to each local authority in the years 2019-2024, inclusive, by year and by funding stream, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10757/24]

*434. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of young people aged 18-29 years who are registered to vote; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10829/24]

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

*435. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how plans are advancing in introducing a pay related benefit scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [9967/24]

*436. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a rent supplement claim in respect of a person in County Cork (details supplied); and if any documentation is outstanding which may be pertinent to the application in advance of a decision being made. — Sean Sherlock. [9968/24]

*437. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to review the Assisted Human Reproduction Bill to ensure benefits akin to adoptive and maternity leave are provided for the care of newborn infants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [9980/24]

*438. To ask the Minister for Social Protection why 'S' class contributions do not qualify for carer's payment; if there are any exceptions to this rule; if there is consideration around changing this; and if not, why not. — Paul Murphy. [10056/24]

*439. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person paying PRSI contributions between the ages of 66 and 70 can use those contributions to reach the threshold of 520 contributions to access a contributory pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [10164/24]

*440. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what the average wait time for an additional needs payment application is; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [10206/24]

*441. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); when a decision is likely to issue, given this has been pending for some time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10227/24]

*442. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when maintenance payments to carers will be disregarded as means for social welfare payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [10237/24]

*443. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to ensure that the €500 grant towards the cost of a hairpiece, wig or hair replacement for people who suffer hair loss due to illness is not restricted, therefore preventing people who suffer from alopecia to avail of this grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [10246/24]

*444. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount spent on advertising and promotions within her Department in 2023 and for January 2024, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [10273/24]

*445. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will indicate when an appeal by a person (details supplied) to the Chief Appeals Officer against a refusal to award him the invalidity person will be heard, and if same can be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [10277/24]

*446. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the expected time scale for employees to receive information on their redundancy entitlements (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [10324/24]

*447. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person in County Cork (details supplied) has been refused illness benefit. — Michael Creed. [10396/24]

*448. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the ground rents payable by her Department or agencies under its remit, by named property, by name of landlord and by amount payable, in the years 2016 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10422/24]

*449. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on recent legislation which passed in Westminster to create an optional bereavement certificate for pregnancy loss before 24 weeks' gestation; and her plans to introduce such a similar initiative here. — Ivana Bacik. [10428/24]

*450. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the number of applications received for exceptional needs payments from County Clare in the past 12 months; how many were granted; how many were rejected, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [10440/24]

*451. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of the fuel allowance; the number of applications for the fuel allowance; the number of refusals for the fuel allowance over the past three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10513/24]

*452. To ask the Minister for Social Protection why a payment has been reduced for a person in County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10517/24]

*453. To ask the Minister for Social Protection why a person (details supplied) has had their disability allowance withdrawn. — Michael Creed. [10525/24]

*454. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has any plans to extend the eligibility of the living alone allowance to Irish citizens who have moved home from the UK, are in receipt of a UK pension but are not in receipt of any Irish social welfare payments. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [10534/24]

*455. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 323 of 27 February 2024, the meaning of travel itinerary; what information must be included in this as evidence of travel; if a signed letter from the DA recipient outlining the dates they will be abroad is acceptable; and the legal basis for requesting and holding the travel data of DA recipients. — Mairéad Farrell. [10612/24]

*456. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how income (details supplied) is assessed when an individual is elected to a local authority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [10631/24]

*457. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider launching an awareness campaign for women needing to check their updated their PPSN numbers from the old 'W' format; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [10695/24]

*458. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it is possible for schools (details supplied) to seek a higher allowance than that of the €1.70 currently available, should they opt for cold lunch options, through the hot school meals scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [10700/24]

*459. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the tax treatment of statutory sick leave payments made by employers in order that they are not subject to the deductions such as USC that the State avoids it when it pays illness benefit to employees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [10706/24]

*460. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a cost of living payment will issue to a person in County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10796/24]

*461. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the relevant personnel from the local office in Kildare can make contact with a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10803/24]

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

*462. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department's representative sitting on the interdepartmental group overseeing the opening up of the general employment permit scheme to non-EEA fishers can engage with the representations made by an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [10200/24]

*463. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to recently naturalised Irish citizens being prevented from registering to vote due to delays in receiving their certificates of naturalisation; if she is concerned about this barrier to participation in the democratic process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [11224/24]

*464. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware that there is a 15-16 week waiting time for IRP appointments in Limerick city; if there is a plan in place to deal with this significant backlog; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [9951/24]

*465. To ask the Minister for Justice when joint policing committees should cease meetings given the proposed transition to community safety partnerships; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [9952/24]

*466. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to ensure a smooth transition from joint policing committees to community safety partnerships; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [9953/24]

*467. To ask the Minister for Justice when the community safety partnerships will be formed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [9954/24]

*468. To ask the Minister for Justice the action her Department is taking in conjunction with An Garda Síochána to reduce waiting times for an appointment for the first registration and renewal of immigration residence permissions for non-EU/EEA/UK nationals residing in Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [9957/24]

*469. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will intervene to ensure that an application for naturalisation (details supplied) is processed as soon as possible. — Cathal Crowe. [9986/24]

*470. To ask the Minister for Justice if a certificate of citizenship formally approved by her Department on 19 December 2023 in the name of a person (details supplied) will be issued to her immediately. — John McGuinness. [9989/24]

*471. To ask the Minister for Justice which visas are most suitable for Palestinians in Gaza to apply for in order to be permitted to enter Ireland; which visas are most suitable specifically for those with no family here, but who have previously resided in Ireland and for family members of such individuals; her Department's current policy on approving visa applications for Palestinians

from Gaza; to provide a breakdown of available visas for Palestinians and guidance on which are most suitable for different categories of applicant, including guidance on making a successful application; if her Department will publish guidance in Arabic to potential applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9990/24]

*472. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí based in Cavan and Monaghan, respectively, in January 2024; and the corresponding numbers in January 2023, January 2022, January 2021 and January 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10002/24]

*473. To ask the Minister for Justice for an update on the visa application for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [10049/24]

*474. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider an amendment to fees charged for naturalisation for UK citizens who are resident in the State for a particular time period and if the naturalisation fees could be graduated (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [10051/24]

*475. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an appeal (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [10099/24]

*476. To ask the Minister for Justice when attendees of the citizenship ceremony in December 2023 will receive their certificate of naturalisation; if her attention has been drawn to the impact that this delay is having on people for work, passport applications and not being able to register to vote in the upcoming referendum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10113/24]

*477. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to Balbriggan Garda station; the areas these gardaí are expected to cover; the number of patrols, in car and on foot, undertaken by gardaí from Balbriggan Garda station in 2023. — Louise O’Reilly. [10116/24]

*478. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for the delay in issuing the naturalisation paperwork for a person (details supplied); when will it be issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [10149/24]

*479. To ask the Minister for Justice to detail the total amount of funding allocated per year for Youth Justice, for the years 2010-date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10184/24]

*480. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 262 of 8 February 2024, whether it is possible for a coroner to direct a post-mortem and/or an inquest in circumstances (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [10187/24]

*481. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason that a Danish marriage certificate is not acceptable as proof of marriage for immigration purposes; the reason that applicants are not advised of this prior to their appointment at their local immigration office; and if she will provide an update on an application (details supplied). — Mairéad Farrell. [10190/24]

*482. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will clarify what the delay is in issuing newly naturalised Irish citizens with citizenship certificates; if she will investigate the delay in the case

of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [10199/24]

*483. To ask the Minister for Justice to outline the Gambling Regulation Bill's proposed watershed ban on gambling advertisements, particularly considering the Bill's aim to protect vulnerable persons and provide clarity and equity for the gambling industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10222/24]

*484. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps that will be taken in the context of the Gambling Regulation Bill to ensure the protection of vulnerable persons, with particular reference to the decision to exempt the National Lottery from the Bill's inclusion of a prohibition on inducements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10223/24]

*485. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cases that the Cavan-Monaghan Divisional Protective Service Bureau has dealt with in the years of 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [10268/24]

*486. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 343 of 7 February 2024, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities in order to have this PQ answered. — Pauline Tully. [10269/24]

*487. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will introduce an online system for English language students in Limerick to apply for a Stamp 2 Visa, considering such a system operates in other cities in Ireland, and considering that waiting times for in-person appointments in the Immigration Office in Limerick have increased dramatically since 2022 and urgent action is required to tackle this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [10278/24]

*488. To ask the Minister for Justice when a person (details supplied) will receive their naturalisation certificate following their citizenship ceremony that took place on 19 December 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10319/24]

*489. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will commit to providing a date for the publication of the delays in the processing of sex crime in Ireland: stakeholder perspectives report; will she accept that the publication of this report will be a vital contribution to the public debate on this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10322/24]

*490. To ask the Minister for Justice if she acknowledges the benefits of the Seller's Legal Pack for Property Buyers' Bill 2021; and if she will provide an update on when it will be heard at committee stage. — Noel Grealish. [10370/24]

*491. To ask the Minister for Justice the ground rents payable by her Department, or agencies under its remit, by named property, by name of landlord and by amount payable, in the years 2016 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10419/24]

*492. To ask the Minister for Justice if she can address matters in relation to the Auctioneers and House Agents Act 1947 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10533/24]

*493. To ask the Minister for Justice if she plans to amend the Property Services (Regulation) Act, 2011 with regard to the bidding process (details supplied). — Michael Healy-Rae. [10538/24]

*494. To ask the Minister for Justice whether her attention has been drawn to the fact that many people who attended citizenship ceremonies on December 18 and 19 have yet to receive their certificates (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [10577/24]

*495. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt eolas a thabhairt maidir le comórtais earcaíochta don Gharda Síochána idir 2022 agus 2024, go háirithe líon iomlán na n-iarrthóirí, líon na ndaoine a léirigh suim sa tSruth Gaeilge, líon iomlán na n-iarrthóirí a cháiligh mar Gharda agus líon na n-iarrthóirí ón tSruth Gaeilge a cháiligh mar Gharda. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10587/24]

*496. To ask the Minister for Justice if An Garda Síochána keep records from exit interviews of gardaí leaving the force early, that is, not due to retirement, to better understand the reason members are leaving the force in large numbers; if her Department has conducted research to understand same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [10665/24]

*497. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide any updates in relation to the requirement for a visa for Colombians to travel to Ireland (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [10670/24]

*498. To ask the Minister for Justice the average length of time a naturalisation application remains queued for processing, before reaching staff for assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [10671/24]

*499. To ask the Minister for Justice when a person (details supplied) will receive their certificate of naturalisation, considering that their application was approved in July 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [10684/24]

*500. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on an application/appeal (details supplied); if this can be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [10690/24]

*501. To ask the Minister for Justice the headcount and whole-time equivalent number of gardaí in the eastern region, by county and for each division and district in the years 2019-2024, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10738/24]

*502. To ask the Minister for Justice the headcount and whole-time equivalent number of gardaí in Waterford city and country for each district in the years 2019-2024, inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10739/24]

*503. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 25 of 28 February 2024, the number of incidents recorded by all agencies at certain intersections (details supplied) by type of incident, time of day and month, for the years 2019 to 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [10762/24]

*504. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide data on the number of persons who arrived into the State with incorrect, false or no documentation and who subsequently claimed asylum for the years 2018 to date; the number of those who did so and are still resident here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10794/24]

*505. To ask the Minister for Justice to examine a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [10831/24]

*506. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide details of correspondence or reports she has received from the Judicial Council regarding its responsibility for sentencing guidelines within the past two years. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [10834/24]

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

*507. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 27 of 14 December 2023, to report on the work the just transition commission, specifically in relation to the recommendation of the National Economic and Social Research Council; if a decision has been made regarding the establishment of an implementation group for climate transition in agriculture; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9977/24]

*508. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how small abattoirs may apply for an export certification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [9985/24]

*509. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the eligible commonage area on the 2024 BISS online application system for a farmer in County Kerry (details supplied) will be reviewed and increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10029/24]

*510. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount paid out by Horse Racing Ireland in 2023 to hunts in point-to-point racing grants and any other funding, and if he will stop this, given that the money is propping up hunt clubs which are involved in bloodsports which the vast majority want banned. — Paul Murphy. [10041/24]

*511. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if releasing a pack of dogs to chase a fox, to fail to intervene to stop the dogs from attacking and or killing the fox, to use terriers to corner and attack foxes when they try to escape underground are contrary to the provisions of the Animal Health and Welfare Act, which states that it is an offence to “do, or fail to do, anything or cause or permit anything to be done to an animal that causes unnecessary suffering to, or endanger the health or welfare of, an animal”. — Paul Murphy. [10042/24]

*512. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will investigate why Greyhound Racing Ireland has categorised an Irish greyhound as “rehomed” after it was informed that the dog had been found straying in the UK in an underweight condition with a mouth “in an appalling state with rotten teeth” and that efforts were being made to find him a home; and if an investigation will be carried out to establish how this Irish-owned greyhound came to be abandoned in the UK. — Paul Murphy. [10043/24]

*513. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason only two afforestation licences were issued amounting to just 13 hectares in week 3 of February 2024; to state the actual number of licences his Department would need to issue each week to meet the Government target of 8,000 hectares; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [10058/24]

*514. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how much State funding has been provided to the DSPCA facility at Mount Venus Road from 2019-2024, in tabular form; the purposes for which this money was granted to the organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [10102/24]

*515. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara cén fáth a raibh fadhb leis na bacáin ag carrchlós na n-oileánach ag Calaphort Ros an Mhíl ag an deireadh seachtaine, rud a chiallaigh nach raibh oileánaigh in ann a gcarranna a fháil isteach ná amach; cén fáth nach raibh duine ar fáil leis na bacáin a ardú nuair a theip ar an gcóras uathoibríoch; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [10126/24]

*516. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will designate Magheraarty Pier in County Donegal as a landing point for UK registered vessels, similar to other piers and harbours across Donegal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [10205/24]

*517. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are plans to recruit an animal welfare inspector for Limerick city, appreciating the high number of wandering horses and unaccompanied dogs within the city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [10326/24]

*518. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the conditions and circumstances which allowed Teagasc Ballyhaise to spread slurry within the prohibited period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10385/24]

*519. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total amount of payments in euro paid out for 2023 under the basic income support for sustainability scheme, by county; the total number of farmers paid in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [10391/24]

*520. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total amount of payments in euro paid out for 2023 under the complementary redistributive income support for sustainability, by county; the total number of farmers paid in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [10392/24]

*521. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total amount of payments in euro paid out for 2023 under the Eco-scheme, by county; the total number of farmers paid in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [10393/24]

*522. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total amount of payments in euro paid out for 2023 under the agri-climate rural environment scheme, by county; the total number of farmers paid in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [10394/24]

*523. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total amount of payments in euro paid out for 2023 under the forestry grants and schemes, by county; the total number of payees in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [10395/24]

*524. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department's sanction is required with regard to sale of entitlements (details supplied); and if required, when this sanction will be issued. — Michael Creed. [10397/24]

*525. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the ground rents payable by his Department or agencies under its remit, by named property, by name of landlord and by amount payable, in the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10408/24]

*526. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the number of farming work permits taken up in Clare over the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [10439/24]

*527. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he can provide a timeline on when the national biomethane strategy will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [10478/24]

*528. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a decision has been made on a burnt land appeal in respect of a farmer in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [10567/24]

*529. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware that TAMS applications are taking up to 24 months to be assessed by his Department and is causing great uncertainty in the industry including suppliers and contractors; if he will intervene to ensure that TAMS applications are processed in a timely way; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [10588/24]

*530. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline changes made by an organisation (details supplied) to support breeders outside of the changes made to assist SCEP participants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [10663/24]

*531. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he can clarify the measures in place to ensure equal opportunity for all farmers in the ACRES programme (details supplied); the plans to approve all applications which were submitted in the ACRES program's second tranche; if the ACRES programme will be expanded to accommodate the high volume of applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [10820/24]

*532. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a young farmer payment will issue to persons (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [10830/24]

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

*533. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth why subsistence payments have not been paid to registered intellectual disability nurses in Cork through the Cope Foundation. — Thomas Gould. [10515/24]

*534. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an assessment of need can be urgently prioritised in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10583/24]

*535. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10704/24]

*536. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as per the National Development Plan's reference to the need for continued capital investment for youth services, what funding has been made available to youth services under this plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10828/24]

*537. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the ratification of the Optional Protocol of the UNCRPD. — Holly Cairns. [9818/24]

*538. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagements his Department has had with Tipperary County Council in relation to the use of HSE owned land in Clonmel for a modular type accommodation centre; details of all plans for the provision of modular type accommodation for use by his Department in Clonmel Co. Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9945/24]

*539. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a community neuro-rehabilitation team will be put in place for CHO5; if funding has been allocated in 2024 to provide this service; when recruitment for this team will begin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [9969/24]

*540. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will support the designation of the Racket Hall Hotel in Roscrea as a hotel for 'dual purpose' thereby supporting local businesses and tourism similar to the designation that he and the Government are now supporting for the D Hotel in Drogheda. — Alan Kelly. [9978/24]

*541. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to review the Assisted Human Reproduction Bill to ensure benefits akin to adoptive and maternity leave are provided for the care of newborn infants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [9979/24]

*542. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a crime has been committed at the Knockalisheen Accommodation Centre, Meelick, County Clare (details supplied) which has led to a resident being moved to another facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [10003/24]

*543. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if person (details supplied) can be considered for a place in KITE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [10022/24]

*544. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the granting of an extension for a childcare service (details supplied) under the building blocks improvement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [10025/24]

*545. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of asylum seekers currently residing in a property (details supplied); if his Department keep records of the number of asylum seekers who are eligible to take up employment; and if so, the number of asylum seekers currently residing at the property who are in employment. — Pauline Tully. [10031/24]

*546. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if asylum seekers have to contribute to their accommodation; and the cost to the state per asylum seeker per night. — Pauline Tully. [10032/24]

*547. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the level of support for people with muscular dystrophy in Ireland in relation to universal design within higher education institutions; if the Department has any up-to-date data or figures on the number of people in Ireland living with muscular dystrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [10035/24]

*548. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline the rationale for the State agreeing to pay for the role of safeguarding officer in St. Johns Ambulance; and to explain if this will be a mechanism available to other organisations in financial distress. — Paul Murphy. [10045/24]

*549. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline whether any conditions will be imposed on St. Johns Ambulance in return for the State paying for the role of safeguarding officer. — Paul Murphy. [10046/24]

*550. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of hours companies that deliver care in the home to those with a disability that are reimbursed to the HSE annually (details supplied); how the hours are calculated, invoiced and paid for in advance of the knowledge of missed hours being informed to the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10098/24]

*551. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware that there are no specific individualised transport budgets for individuals with additional needs to transport them to respite services; if he plans to address this issue to allow all of those who are provided with a respite service to attend that service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [10100/24]

*552. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of delays to the opening of a creche (details supplied); when the Health Information and Quality Authority and Tusla will conduct final inspections to allow the creche to open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10115/24]

*553. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide, in tabular form, the number of children waiting on an assessment of needs in CHO9; the estimated wait time before they receive an assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [10147/24]

*554. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the motorised transport grant will be reinstated (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [10171/24]

*555. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason the mother and baby homes institutions payment scheme has not yet opened to survivors, despite the legislation pertaining to same having been passed by Dáil Éireann twelve months ago; if his Department has undertaken any research to determine how many survivors of mother and baby homes die each year, or how many have died since the passage of this legislation, but before the opening of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [10185/24]

*556. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a person (details supplied) can expect to be placed in full-time residential care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [10188/24]

*557. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of special care places nationwide; the number of children currently on the special care waiting list; how many special care orders are active for children who are not currently able to access special care; what is the plan to tackle the growing waiting list for special care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [10189/24]

*558. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding being provided by his Department to the National Women's Council; the level of funding the organisation is expending on the referendum campaign; if he will outline all funding and expenditure by his Department on the upcoming referendum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [10218/24]

*559. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a community neurorehabilitation team is expected to be in place in the CHO7 area, with particular reference to the recommendation to establish this team in 2019, and the allocation of funding for same in 2020; if an urgent update can be provided in respect of this commitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10224/24]

*560. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason tailored responses are not being given to parents who submit questions regarding their children's care under CDNTs in CHO1; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [10236/24]

*561. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the children's disability grant will be provided to successful applications in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [10241/24]

*562. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline what financial supports are available to organisations such as (details supplied) to secure premises for their activities, programmes and support services. — Brian Stanley. [10244/24]

*563. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline what financial supports are available to organisations such as (details supplied) in regard to energy costs etc. for premises. — Brian Stanley. [10245/24]

*564. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the form of redress that is available to former residents of an orphanage (details supplied) given reports of abuse and its exclusion from the mother and baby homes redress scheme (details supplied); whether the confessional character of the orphanage has played a role in the State's attitude towards liability to victims there, as it was a Protestant institution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10250/24]

*565. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of WTE speech and language therapists working in both Cavan and Monaghan CDNT in the years of 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [10270/24]

*566. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the names of external security companies that his Department has contract with in the years of 2023 and to-date in 2024; and the amount paid to each security company, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [10271/24]

*567. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of the State-owned buildings in County Clare that have been brought forward as suggested accommodation centres for individuals seeking international protection; which of these have been deemed unviable; which are still under consideration at this time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [10279/24]

*568. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason a person (details supplied) has not received respite care in over nine years; the reason the HSE cannot give any confirmation of future care for the person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10307/24]

*569. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address a matter in relation to an after school service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10308/24]

*570. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth where an offer of a building for accommodation for beneficiaries of temporary protection fleeing the war in Ukraine is received by his Department, and the property is subject to an open enforcement case by the local authority, if it is incontrovertibly deemed unsuitable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [10339/24]

*571. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the contract his Department has with a facility (details supplied) for the provision of accommodation to international protection applicants is due to expire; if this is a roll-over contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [10341/24]

*572. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of child sexual abuse allegations received by each of the 17 Tusla local area offices for each of the past five years; the number of these allegations deemed founded and unfounded and the number of allegations that were referred to An Garda Síochána, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [10343/24]

*573. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how the 17 different databases used by Tusla feed into the National Childcare Information System (NICCS); if he will provide a comparison of completion rates for data input into NICCS across the 17 different Tusla areas; if any lack of or delay in central data gathering may be hampering strategic and policy efforts to address the scale of child abuse in Ireland, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [10344/24]

*574. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a child (details supplied) can be allowed to commence early childcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [10364/24]

*575. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will provide funding to reinstate a hydrotherapy swimming pool in Sligo for people

with disabilities in the north west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [10384/24]

*576. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the ground rents payable by his Department or agencies under its remit, by named property, by name of landlord and by amount payable, in the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10409/24]

*577. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children and young persons who were placed in hotels and bed and breakfasts due to the lack of alternate care placements available to them in each of the past five years; the gender and ages of same; the average length of time that the children and young persons had to reside in hotel and bed and breakfast type accommodation; the alternate care provision that was eventually provided for the children and young persons concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [10465/24]

*578. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the age of the youngest child admitted to special emergency arrangement accommodation in each of the past three years, and to date in 2024, and the age of the youngest child currently residing in special emergency arrangement accommodation. — Peadar Tóibín. [10473/24]

*579. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a further early childhood care and education year will be approved as a matter of urgency for a person (details supplied); and If he will expedite a positive response. — John McGuinness. [10532/24]

*580. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to detail for each local health area as of 29 February 2024 or latest date available; the number of people on the physiotherapy waiting list and within that the numbers waiting less than 4 months; the number waiting 4-12 months; the number waiting more than 12 months; and if he would indicate also for each category the numbers waiting aged 0-4 years, 5-17 years, 18-64 years and aged 65 plus, in tabular form. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [10558/24]

*581. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to detail for each local health area as of 29 February 2024 or latest date available; the number of people on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list and within that the numbers waiting less than 4 months; the number waiting 4-12 months; the number waiting more than 12 months; and if he would indicate also for each category the numbers waiting aged 0-17 years and those aged 18 and above, in tabular form. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [10559/24]

*582. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to detail for each local health area as of 29 February 2024 or latest date available; the number of people on the speech and language therapy initial treatment waiting list and within that the numbers waiting less than 4 months; the number waiting 4-12 months; the number waiting more than 12 months; and if he would indicate also for each category the numbers waiting aged 0-17 years and those aged 18 and above, in tabular form. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [10560/24]

*583. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to detail for each local health area as of 29 February 2024 or latest date available; the number of people on the speech and language therapy further treatment waiting list and within that the numbers waiting less than 4 months; the number waiting 4-12 months; the number waiting more than 12 months; and if he would indicate also for each category the numbers waiting aged 0-17 years and those aged 18 and above, in tabular form. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [10561/24]

*584. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to detail for each local health area as of 29 February 2024 or latest date available; the number of people on the occupational therapy first time assessment waiting list and within that the numbers waiting less than 4 months; the number waiting 4-12 months; the number waiting more than 12 months; and if he would indicate also for each category the numbers waiting aged 0-17 years and those aged 18 and above, in tabular form. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [10562/24]

*585. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will publish the process by which a company (details supplied) was contracted by Tusla; whether he is satisfied that the procurement process, including all due diligence was undertaken including previous clients interviewed, references and all relevant information, qualifications and declarations verified and documented; whether he will publish this documentation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [10564/24]

*586. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when his Department became aware of the issues with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [10565/24]

*587. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the investigations that have taken place or are ongoing into the organisation Tusla on its procurement of, relationship with, and examination of the operations of a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [10566/24]

*588. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide this Deputy with a copy of the contract that exists between his Department and the operators of a facility that does not include visibility of monetary sums and terms (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [10571/24]

*589. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of minors who have gone missing or remain missing from the services offered by a company (details supplied) or any other Tusla contractors; the age of each if any; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [10576/24]

*590. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide the date on which the contract to provide accommodation for international applicants in a hotel (details supplied) was formally agreed and signed by his Department; if he will specify whether or not there is a break clause and/or a cooling-off period provided for in the contract/arrangement; if such a cooling off period exists in the contract/arrangement, if he will provide the specific information on the nature and extent and the notice period that applies to the contract and separately the date on which any cooling off period expires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [10584/24]

*591. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to address a shortfall of communication between CDNTs and families; if he is aware of dissatisfaction with the level of communication from the services to families in the south-east; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [10594/24]

*592. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the date that the contract to provide accommodation for international applicants in a hotel (details supplied) was signed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [10606/24]

*593. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is a break clause in the contract between his Department and a hotel (details supplied); if so, the notice period for the break clause; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [10607/24]

*594. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is a cooling off period applied to the contract between the Department and a hotel (details supplied) in Drogheda; if so, the associated cooling off dates that were included in the agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [10608/24]

*595. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 503 of 31 May 2022, if he will provide a breakdown of report origin in respect of sexual abuse referrals to Tusla, by an organisation and county in 2020 and to date in 2024. — Catherine Murphy. [10611/24]

*596. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is satisfied with the level of access to the early childhood care and education scheme based on geographical area; how often the Department refresh their list of providers; the measures being put in place to expand access to the scheme in areas experiencing rapid population growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [10689/24]

*597. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how many international protection applicants are currently being accommodated in County Longford, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [10701/24]

*598. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason a child (details supplied) is not currently receiving the OT service they require; if he will ensure that they will be allocated OT services at Rooskey, Monaghan as a matter of priority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10765/24]

*599. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will review a case for family reunification (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [10791/24]

*600. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will seek an update from IPAS on the total number of beds nationwide that have been offered to IPAS as ready with certification by a competent person in place, but have yet to be taken up by persons seeking international protection and are awaiting a further inspection and sign off by the fire officer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [10795/24]

*601. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide the total capital funding allocation for youth work within each budget per year from 2009 to 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10822/24]

*602. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide the total current funding allocation for youth work within each budget per year from 2009 to 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10823/24]

*603. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of the €1 million allocated to the youth employability scheme in Budget 2024, such as when this funding will be available to services; how it will be allocated; what the review process of the pilot

will entail ahead of Budget 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10824/24]

*604. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide the total allocation to each youth work funding scheme per year for the years 2014 to 2024, or from when the funding scheme was introduced if later than 2014, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10825/24]

*605. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 312 of 15 February 2024, the estimated cost of conducting a scoping exercise and workforce development plan for the youth work sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10826/24]

*606. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for a progress report on the review of youth information centres; when this review will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [10827/24]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*607. To ask the Minister for Health if the home care hours committed to by the HSE in the case of a person (details supplied) will be delivered now in full; if a commode will be provided as promised by the HSE 80 days ago; if the cost of a hospital bed will be refunded to the patient as the bed had to be purchased, such was the delay in delivery by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [10554/24]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for homecare packages, by CHO and LHO, in tabular form; and the number of persons experiencing delayed discharge from hospital due to a delay in accessing homecare. — Róisín Shortall. [10759/24]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the government levy on all private health insurance policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10845/24]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on a fair deal application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [9934/24]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to follow up concerns in respect of mastectomy supports (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [9935/24]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health the expected date of opening for the new primary care centre on the Boot Road in Clondalkin. — Gino Kenny. [9942/24]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will advertise job positions in the new primary care centre on the Boot Road in Clondalkin. — Gino Kenny. [9943/24]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm how a person who is correctly registered with PHECC, and holds the correct qualifications required to become employed as a paramedic within the Irish National Ambulance Service could have been rejected following four separate applications (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [9944/24]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health with regard to dentists who are not taking medical card patients, how is the Minister and the HSE going to resolve this issue that is having an adverse impact on people's oral health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9955/24]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health if a matter in relation to post-mastectomy products will be addressed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9958/24]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update from the HSE on the proposed cuts to allowances for post-mastectomy products for survivors of breast cancer; and what measures he will take to support those financially impacted by these proposed cuts. — Holly Cairns. [9965/24]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider reinstating HSE funding for the understanding and managing adult ADHD programme (UMAAP) which has ceased operating following a decision to cut funding for 2024; if he will reinstate HSE funding for St. Johns of Gods hospital which has stated they will have to close some facilities due to funding cuts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [9966/24]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on trollies per day from December 2023 to date at University Hospital Limerick, in tabular form. — Richard O'Donoghue. [9970/24]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment with a consultant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [9972/24]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently re-instate home help hours for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [9973/24]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the need for a task force to address the care and treatment of children with conditions such as spina bifida and scoliosis; if he can provide an update on the current policies in place to ensure timely treatment for these children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [9981/24]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health to outline in tabular form the name of organisations providing addiction and recovery services in Waterford; the nature of the services they provide; and the funding they were provided in 2023 including primary, secondary and community services. — David Cullinane. [9983/24]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give a commitment to extend the special pay with leave long-Covid scheme for healthcare workers past 31 March 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [9984/24]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health further to a previous Parliamentary Question, if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if this charge can be made against them. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9991/24]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive an MRI appointment as a matter of urgency in UHL or the Bon Secours Limerick as outlined in correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [9996/24]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider reimbursement for a procedure (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [9997/24]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) and their chosen care facility. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10001/24]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health if he can provide information on the rate of referral to cardiac rehabilitation phase 3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10011/24]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of extending the chronic disease management programme to all heart failure patients; the current number of heart failure patients on the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10012/24]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health the resources and funding that is required to ensure that all hospitals are able to participate fully in the Irish National Audit of Stroke; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10013/24]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health the resources and funding that is required to enable opportunistic screening for atrial fibrillation for all people aged 65 years and over; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10014/24]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health how many hospitals have access to a clinical psychologist as part of stroke unit care; if he can provide an update on the funding and staffing of clinical psychology posts in stroke unit care; the costing and funding requirements for clinical psychology posts as part of the National Stroke Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10015/24]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of abolishing prescription charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10016/24]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health what consideration has been given to the development of a programme like the healthy start and best start programme in the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10017/24]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health what measures his Department is undertaking to assist members of the public (details supplied) in accessing GP care in Kildare, where there is a difficulty for patients in securing a place on a GP client list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [10018/24]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health if there is limited availability of the medicine betnesol; if access to the medication is possible for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [10026/24]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to legislate to bring greater legal clarity in respect of health CBD products. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10048/24]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health if the Department intends putting in place a vaccination programme for older adults to protect them from RSV; if same will be included in the National Immunisation Programme for the period September 2024 to March 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10055/24]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a lung rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by South/Southwest Hospital Group within ten working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [10061/24]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a prostate rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by Dublin Midlands Hospital Group within 10 working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [10062/24]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a prostate rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by RCSI Hospital Group within 10 working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [10063/24]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a prostate rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by Saolta Hospital Group within 10 working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [10064/24]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a prostate rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by RCSI Hospital Group within ten working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [10067/24]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a prostate rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by Saolta Hospital Group within ten working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [10068/24]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a prostate rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by University of Limerick Hospital Group within ten working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [10069/24]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a prostate rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by Ireland East Hospital Group within ten working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [10070/24]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a prostate rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by South/Southwest Hospital Group within ten working days of the date of receipt of

a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [10071/24]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health what support and assistance will be given to public health service employees on the conclusion of a scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [10072/24]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a lung rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by Dublin Midlands Hospital Group within ten working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [10083/24]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a lung rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by RCSI Hospital Group within ten working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [10084/24]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a lung rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by Saolta Hospital Group within ten working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [10085/24]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a lung rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by University of Limerick Hospital Group within ten working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [10086/24]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who attended a lung rapid access clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by Ireland East Hospital Group within ten working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [10087/24]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the special leave with pay scheme for public health service employees with long-Covid is ceasing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [10088/24]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people currently in receipt of special leave with pay (details supplied) providing details per CHO and grade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [10089/24]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hours companies that deliver care in the home to the elderly that are reimbursed to the HSE annually (details supplied); how the hours are calculated, invoiced and paid for in advance of the knowledge of missed hours being informed to the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10098/24]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health to detail in tabular form the staff compliment assigned to cardiology services in University Hospital Waterford listing the last six quarters by individual specialty and number of staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [10108/24]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health to detail any retirements or personnel reassigned from the cardiac service in UHW in the past 18 months; if such posts have been replaced; if the hospital has permission during the health recruitment freeze to backfill any vacant positions occurring as a result of retirement or reassignment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [10110/24]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in publishing the Nolan Report considering its genesis began in 2016 (details supplied); the core years analysis which the report bases its findings on; what account of additional population increase and additional cardiac procedures activity at UHW as a result of the second cath lab opening is being considered within the context of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [10111/24]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health the date by which the Nolan Report into national cardiac care will be published; if the report will be offered in advance of national publication to stakeholders and political representatives in order that the findings may be independently assessed before being publicly announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [10112/24]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health the standardised monetary level that all post-mastectomy product supports will increase to, as per his announcement in Dáil Éireann on 21 February 2024 during the debate on the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10118/24]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health the reason funding has not been continued for the Understanding and Managing Adult ADHD Programme (UMAAP) delivered by an organisation (details supplied); if there are any other funding streams available to ensure the continuation of the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10119/24]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health the reason healthcare professionals who have been self-employed cannot have that experience considered as relevant experience for the purposes of qualifying for HSE funded PhD doctorates in clinical psychology; if this will be rectified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10122/24]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health about an application for a primary medical care cert (details supplied); the status of an application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10125/24]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the appointment of a position (details supplied) in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10129/24]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who is awaiting an appointment with a HSE service. — Niamh Smyth. [10130/24]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the work carried out for the mental health and wellbeing of LGBTI people since the publishing of The LGBTIreland Report; if there are plans for an updated study; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [10140/24]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health if a course of dialectical behaviour therapy can be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [10144/24]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department retains responsibility for policy issues concerning Parkinson's; the amount which has been allocated by the HSE to support an organisation (details supplied); the section responsible for funding this organisation; if he has reviewed and made a determination on the funding application for the freephone nurse specialist helpline which was submitted to the HSE in October 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [10148/24]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has carried out or discussed any studies about the health impact of excessive use of mobile phones at a young age; if he is concerned about this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [10154/24]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to be called for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10159/24]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the cohorts of asylum seekers that are entitled to a medical card; if an entitlement to a medical card guarantees a person a place on a GP list; and if he is concerned that given that many citizens cannot get on to a GP list, this policy could be damaging to social cohesion. — Peadar Tóibín. [10160/24]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be offered for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10163/24]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health who is responsible for drafting/approving the referral/care pathway in the National Gender Service; if the referral/care pathway is based on international best practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [10167/24]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health when and how will puberty blockers and other essential services for trans teenagers be provided by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [10168/24]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has a plan in place to recruit more surgeons who are capable of performing gender-affirming surgeries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [10169/24]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that the current private gender-affirming surgery options are too expensive and too limited for the needs of many trans people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [10170/24]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health to supply information about the relationship between a public hospital, Connolly Hospital, and a private institution, the Royal College of Surgeons in

Ireland, which has a building in construction (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [10191/24]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the relationship between Connolly Hospital new laboratory and the RCSI; to report on what public funds were used for the development of this laboratory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [10192/24]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health to assign a date for a procedure for a person (details supplied) as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10198/24]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail for each individual public/voluntary hospital the number employed in wholetime equivalent terms in each category (details supplied) in each hospital in February 2023, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [10204/24]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in carrying out a review in the case of a medical card for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10213/24]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the long waiting lists for dialectical behaviour therapy in Ireland as it is reported there is a minimum of 18 months wait for people who live with mental health issues. — Pa Daly. [10225/24]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment with a physio can be expedited for a person (details supplied) as they must have their orthopaedic shoes replaced regularly due to a disability in their leg; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [10231/24]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health if he has been given an explanation by the HSE as to who within the HSE or at what level of management issued a directive in relation to the cuts to mastectomy supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [10240/24]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health when urgent injections will be carried out in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10247/24]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe within which a general practitioner GMS post will be filled in Swanlinbar, County Cavan. — Pauline Tully. [10259/24]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health the number of naloxone prescriptions that were issued in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [10260/24]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health the number of resuscitation suites currently in each hospital part of RCSI group, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [10261/24]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric gastroenterologist and paediatric gastroenterologist registrars working in CHI Temple Street in 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [10263/24]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to expand access to Naxolone, which is used to prevent drug overdoses, in line with the UK and Northern Ireland, whereby it is available

without prescription via drug treatment services such as an NHS body, a local authority or a public health agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [10276/24]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health how much of the €5 million investment from Budget 2023 to target backlogs in dental services for children and adult medical card holders has been spent in the way that it was intended; if the remainder of this money is still ringfenced to target dental waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10284/24]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists contracted to the DTSS for the years 2012 to date inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10285/24]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health the spend on the DTSS for the years 2012 to date inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10286/24]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocated for the DTSS for each year from 2012 to date inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10287/24]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical card patients seen by dentists on the DTSS for each year from 2012 to date inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10288/24]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists contracted to the DTSS per CHO area, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10289/24]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health when his officials will next meet an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10290/24]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dentists contracted to the school dental screening service for the years 2012 to date inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10291/24]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health the allocated budget to the school dental screening service for the years 2012 to date inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10292/24]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health the spend on the school dental screening service for the years 2012 to date inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10293/24]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children seen by dentists on the school dental screening service for the years 2012 to date inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10294/24]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists WTEs contracted to the school screening service per CHO area, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10295/24]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the number of dentists or WTEs contracted to the public dental service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10296/24]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health if he will supply data, in tabular form, 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 data on which a reimbursement decision was subsequently made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [10300/24]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health if he can confirm if the HSE's systems can extract spending on reimbursements in respect of orphan drugs; and if so, to provide in tabular form, the amount spent in this respect in each year 2014-2023 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [10301/24]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the proposed change in the medical card hair loss grant, if he will reconsider this proposal, ensuring that a grant is provided for anyone in need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [10311/24]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a primary care facility in Tullow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [10315/24]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the special pay with leave long-Covid scheme for healthcare workers which is not to be extended beyond 31 March 2024 (details supplied) why have the Minister and the HSE reached this decision; if he is aware that these healthcare workers are still in the same situation and therefore still in need of the same support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [10318/24]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 606 of 5 December 2023, the reasons for the delay between October and December; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [10320/24]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to address the impact the removal of the private MRI scanner at Tipperary University Hospital will have on public waiting lists; to provide details of the number of people waiting for MRI scans at TUH and the length of time they have been waiting on a three-monthly basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [10321/24]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 565 of 20 February 2024, if he can provide a timeline for when the operation is going to be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [10323/24]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health the number of meetings he has held or attended which discussed termination of pregnancy, and to provide details on same, from 2023 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [10327/24]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health the number of healthcare professionals who have exercised conscientious objection with regard the provision of terminations of pregnancy at the end of each year from 2019 to 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [10328/24]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to a media report (details supplied); if he intends to meet with residents and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [10334/24]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health when SMA will be included in the heel prick test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [10338/24]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the details of any side agreements or commitments to enter into processes with trade unions or representative bodies in relation to various issues in the health service that were agreed during or on the margins of the recent public service pay agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [10347/24]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for lifting the HSE recruitment freeze; his plans to reinstate recruitment for nursing home care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [10372/24]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health the ground rents payable by his Department or agencies under its remit, by named property, by name of landlord and by amount payable, in the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10417/24]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make a statement on progress to convert into use vacant properties under the ownership of his Department and the HSE; and if he will list the units in respect of which such work has commenced, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [10432/24]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider expanding maternity pre-natal services to Ennis Hospital; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [10441/24]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health the number of locum GPs that have been in place in a practice since a vacancy arose (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [10443/24]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GMS patients attached to a practice (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [10444/24]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health the hours of service for each GP practice in County Clare, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [10445/24]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken in the transfer of 68 residents from HSE Cherry Orchard Nursing Home to an alternate nursing home in Clondalkin to ensure the least disturbance to the residents, in light of the HIQA findings that some areas of the Cherry Orchard facility are a safety hazard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [10463/24]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people triaged as urgent who attended a symptomatic breast disease clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by Dublin Midlands Hospital Group within ten working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [10467/24]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people triaged as urgent who attended a symptomatic breast disease clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by RCSI Hospital Group within 10 working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [10468/24]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people triaged as urgent who attended a symptomatic breast disease clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by Saolta Hospital Group within 10 working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [10469/24]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people triaged as urgent who attended a symptomatic breast disease clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by University of Limerick Hospital Group within 10 working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [10470/24]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people triaged as urgent who attended a symptomatic breast disease clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by Ireland East Hospital Group within ten working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [10471/24]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people triaged as urgent who attended a symptomatic breast disease clinic and the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by South/Southwest Hospital Group within 10 working days of the date of receipt of a letter of referral from the cancer office, in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [10472/24]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people triaged as non-urgent who attended a symptomatic breast disease clinic; the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by Dublin Midlands Hospital Group within 12 weeks of the date of receipt of a letter of referral in the cancer office in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [10480/24]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people triaged as non-urgent who attended a symptomatic breast disease clinic the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by RCSI Hospital Group within 12 weeks of the date of receipt of a letter of referral in the cancer office in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [10481/24]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people triaged as non-urgent who attended a symptomatic breast disease clinic the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by Saolta Hospital Group within 12 weeks of the date of receipt of a letter of referral in the cancer office in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [10482/24]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people triaged as non-urgent who attended a symptomatic breast disease clinic the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by University of Limerick Hospital Group within 12 weeks of the

date of receipt of a letter of referral in the cancer office in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [10483/24]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people triaged as non-urgent who attended a symptomatic breast disease clinic the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by Ireland East Hospital Group within 12 weeks of the date of receipt of a letter of referral in the cancer office in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [10484/24]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people triaged as non-urgent who attended a symptomatic breast disease clinic the number who were offered an appointment in each of the relevant hospitals managed by South/Southwest Hospital Group within 12 weeks of the date of receipt of a letter of referral in the cancer office in each quarter from 2016 to 2023, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [10485/24]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that HSE clerical staff currently on career breaks and requesting to return to work are not reinstated due to the HSE recruitment freeze; if these issues will be addressed to allow these staff return to their current positions as they are already employees of the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [10537/24]

*740. To ask the Minister for Health when a facility will be provided at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [10557/24]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on a proposal (details supplied), if he will consider funding this and rolling it out State wide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [10568/24]

*742. To ask the Minister for Health when the new extension will open at St Joseph's Hospital, Millstreet, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [10572/24]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for medical card holders to access deep brain stimulation treatment from the initial first appointment to the procedure date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [10573/24]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health if an individual with a diagnosed psychiatric disorder can make an advanced directive or decision to the right to taper their medication; if so, to outline the process to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [10574/24]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health the number of days per year that the full capacity protocol has been utilised at University Hospital Limerick for the period 2011 to 2024, tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [10586/24]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health if he will include the Mental Health (Amendment) Bill 2023 as priority legislation for the Dáil Éireann Spring 2024 session. — Emer Higgins. [10593/24]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to concerns raised in respect of the situation in Cherry Orchard (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [10600/24]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be re-examined, given they did not receive four weeks of care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10602/24]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which it is proposed to offer a national hearing care plan to facilitate those suffering from hearing loss; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10603/24]

*750. To ask the Minister for Health the reason student nurses subsistence payments of €500 per year promised for 2023 onwards, have still not been received leaving a current shortfall of €1,000 per student and leading to additional financial pressure for these students; if there is a current schedule to provide these payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [10617/24]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which treatment is planned for those that suffer with epidermolysis bullosa; the extent to which plans are in hand to provide these people access to the support required, including homecare support and mental health support, with particular reference to addressing their quality of life; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10635/24]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health in light of the Department of Health Circular 4/2023 issued to the HSE on 27 February 2023, if a case for student accommodation (details supplied) will be refunded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [10636/24]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health the number of child psychologists employed in Wexford; how many vacant positions there are; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [10640/24]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health about mental health funding for voluntary mental health organisations in Wexford, and how much was allocated from 2020 to the present; how groups can apply for funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [10641/24]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health to review correspondence in relation to the case of a child (details supplied); the status of a dental appointment for them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10666/24]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health if the recommendation contained within the HIQA report resulting from the unannounced inspection of the emergency department at University Hospital Limerick (details supplied) has been acted upon; if so, the details of when it was started and when it will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [10668/24]

*757. To ask the Minister for Health to comment on funding and availability of the post mastectomy grant; if this funding is to be reduced, the reasoning behind this; if this will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [10678/24]

*758. To ask the Minister for Health when an audiologist will be appointed for Midlands Regional Hospital, Mullingar, County Westmeath. — Peter Burke. [10680/24]

*759. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to remove prescription fees for medical card holders; and his views on the affordability of prescription medications for medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [10683/24]

*760. To ask the Minister for Health did the HSE provide a taxi transport service for a person in County Donegal (details supplied) to attend Sligo University Hospital for intravitreal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [10686/24]

*761. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE had provided a taxi transport service for a person in County Donegal (details supplied) to attend Sligo University Hospital for intravitreal, the reason this service will no longer be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [10687/24]

*762. To ask the Minister for Health if a person from County Donegal (details supplied) attended Sligo University Hospital for intravitreal; can this person receive this treatment in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [10688/24]

*763. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland who were requested to sign non disclosure agreements/confidentiality agreements prior to their departure for the period 2016 to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [10691/24]

*764. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland who were given exit packages from the organisation from 2016 to date in 2024, in tabular form; the total amount paid per year from 2016 to 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [10692/24]

*765. To ask the Minister for Health the total cost of payments to legal firms by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland relating to High Court action taken by former employees from 2016 to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [10693/24]

*766. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals which have implemented the health performance visibility platform system, in tabular form; the hospitals which have not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [10712/24]

*767. To ask the Minister for Health if he will seek to require use of the health performance visibility platform at locations where work is contracted for public patients, such as through the national treatment purchase fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [10713/24]

*768. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the progression of a new emergency department for Beaumont Hospital; the timeline for delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [10714/24]

*769. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE had provided a taxi transport service for a person in County Donegal (details supplied) to attend Sligo University Hospital for intravitreal injections, the reason this service will no longer be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [10733/24]

*770. To ask the Minister for Health if a person from County Donegal (details supplied) attended Sligo University Hospital for intravitreal treatment, can this person receive this treatment in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [10734/24]

*771. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the development of supports for healthcare workers who have developed long-Covid or similar conditions or syndromes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [10735/24]

*772. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the development of the model of care for long-Covid and similar conditions or syndromes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [10736/24]

*773. To ask the Minister for Health when he will address the anomaly regarding the nursing home support scheme farm exemption which presently excludes the nearest living relative if the relationship is beyond a nephew; the reason for the delay in addressing this anomaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [10758/24]

*774. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of persons experiencing delayed discharge from hospital, by hospital, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [10760/24]

*775. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of delayed discharges in 2023, by month, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [10761/24]

*776. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the withdrawal of HSE funding for the Understanding and Managing Adult ADHD Programme (UMAAP) currently delivered by an organisation (details supplied); if he is concerned of the impact this will have for those that rely on this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [10768/24]

*777. To ask the Minister for Health to outline in tabular form the number of GMS panels that are currently vacant without a GP; the location of each panel; the length of time it is vacant; the number of patients on each panel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [10769/24]

*778. To ask the Minister for Health how much of the €5 million investment from Budget 2023 to target backlogs in dental services for children and adult medical card holders has been spent in the way that it was intended; if the remainder of this money is still ringfenced to target dental waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [10776/24]

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*781. To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocated for the DTSS for each year from 2012 to date inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10779/24]

*782. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical card patients seen by dentists on the DTSS for each year from 2012 to date inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10780/24]

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*786. To ask the Minister for Health the allocated budget to the school dental screening service for the years 2012 to date inclusive, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10784/24]

*787. To ask the Minister for Health the spend on the school dental screening service for the years 2012 to date inclusive in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10785/24]

*788. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children seen by dentists on the school dental screening service for the years 2012 to date inclusive in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [10786/24]

*789. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists WTEs contracted to the school screening service per CHO area, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [10787/24]

*790. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the number of dentists or WTEs contracted to the public dental service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [10788/24]

*791. To ask the Minister for Health when the recruitment embargo for the HSE will be lifted so that the community neurorehabilitation team for HSE area CHO1 can be brought up to the required 13 WTE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [10792/24]

*792. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the new primary care centre at Boot Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22; and the timeframe for the provision of full services at the centre. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10797/24]

*793. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 711 of 30 May 2023, for an update on the recruitment process to staff the primary care centre at Boot Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10798/24]

*794. To ask the Minister for Health if changes to the fair deal scheme legislation are being considered to prevent a spouse denying or delaying their spouse's access to necessary full-time nursing home care; the progress in this area; if and when these changes will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [10804/24]

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

*795. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the proportion of international students to Irish students in the Royal College of Surgeons for the

last five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [9959/24]

*796. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the effectiveness of Section 25 of the Disability Act as it applies to wheelchair users, including electric and power wheelchair users, accessing Higher Education Institution facilities; if there are plans to improve access to higher education institution facilities for wheelchair users, including electric and power wheelchair users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [10033/24]

*797. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reasoning behind public bodies being exempt from Section 25 of the Disability Act; the process for which a higher education institution as a public body can apply for an exemption; the designated person(s) responsible for applying for the exemption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [10034/24]

*798. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the phase 6 training for electrical and instrumentation in SETU Carlow is still scheduled for April 2024; why notification of the training has not been issued yet; and if he will give a date by which notification of training will be issued to apprentices so they can plan accordingly. — Holly Cairns. [10053/24]

*799. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on a report (details supplied); his views on its recommendation for the implementation of employee status and university contract model for all PhD researchers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [10203/24]

*800. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when he expects the new UCC dental school project to begin construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10298/24]

*801. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a person (details supplied) can avail of any further SUSI supports; if so, what assistance can be provided for them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [10331/24]

*802. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta cé mhéid airgid a chaitheann an Rialtas in aghaidh na bliana chun tacú le hAcadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10379/24]

*803. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta cé mhéid airgid a chaitheann an Rialtas in aghaidh na bliana chun tacú le soláthar cúrsaí trí Ghaeilge i bhforais tríú leibhéal. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10380/24]

*804. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the ground rents payable by his Department or agencies under its remit, by named property, by name of landlord and by amount payable, in the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10416/24]

*805. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 1 of 27 February 2024, if it is now his position that the

refurbishment grant for which he sought Cabinet approval will be provided to universities in order that they can purchase vacant properties on the market; if so, if they will apply through the vacant property refurbishment grant under the croí cónaithe towns fund as mentioned; when he will publish the criteria on how this will operate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [10616/24]

*806. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a breakdown of the average wait time for apprenticeships for each phase of their apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [10764/24]

*807. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when he expects the new UCC dental school project to begin construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [10774/24]

*808. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether any consideration has been given to supports to people transitioning from full-time jobs, who may have costs such as mortgages, to allow them to take up apprenticeships, but are concerned they could not meet their financial obligations. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [10835/24]

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

*809. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to confirm that a town and village renewal scheme 2021 grant can be reopened for a group (details supplied) who were awarded funding under the TVRS of approximately €50,000 but some pre-planning response monies of approximately €12,000 from this was not requested in error, as the grant is now closed and they are unable to draw down the pre-planning response monies which is required by them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10156/24]

*810. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development for an update on the projects in County Carlow to receive funding under CLÁR Measure 1; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [10233/24]

*811. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to support public libraries across Ireland. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [10234/24]

*812. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of requests her Department has received from the charities regulator seeking approval for recruitment of additional staff in the years of 2023 and to-date in 2024; of the number of requests received, the number that were granted; and the number that are currently pending, in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [10264/24]

*813. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development what plans are in place to ensure that the LEADER Programme is expanded to include targeted sectors in rural communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [10360/24]

*814. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the approvals to date by the local action groups of funding for projects under the LEADER Programme by Cork County action groups; the amount of expenditure to date on projects by Cork County local action groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [10361/24]

*815. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there will be a repeat of the Community Recognition Fund in 2024 to support communities who are welcoming people from Ukraine and other countries; if so, when she will be announcing the details of it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [10367/24]

*816. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when details of the 2024 Community Support Fund for enhancing facilities in disadvantaged communities will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [10368/24]

*817. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding allocated to each county under the 2023 CLÁR programme, including any allocations whose announcement has taken place in 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [10373/24]

*818. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 99 of 30 January 2024, for an update on the work of the steering committee tasked with monitoring progress on the development of the piers on Inis Oírr and Inis Meáin; the date of the next meeting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [10374/24]

*819. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the ground rents payable by her Department or agencies under its remit, by named property, by name of landlord and by amount payable, in the years 2016 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10421/24]

*820. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there is any funding available to support community centres purchasing sports equipment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [10475/24]

*821. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to confirm how much Cork city and county will be allocated under the 2023 town and village renewal scheme; when the full set of allocations will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10476/24]

*822. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to provide a report on 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. — Paul Donnelly. [10403/24]

*823. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which her Department continues to address such issues as local connectivity in rural areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10805/24]

*824. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans for various voluntary and community groups and projects throughout the country and County Kildare in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10806/24]

*825. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent of library support provisions she expects to be in a position to make throughout the country in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10807/24]

*826. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she and her Department can assist the rural communities dealing with transport in areas not served by public transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10808/24]

*827. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the degree to which she and her Department expect to be in a position to address the socioeconomic needs of rural Ireland throughout the country during the rest of 2024, including such issues as isolation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10809/24]

*828. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she and her Department have received applications under the various rural development schemes on a county by county basis throughout the country in the past two years and to date in 2024; the extent of the approvals in the past; her expectations of the current year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10810/24]

*829. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she and her Department have and continue to address issues of rural isolation and need for services to counter this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10811/24]

*830. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development to outline the various headings under which applications for grant-aid under the various schemes operated by her Department can be made; the opening and closing dates in respect of each for the remainder of 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10812/24]

*831. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she expects to be in a position to support applications from County Kildare for assistance under the various schemes operated by her Department in the current year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10813/24]

*832. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the ongoing work by her Department to support remote working initiatives; her views on the benefits of remote working for balanced regional development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10814/24]